

**EXECUTIVE REPORT
ON PARDONS,
COMMUTATIONS OF SENTENCE,
AND REPRIEVES**

**DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD
January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018**



BY GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN JR.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
CONCERNING PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS
OF SENTENCE, AND REPRIEVES**

To the Members of the Senate and Assembly of the State of California:

In accordance with article V, section 8, subdivision (a) of the California Constitution, Penal Code section 4807, and Government Code section 12017, I submit to you a report on the pardons, commutations of sentence, and reprieves issued during 2018. I pardoned 273 people, granted 246 commutations, and did not grant any reprieves.

The report includes copies of the pardons, as well as copies of the applications submitted for each.

The report may be found at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2018-Executive-Report-on-Pardons-Commutations-of-Sentence-and-Reprieves.pdf>. You may also call the Governor's Office at (916) 445-2841 for a hard copy of the report.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Francisco Acevedo Alaniz

Francisco Acevedo Alaniz, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

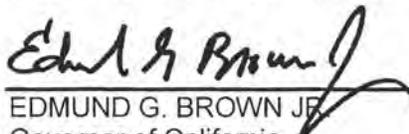
He was sentenced on or about July 17, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of vehicle theft. He served five months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on June 17, 1999, having completed his sentence.

Francisco Acevedo Alaniz has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated July 19, 2007, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Alaniz reports that he is active in his church, and volunteers with a youth sports program in addition to helping with other charitable events. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Francisco Acevedo Alaniz has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Francisco Acevedo Alaniz a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

Francisco Acevedo

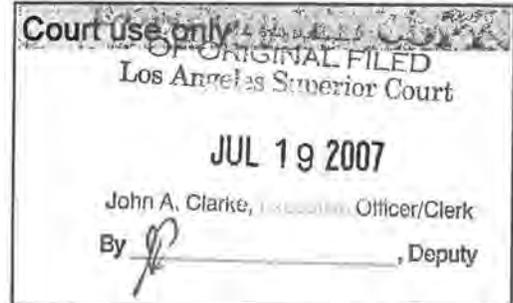
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Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number SA029679

Criminal Case Number(s) SA029679



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Francisco Acevedo presently residing at



heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on July 19, 2007

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled May 18, 1998

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 19 day of July 2007
Day of the Month Month, Year

Signature of David S. Wesley
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE



Signature of David S. Wesley
Judge of said Superior Court -

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Steven Jerry Aceves

Steven Jerry Aceves, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 25, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of assault with a firearm. He served two years, ten months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on March 10, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Steven Jerry Aceves has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 29, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Steven Jerry Aceves has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Steven Jerry Aceves a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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In the Matter of the Application of

Steven Jerry Aceves

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Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CIJ Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number MA008702

Criminal Case Number(s) MA008702

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LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT
JUN 29 2017
Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By *B. Perez* Deputy
B. Perez

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Steven Jerry Aceves presently residing at

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heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on June 29, 2017

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled October 29, 1999

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 29 day of JUNE 2017
Day of the Month Month, Year

SCOTT M. GORDON
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED
SIGNATURE

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Arturo Aguilar

Arturo Aguilar, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 20, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crime of robbery. Specifically, Mr. Aguilar assisted in the robbery of a convenience store by driving a van. He served one year, six months prison, and two years, eleven months parole. He was discharged on August 4, 2003, having completed his sentence.

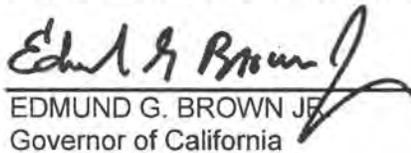
Arturo Aguilar has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated July 22, 2013, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Arturo Aguilar has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Arturo Aguilar a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN**
Bakersfield, California

FILED
KERN COUNTY

JUL 31 2013

TERRY McNALLY CLERK
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In the Matter of the Application of

ARTURO AGUILAR

DOB: [REDACTED]
SS#: [REDACTED]
CIV#: FP003956A
CR#: SC075242A AND BF086506A
CII#: [REDACTED]
CDC#: P25231

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For a certification of Rehabilitation and Pardon

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of ARTURO AGUILAR , presently residing at [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 22ND DAY of JULY, 2013 and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his/her completion of the term which he was sentenced, or upon his/her release on parole or probation on 08/04/2003, that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his/her course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been _ convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, it is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 22ND day of JULY, 2013.



[Handwritten signature]
MICHAEL E. DELLOSTRITTO
Judge of the Superior Court

This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Diana Akins

Diana Akins, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about June 10, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kings for the crime of bringing a controlled substance into prison. She served eleven months prison, and one year, one month parole. She was discharged on July 1, 2006, having completed her sentence.

Diana Akins has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, an order dated October 2, 2014, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Diana Akins has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Diana Akins a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

CR-18661-14

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of
DIANA AKINS
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number _____
Date of Birth _____
CII Number _____
Criminal Case Number(s) 174130
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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ALAMEDA COUNTY
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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Cynthia P. Haller
Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION
Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of DIANA AKINS, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at _____, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 2ND day
Day of the Month
of OCTOBER 2014 and proof having been made to the
Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and
from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true,
and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody
due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced; or upon the release on parole or pro-
bation on JULY 1, 2006, that, where appropriate, petitioner has
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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the
course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship
(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one
Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

*WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and
decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of
citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court
recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.*

Done in open court this 2ND day of OCTOBER, 2014
Day of the Month Month, Year
Paul Devecchi P. Devecchi
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michael Anthony Anderson

Michael Anthony Anderson, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 26, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon. He served eight months probation, two years, one month prison, and three years, two months parole. He was discharged on September 15, 1992, having completed his sentence.

Michael Anthony Anderson has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated January 11, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, after leaving prison, Mr. Anderson studied to become a Master Technician in Automotive Technology and now teaches as full-time faculty at a community college. He says that he is clean and sober, and has volunteered with Alcoholics Anonymous to help others get sober and to educate young people about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Anthony Anderson has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Anthony Anderson a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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In the Matter of the Application of

Michael Anthony Anderson

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Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number A911366

Criminal Case Number(s) A911366

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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles
JAN 11 2018
Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court
By Stan Kadohata, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of MichaelAnthonyAnderson presently residing at

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heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on January 11, 2018

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled March 15, 1989

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 11 day of JANUARY 2018
Day of the Month Month, Year

SCOTT M. GORDON

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED
SIGNATURE

[Handwritten Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Monica Andrade

Monica Andrade, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about April 2, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of manufacturing a controlled substance for sale, and child cruelty involving possible injury or death. Specifically, Ms. Andrade manufactured methamphetamine while her 13 year-old son was in the home. She served one year, one month prison, and three years parole. She was discharged on June 30, 2006, having completed her sentence.

Monica Andrade has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated December 9, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Andrade reports that she volunteers with the homeless and mentally ill within her community. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Monica Andrade has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Monica Andrade a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

MONICA ANORAE

FILED
Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

DEC -9 2016

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MONICA ANORAE

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By SK Deputy
Stan Kadohata

Date of Birth:

[Redacted]

CII Number:

Certificate Case Number: BA 226683

Criminal Case Number(s): BA 226683

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:

[Redacted]

Heretofore filed, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on 12-9-16.

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on December 2004.

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been ___ time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 9 day of DECEMBER 2016

SCOTT M. BORSON
Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

[Signature]
Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Edward Antonino

Edward Antonino, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 11, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of offering a false or forged instrument or file, using another's identification to get credit, and receiving known stolen property. Specifically, Mr. Antonino stole client information from a law firm and used the identities of other individuals to file a fraudulent lawsuit and to open a credit card. He served five years probation. He was discharged on March 11, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Edward Antonino has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated February 6, 2012, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Antonino has been found by the State Bar to possess the good moral character to practice law in California. In addition to completing 600 hours of community service in local parks, he has been actively involved in a farmers market association and picked fruit to help feed those who were less fortunate. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Edward Antonino has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Edward Antonino a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

Edward Antonino

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

Edward Antonino

JOHN A. CLARKE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CLERK

BY: *[Signature]* DEPUTY
E. HERNANDEZ

Date of Birth:



CII Number:



Certificate Case Number: *BA224887*

Criminal Case Number(s): *BA224887*

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:



Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on *February 6, 2012*

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on *3.11.2006*.

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this *6* day of *February*, 20*12*
Patricia M. Schnegg

[Signature]
Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Anthony Ralph Armas

Anthony Ralph Armas, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 22, 1976, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. He served five years probation, and 270 days jail. He was discharged on November 22, 1981, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Ralph Armas has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated December 8, 2006, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Anthony Ralph Armas has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Ralph Armas a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Scott Baranowski

Scott Baranowski, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 26, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Cruz for the crime of burglary. Specifically, it appears that Mr. Baranowski stole a stereo from the house of a friend's ex-girlfriend. He served four years probation, and 365 days jail. He was discharged on January 26, 1987, having completed his sentence.

Scott Baranowski has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Cruz, an order dated January 27, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Scott Baranowski has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Scott Baranowski a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Santa Cruz

JUN 28 2017

Applicant's County of Residence

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS

In the Matter of the Application of

Scott Baranowski

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

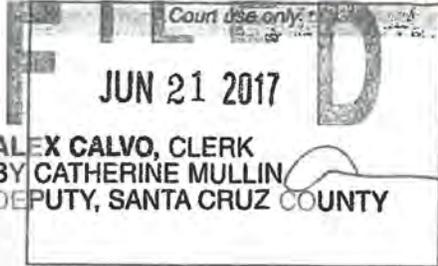
Date of Birth

Month Day, Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) 82230

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Scott Baranowski, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 27th day

Day of the Month

of JANUARY 2017 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on January 1986, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 17th day of

Day of the Month

JUNE 2017

TIMOTHY R. VOUGRA

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

DATED: ALEX CALVO

By: Deputy

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Ivan Richard Bassett

Ivan Richard Bassett, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 1, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Bassett stole a camera and some DVDs. He served eleven months prison, and one year, ten months parole. He was discharged on December 26, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Ivan Richard Bassett has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated August 2, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Bassett reports that he is clean and sober and volunteers with a scouting organization. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ivan Richard Bassett has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ivan Richard Bassett a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

2095

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Butte

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Ivan Richard Bassett

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

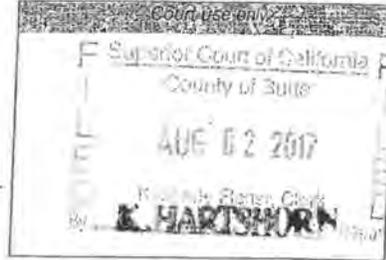
Date of Birth

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CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) CM022134, CM021311

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Ivan Richard Bassett, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [Redacted] heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this Second day

Day of the Month

of August, 2017 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 2006, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

Month Day, Year

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been two

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship. (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 2nd day of August 2017

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Taman Mosbarger

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Amber Lynne Behler (Boatwright)

Amber Lynne Behler, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about June 3, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Humboldt for the crime of passing false checks, records, or certificates. Specifically, Ms. Behler forged checks. She served three years probation, and 90 days jail. She was discharged on June 3, 2006, having completed her sentence.

Amber Lynne Behler has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Humboldt, an order dated December 18, 2014, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Behler is an emergency department technician who according to her supervisor, in the course of her work helps patients who have hit rock bottom without judgment, and is a comfort to her patients. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Amber Lynne Behler has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Amber Lynne Behler a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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LEGAL AFFAIRS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Humboldt

In the Matter of the Application of

Amber Lynne Boatwright (Bebler)

Certificate Number _____

Date of Birth _____

CII Number _____

Criminal Case Number(s) CR032116

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Amber Lynne Boatwright, presently residing

at _____, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 18th day

of December, 2014 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law,

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole

or probation on June 3, 2006, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 18th day of December 2014

John T. Feeney
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court

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FORM 3 (Revised 11/1/05)

This form was prepared by the Investigations Division of the Board of Parole Hearings pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.15

JOHN T. FEENEY

OCT 27 2014

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Theresa W.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jeffrey Charles Berger

Jeffrey Charles Berger, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 8, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin for the crime of manufacturing a controlled substance. He served one year, one month prison and one year parole. He was discharged on November 9, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Jeffrey Charles Berger has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated December 11, 2013, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jeffrey Charles Berger has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jeffrey Charles Berger a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

In the Matter of the Application of
JEFFREY CHARLES BERGER
For a Certificate of Rehabilitation and Pardon

} Case No: **13F05412**
} CII No: 
} Date of Birth: 
} Criminal Case No:
**LF007687A (SAN JOAQUIN
COUNTY)**

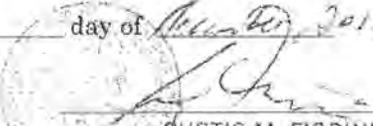
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION
PURSUANT TO PENAL CODE SECTION 4852.13

The petition of **JEFFREY CHARLES BERGER**, presently residing at, 
 heretofore filed. Praying for a **CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION** pursuant
to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came
regularly for hearing on **DECEMBER 11, 2013**, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of
the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from
satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true,
and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from
custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release of parole on
OCTOBER 10, 2006, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code
section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and
fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code
section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been convicted of **ONE FELONY**.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order,
adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and
political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue
thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to
said petitioner

Done in open court this *11th* day of *November*, *2013*


CURTIS M. FIORINI
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT


This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Charles Cooper Berry

Charles Cooper Berry, a resident of Georgia, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 28, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of substances with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine, and possession of a hypodermic needle or syringe. He served five years probation. He was discharged on May 2, 2000 having completed his sentence.

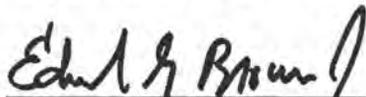
Charles Cooper Berry has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Charles Cooper Berry, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

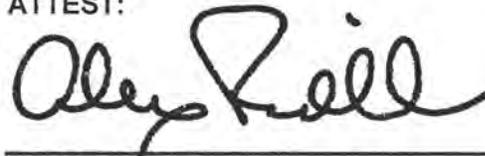
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Charles Cooper Berry a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Charles Cooper Berry Date of Birth: [redacted] E-mail Address: [redacted]
Address: [redacted] Phone Number: [redacted]

god 2

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
H311378	3/18/92	Riverside county	probation
H311383	3/18/92	Riverside county	probation
4149	3/18/92	Riverside county	probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I had transported a package for a friend without the knowledge of what was in the package. The friend was under investigation which I had no knowledge of. The officers followed me to my home and arrested me, the package was in my car unopened.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a pardon so I can get my civil rights and gun rights restored.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have had a exemplary life / behavior. I have not been in contact with law enforcement I served my probation with no issues. I have been almost 26 years since my arrest with no other problems. I have also ran 20 success businesses.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Kenneth Dwayne Bishop

Kenneth Dwayne Bishop, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 10, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 10, 1992, having completed his sentence.

Kenneth Dwayne Bishop has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo, an order dated December 7, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Kenneth Dwayne Bishop has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kenneth Dwayne Bishop a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF San Mateo

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Kenneth Dwayne Bishop

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number SMC00193

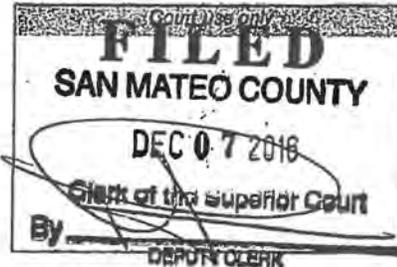
Date of Birth

Month Day, Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) 16SF011522(A)

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Kenneth Dwayne Bishop, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 7th day

Day of the Month

of December, 2016 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 1989, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

Month Day, Year

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been One

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 7th day of December, 2016

Day of the Month

Month, Year

SUSAN IRENE Etezadi
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Susan Irene Etezadi
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David Eugene Blake

David Eugene Blake, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 21, 1984, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on September 21, 1987 having completed his sentence.

David Eugene Blake has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Eugene Blake, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Eugene Blake a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: David Eugene Blake Date of Birth: [redacted] E-mail Address: [redacted] Address: [redacted] Phone Number: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: HS 11350 (Poss. of narcotic), 09/21/1984, Orange County, 90 days jail, 3-yr. probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

When I was in my twenties, I hung around with the wrong people and made some very irresponsible choices, which led to my conviction for possession of controlled substance. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DECLARATION & LETTERS OF CHARACTER.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DECLARATION & LETTERS OF CHARACTER.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DECLARATION & LETTERS OF CHARACTER.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

SCOTT DICUS, Esq., 369 S. GLASSELL ST., ORANGE, CA 92866, \$1500

1 Scott W. Dicus, Esq (SBN: 272420)
2 Law Office of Scott Dicus
3 369 S. Glassell St.
4 Orange, CA 92866
5 Phone: [REDACTED]
6 Fax: [REDACTED]
7 Attorney for Defendant

GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
STATE CAPITOL – SACRAMENTO, CA

8 In re DAVID EUGENE BLAKE,
9 Petitioner
10 FOR A GUBERNATORIAL PARDON
11 THE PEOPLE,
12 Respondent.
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**PETITIONER'S DECLARATION
FOR A GUBERNATORIAL PARDON**

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17 1. I am the petitioner, David Eugene Blake. I make the following statements to
18 the best of my personal knowledge and if called as a witness could and would testify
19 under the penalty of perjury to the same:

20 2. I am not serving a sentence for any offense and am not under charge of
21 commission of any crime and have since September 21, 1984 lived an honest and
22 upstanding life, and conformed to and obeyed the laws of the land.

23 3. I am humbly requesting a Governor's Pardon because I would like my
24 record to reflect the upstanding citizen that I am now and have been for many years. I
25 completed my sentence without incident, and recently had my case dismissed pursuant to
26 Penal Code 1203.4 on 08/22/2017. I thought this incident was finally behind me, but have
27 found that I am still limited and held to judgment for this past mistake, even after more
28 than 33 years of good conduct.

1 4. I have never denied responsibility for my extremely poor decisions in this
2 instance, and I will forever regret my actions during this time in my life. However,
3 following my conviction, I quickly realized that I needed to change my life and rid myself
4 of negative influences. This was the only time in my life that I have ever been in trouble
5 with the law, and I was never sent to any court-ordered classes due to the fact that I
6 always showed up for my Probation appointments on time and my drug tests always came
7 back clean. I have worked hard to live honestly and productively ever since.

8 5. I currently reside in ██████████ AZ, and have been happily married for 27
9 years. I have 2 children from a previous marriage and 2 step-children from my wife now,
10 all 4 of whom I have provided for and helped raise by being involved in school activities,
11 scouts, and sports. I tried very hard to teach them to make the right choices in life, so that
12 they would not have to learn the hard way as I did when I was younger. They now range
13 in age from 31 to 37, and I could not be more proud of the adults that they have grown up
14 to be.

15 6. I kept a steady job all these years to support my family, and retired from the
16 ██████████ just last year. Currently, my wife and I are running our own small
17 handyman business, and have run into some obstacles because of my past record. I have
18 been offered some opportunities to work on government-run healthcare buildings, but
19 have not been able to accept the business due to the impending government background
20 check that will follow. Additionally, we were offered a spot on the popular online
21 handyman referral service, ██████████ but have not gone forward with that yet for the
22 same reason. I would be extremely grateful for this recognition from the Governor's
23 office showing that my debt to society has long been paid, so that my wife and I can keep
24 our new business afloat and have the ability to explore any new opportunities for growth
25 without any limitations or setbacks.

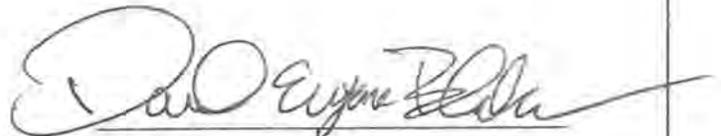
26 7. My wife and I are proud homeowners, and are actively involved in our local
27 community. I belong to ██████████ which is an organization that is very
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1 concerned with preserving the beauty of the desert that surrounds our town. We do
2 several events to raise money for charities pertaining to the Bureau of Land Management
3 and keeping the desert and highways clean. I feel that this Pardon will allow me to live
4 with the peace of mind that I can continue to get more involved in the community, without
5 fear of restriction or judgment stemming from this one-time incident that occurred so long
6 ago.

7 8. The choices and actions that led to my conviction were extremely
8 irresponsible, and I will be forever regretful for all of the consequences that have resulted
9 ever since. However, I have done everything in my power to put my past behind me and
10 move forward in a positive direction. I feel that I have proven over the past 33 years that
11 this mistake does not accurately reflect my true character or behavior, and that I am a
12 hard-working father and husband, an upstanding citizen, and an asset to society.
13 Therefore, I humbly request that the Governor grant me this full Pardon, for which I
14 would be eternally grateful.

15 9. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California
16 that the foregoing is true and correct.

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19 Dated: 12-1-17



David Eugene Blake

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Charles Edwin Blue IV

Charles Edwin Blue IV, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 15, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served eight months prison, and one year, nine months parole. He was discharged on June 5, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Charles Edwin Blue IV has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated June 23, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Charles Edwin Blue IV has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Charles Edwin Blue IV a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

2097

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

CHARLES EDWIN BLUE IV aka CHARLES EDWIN BLUE
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number SRD1702

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Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month Day Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

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Criminal Case Number(s) CR131271
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JUN 23 2017

By: K. CERSOSIMO

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of CHARLES EDWIN BLUE IV, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable
at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code
for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal
Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 23RD day
Day of the Month
of JUNE, 2017 and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the
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Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory
proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the
required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to
completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation
on SEPTEMBER 2, 1993, that, where appropriate, petitioner has
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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the
course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship
(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1F
Total Number of Felony Convictions
time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provide in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 23rd day of June, 2017
Day of the Month Month, Year

DAVID M. CILL

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Anthony Louis Bonfiglio

Anthony Louis Bonfiglio, a resident of Oregon, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 12, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Bonfiglio stole items from the residences of individuals who were recently deceased. He served one year, eleven months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on April 3, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Louis Bonfiglio has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated September 11, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Anthony Louis Bonfiglio has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Louis Bonfiglio a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PLACER

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Applicant's County of Residence

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In the Matter of the Application of

ANTHONY LOUIS BONFIGLIO

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number 62-154239

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) Sacramento County case no. CR106297
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER & CLERK
By J. Lopez, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of ANTHONY LOUIS BONFIGLIO, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

[REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this ELEVENTH day of SEPTEMBER, 2017 and proof having been made to the

Day of the Month

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on December 2000, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been One

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 11th day of September 2017.

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Jeffrey Penney
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

George Mike Boosalis

George Mike Boosalis, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 10, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of accessory to a crime. Specifically, Mr. Boosalis concealed money and evidence of a supermarket robbery. He served three years probation. He was discharged on December 10, 2000, having completed his sentence.

George Mike Boosalis has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated May 5, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, George Mike Boosalis has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to George Mike Boosalis a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

George Mike Boosalis

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

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By: B. Perez Deputy

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Criminal Case Number(s): NA 034010-02

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:



Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on May 5, 2017.

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Dec 10, 1997.

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 5th day of May, 2017

SCOTT M. GORDON

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Tarhonne M. Boyd

Tarhonne M. Boyd, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 29, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of accessory to a crime. Specifically, Mr. Boyd drove individuals who intended to commit murder. He served one month prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on August 9, 2007 having completed his sentence.

Tarhonne M. Boyd has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Tarhonne M. Boyd, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tarhonne M. Boyd a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Terrence M. Boyd Date of [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Number: _____

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Possession w/ intent to sell	Nov 1991	Los Angeles	9 yrs
Necessary to crime after	Sept 2002	Los Angeles	36 months

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Requesting a pardon to get my US citizen rights back. I have been obeying all laws, I am a abiding citizen and I dont get into any trouble. I work hard, raise my son and live right.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I would like a 2nd chance. I have not been in any trouble, have not broken any laws in 10 yrs +. And I am rehabilitated.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A Did this myself.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Anthony Dion Bracco

Anthony Dion Bracco, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 24, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on September 24, 1993, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Dion Bracco has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated October 13, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Anthony Dion Bracco has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Dion Bracco a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



12-23-9-17

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

In the Matter of the Application of

ANTHONY DION BRACCO

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number **216211**

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month, Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) **137428**
List Applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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Clerk of the Court
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara
BY [Signature] DEPUTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **ANTHONY DION BRACCO**, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix if applicable

at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State and Zip Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **Thirteenth** day of **October 2017** and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **September 24, 1993**, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been **one** time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this **Thirteenth** day of **October 2017**

Hon. David A. Cena

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature] Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Francis Daniel Bradley

Francis Daniel Bradley, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 8, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 23, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Francis Daniel Bradley has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 14, 2012, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Francis Daniel Bradley has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Francis Daniel Bradley a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

FRANCIS DANIEL BRADLEY

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
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Type Applicant's Full Name – First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number: [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number: SA053868

Criminal Case Number(s): SA053868

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JOHN A. C. [REDACTED] CLERK
BY Blanca P. Lopez Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition is presently residing at: [REDACTED]

Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on 06/14/12.

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 11-8-04.

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 14th day of June, 2012

GEORGE G. LOMELI

[Handwritten Signature]

Judge of the Superior Court – TYPED or Printed

Judge of the Superior Court – SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Christopher Scott Brookshire

Christopher Scott Brookshire, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 26, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Yolo for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 26, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Christopher Scott Brookshire has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Yolo, an order dated June 27, 2014, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Christopher Scott Brookshire has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Christopher Scott Brookshire a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Yolo

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Christopher Scott Brookshire
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

01-13279
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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JUN 27 2014
By [Signature]
Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Christopher Scott Brookshire, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 27th day

of June, 2014 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on May 26, 1995, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been One

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, it is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 27th day of June, 2014
S. William Abel Judge of said Superior Court - William Abel Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jeffrey Brown

Jeffrey Brown, a resident of Nevada, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 12, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of driving under the influence, and vehicular manslaughter without gross negligence. He served one year prison, and one year, two months parole. He was discharged on March 10, 1995 having completed his sentence.

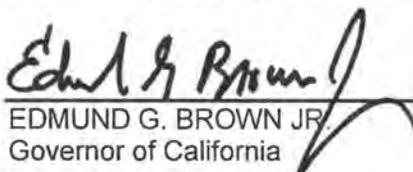
Jeffrey Brown has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Brown reports that he is clean and sober and participates in a twelve-step program. A close family member who wrote in support of Mr. Brown stated that while he could not undo the damage caused by the accident, "he has spent every moment of his life since the accident trying to honor the lives shattered that night, by living a life of honor and service and humanity. Granting Jeff's request for pardon will benefit not only Jeff but our society as well."

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jeffrey Brown, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jeffrey Brown a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

[REDACTED]

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name BROWN		FIRST Name JEFFREY		MIDDLE Name MICHAEL	
Date of Birth [REDACTED]	Place of Birth [REDACTED]	Social Security Number [REDACTED]		Prison Number CDC: H064452	

Current Residence

Address [REDACTED]		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc.	
City [REDACTED]	State NV	Zip code [REDACTED]	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

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|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01 | <input type="checkbox"/> Commutation of current sentence | <input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based upon innocence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome | <input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate Release | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Why are you requesting clemency?

Petitioner is resident of [REDACTED], NV. Was convicted in Los Angeles County of vehicular manslaughter in 1993. Served 2-year prison term. Is fully rehabilitated, and lives a peaceful & productive life.

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense Vehicular Manslaughter (Pen. Code, § 192, subd. (c)(3))			
Date of offense 08/20/1992	Date of conviction 01/12/1993	Arresting agency Unknown, believe LAPD	County of conviction Los Angeles
Superior court case number ATPMA004866-01	Your trial attorney's name and address Michael Eberhardt 43825 10th St W, Lancaster, CA 93534	Sentence 2 years prison	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any?
Did you appeal your case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, appellate case number and status of case			

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:

N/A

Your current physician's name:

Physician's address:

Physician's telephone number:

Have you applied to the Department of Corrections or the Board of Prison Terms for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? Yes No

What was the result?

Give a brief account of your offense.

A tragic car accident in 1993. Please see petitioner's attached declaration incorporated by reference.

Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.

Petitioner admitted responsibility and served time without incident of any kind. While incarcerated, petitioner engaged in deep soul-searching over the harm he caused others as a result of this incident. He was paroled to Orion Halfway House, where he received counseling and group therapy and attended AA meetings.

Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)

Perfect record.

When were you discharged from probation or parole?

Approx. January 1995

Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.

Please see petitioner's attached declaration incorporated by reference.

Why you are requesting a pardon?

This was a terrible car accident. I am truly sorry and haunted by this incident. I have lived an exemplary life in the past 17 years, including raising children and rising to a high level in the computer industry. I deeply regret my actions that night. Please see petitioner's attached declaration incorporated by reference.

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

N/A: Request is based on rehabilitation. Please see attached declaration of petitioner.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

CRIMINAL BATTERING

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

N/A: Request is based on rehabilitation. Please see attached declaration of petitioner.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMISSIONERS OF SENATE

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

N/A: Request is based on rehabilitation. Please see attached declaration of petitioner.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

1 RICHARD GLEN BOIRE, #148189
2 Law Firm of Richard Glen Boire
3 216 F Street # 9
4 Davis, CA 95616
5 Telephone: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 Attorney For: JEFFREY MICHAEL BROWN

7 **DECLARATION OF JEFFREY MICHAEL BROWN**
8 **IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR TRADITIONAL GOVERNOR'S PARDON**
9 **(Penal Code, §§ 4800-4813)**

10 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
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12	Plaintiff,
13 v.	(LOS ANGELES COUNTY CASE NO. ATPMA004866-01)
14 JEFFREY MICHAEL BROWN	
15 Defendant and Applicant.	
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17 I, JEFFREY MICHAEL BROWN, hereby declare:

- 18 1. I was born on [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and I currently reside in [REDACTED],
19 Nevada.
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21 2. The incident in this case occurred at the end of an extremely
22 difficult time in my life. I became depressed after my son's
23 death in 1989. In the midst of my depression I turned to alcohol
24 for relief. I then lost my job, and my wife left me two weeks
25 before the accident in this case. My life had completely fallen
26 apart.
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1 3. On August 20, 1992, I drove a laborer home after completing some
2 work at home. I believed I was safe to drive, but later learned
3 that my blood-alcohol level was 0.11, which was just over the
4 legal limit at the time. I entered an intersection under a
5 yellow light and collided with another car that was turning
6 left. Four people were injured (including myself), and a young
7 woman, [REDACTED], was tragically killed. I have spent the
8 last 15 years replaying that moment in time, and wishing it
9 never occurred.
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11 4. That tragedy was a wakeup call, and I vowed to turn my life
12 around. I accepted responsibility for my actions and pled no
13 contest to vehicular manslaughter (Pen. Code, § 192,
14 subd. (c) (3).) I was sentenced to two years in prison.
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16 5. In the fifteen years since my offense, I have lived an exemplary
17 life. I served my prison sentence (13 months) without incident
18 of any kind, and completed parole in the minimum amount of time
19 possible. I attended Alcoholics Anonymous, and engaged in lots
20 of soul searching. I have matured a great deal in the past
21 fifteen years, and I now have the tools I need to deal with
22 difficult times when they arise.
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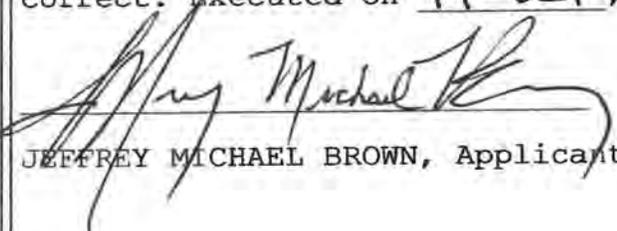
24 6. Today, I am married and my wife and I are raising a wonderful
25 young man whom I am very proud of. I have worked my way up in
26 the computer industry, and I am currently employed by [REDACTED]
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1 [REDACTED] as a Situation Management Specialist. I am proud of
2 the work I do.

3 7. I am a law abiding, peaceful, and productive citizen. I made a
4 terrible mistake fifteen years ago, which I deeply regret. I am
5 seeking this Pardon so that I can do everything possible to
6 bring closure to this mistake, and to reestablish my good name.

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8 8. As the past 15 years shows, and my life before the accident, I
9 am completely committed to living a law abiding and productive
10 life. I will not let myself, my family or my employer down. I
11 respectfully ask the Governor to grant my request for a full
12 pardon.
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15 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and
16 correct. Executed on 19-OCT, 2009, in [REDACTED], Nevada.

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19 JEFFREY MICHAEL BROWN, Applicant
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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michael Joseph Bruno

Michael Joseph Bruno, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 29, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa for the crimes of manufacturing a controlled substance, possession of ephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine, and conspiracy to commit a crime. On the same date, but with a different case number, he was sentenced for the crime of receiving known stolen property. He served one year prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on January 5, 1999, having completed his sentence.

Michael Joseph Bruno has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa, an order dated October 1, 2010, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Bruno owns his own aviation business, volunteers his time at a local high school teaching aviation, and has served as a member of several aviation-related committees. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Bruno's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on May 16, 2017. Mr. Bruno also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on January 11, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Joseph Bruno has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.



THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Joseph Bruno a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

D-15932-11

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

MICHAEL JOSEPH BRUNO

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

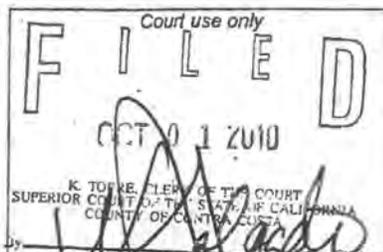
Date of Birth

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CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) 940687-7; 940729-7

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of MICHAEL JOSEPH BRUNO

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

, presently residing

at

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this First day

Day of the Month

of October, 2010 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 1-6-99, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been Four (4)

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 1st day of October, 2010

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Brian F. Haynes

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Joe Don Bunton

Joe Don Bunton, a resident of Arkansas, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 13, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served four years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on May 13, 1991 having completed his sentence.

Joe Don Bunton has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Joe Don Bunton, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Joe Don Bunton a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

Name: Joe Don Buntton APPLICANT: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
felony drunk driving	01.21.1973	Sacramento	
Manslaughter in vehicle	01.21.1973	Sacramento	
assault w/ deadly weapon	01.12.1985	Sacramento	dismissed

See attached

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

It was an accident when I was 22 years old. I was drinking and driving and deeply regret everyday my decision to do so. The other driver was also drinking and didn't have their headlights on.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have lived with this for many years and deeply regret what happened. I was never able to own a gun to go hunting with my kids. Since I am nearing retirement age now, I would love the privilege of being able to go hunting with my grand kids.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

There isn't a day that I don't think about and regret what happened. I have been a productive member of Society for many years since, and would greatly appreciate having my rights back.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

prior convictions cont.

poss. for sales cds poss amph/meth 12.16.1986 Sacramento, Co.

1302 - ag grav. asslt - family 08.09.1996 Haskell, Co.

3584 - poss dang drugs - 02.01.1990 Pittsburg, Co.

Bunton

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Billie Gene Burkett Jr.

Billie Gene Burkett Jr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 26, 1974, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Merced for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and nine months jail. He was discharged on September 26, 1977, having completed his sentence.

Billie Gene Burkett Jr. has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin, an order dated December 17, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Billie Gene Burkett Jr. has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Billie Gene Burkett Jr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Billie gene Burkett Jr
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number _____

Date of Birth _____
Month Day, Year

CII Number _____

Criminal Case Number(s) D-1207-6 C-200
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Billie gene Burkett Jr, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this _____ day
Day of the Month

of _____ and proof having been made to the
Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or (probation) on 1976, that, where appropriate, petitioner has
Month Day, Year

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been ONE
Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this _____ day of DEC 14 2017
Day of the Month Month, Year

RICHARD S. GIGORD
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Rosa Junqueiro
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

FORM 3 (Revised 7/8/2005)

This form was prepared by the Investigations Division of the Board of Parole Hearings pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13.

ATTEST DEC 27 2017

Rosa Junqueiro
By [Signature] Deputy



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Aaron Burmeister

Aaron Burmeister, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 24, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa, for the crimes of false imprisonment, burglary, and robbery. Specifically, Mr. Burmeister drove the getaway car for a robbery of a video store. He served three years probation. He was discharged on July 24, 2001 having completed his sentence.

Aaron Burmeister has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Burmeister is active with his son's scouting organization.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Aaron Burmeister, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Aaron Burmeister a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: AARON BURMEISTER Date of [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
2ND DEGREE ROBBERY	2/14/1998	CONTRA COSTA CO	1 YR COUNTY JAIL

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

A FRIEND OF MINE ROBBED A BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO ON 2/14/1998, I WAS THE DRIVER OF THE CAR, I WAS NEVER IN THE STORE, BUT WAS CONVICTED AS AN ACCOMPLICE. I WAS 18 YEARS OLD, MADE A VERY POOR CHOICE, AND HAVE LEARNED FROM MY ACTIONS.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTERS + DOCUMENTS

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

3/19/2018

Pardon Application

Hello,

My name is Aaron Burmeister, and just over 20 years ago I made an extremely foolish and poor decision to participate in a crime. A friend of mine and I were addicted to drugs, and owed some bad people money, and made the terrible decision to try and rob a place to pay it back. While I never entered the store, I was convicted of the Robbery, burglary and 3 counts of false imprisonment. I am accountable for my actions, I made a truly poor, short sighted, stupid decision that has followed me throughout my adult life.

I have recently had these charges reduced and dismissed where applicable, and due to the robbery, I am in need of a pardon to finally clear my record as much as possible. I understand that there is nothing I can do to truly erase what is in my past, however, receiving a Governor's Pardon is the closest thing, and I would like to be considered for this privilege. Since my release in 1998, I moved to Arizona, married, have 5 children, and have been at my current company for 16 years. I work in retail mobile electronics, an industry that has been changed by companies like Amazon. Many retailers in all industries are folding, or feeling the squeeze of online retail, and my industry is no different. While I am truly blessed to have my job and position, and have no plans for leaving, sometimes the unplanned happens. As a father and sole provider to my wife and 5 children, I need to make sure that if I ever needed to change jobs, I have the least amount of "ghosts" in my background, to reduce my chances of finding a new job. As stated above, I understand that a Pardon will not totally clear my record, but again, is the next best thing to allow me the best possible outcome on any type of background check for employment.

Aside from the above reason, I also would like a pardon for my own reasons. I am no longer the boy/person I was at 18 years old. I have grown and matured, and changed for the better. I do my best to set a positive example for my children and peers. I feel a pardon would also help me personally close this embarrassing chapter in my life. While I remain accountable for the poor choice I made, I have spent more of my life with this following me around than without, and would love nothing more than to be done with that past that haunts me. Again, nothing I do can take back that poor decision making, but I would truly like to be able to move past it to the greatest extent possible. I successfully completed my three years' probation without incident, paid any and all restitution needed, and have stayed out of trouble since. It's been over 10 years since I have even received a ticket of any type. PLEASE consider me for this pardon, I appreciate any and all consideration given. Thank you

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Burmeister', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Aaron M Burmeister

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Paul Burner

Paul Burner, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 4, 1985, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on January 4, 1988, having completed his sentence.

Paul Burner has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated October 6, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Paul Burner has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Paul Burner a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER, ROOM K-100 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST POST OFFICE BOX 22024 SANTA ANA, CA 92702-2024	<i>For Court Use Only</i> FILED SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE OCT 06 2017 DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court BY: <u>M. TALILI</u> DEPUTY
In the Matter of the Application of <u>Paul Burner</u> <i>Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable</i> Date of Birth: [REDACTED] CII Number: [REDACTED] Criminal Case Number(s): <u>C-55320</u>	
CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Penal Code § 4852.13)	CERTIFICATE NUMBER: M - 17124

The petition of Paul Burner, presently residing

[REDACTED]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, requesting a

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, was heard on _____ Date

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on

_____, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal

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Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that the

that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a felony;

Total Number of Felony Convictions

The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: 10/6/17

CHERI PHAM

Judicial Officer - TPEO



[Signature]

Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE

This form was prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jason James Burnett

Jason James Burnett, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 21, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crime of manufacturing a controlled substance. He served seven months probation, three years prison, and two years, six months parole. He was discharged on January 29, 2002, having completed his sentence.

Jason James Burnett has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated April 12, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jason James Burnett has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jason James Burnett a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Butte

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Jason James Burnett

Type Applicant's Full Name (First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable)

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

Month Day, Year

CII Number

CM004172

Criminal Case Number(s)

(List applicable Criminal Case Number(s))



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Jason James Burnett, presently residing

[Redacted address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 12th day

Day of the Month

of April, 2017 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole

or probation on 8-5-02, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship.

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

12th Day of

Month, Year

TAMARA MOSPARRIS



April 12, 2017 [Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - T

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Derrick Keith Burton

Derrick Keith Burton, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 20, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of driving under the influence causing bodily injury, hit and run with death or injury, and driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of 0.08%. He was discharged on August 20, 1994, having completed his sentence. He was then sentenced on or about January 30, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served one year, eight months probation before it was revoked due to the next conviction. He was then sentenced on or about October 14, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of burglary. He served one year, seven months prison, and nine months parole. He was discharged on July 22, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Derrick Keith Burton has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated July 28, 2011, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Burton has become a certified alcohol and drug counselor, and currently works as a Program Director for transitional housing at a local rescue mission. Additionally, Mr. Burton is highly involved in the ministry; he was appointed the Assistant Pastor of his church, having previously served as a licensed minister. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Burton's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on February 21, 2018. Mr. Burton also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 14, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Derrick Keith Burton has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Derrick Keith Burton a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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In the Matter of the Application of

D-16057-11

Derrick Keith Burton

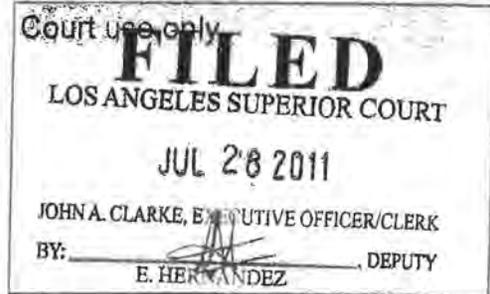
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number NA040065

Criminal Case Number(s) NA040065 NA033158 NA027341 NA007240



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Derrick Keith Burton presently residing at [REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on July 28, 2011

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled April 15, 2000

Paroled December 11, 1998

Granted Probation January 30, 1996

Granted Probation August 20, 1991

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 4 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 28 day of July 2011 Day of the Month Month, Year

PATRICIA M. SCHNEGG Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE



[Handwritten signature]

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Dameon M. Butler

Dameon M. Butler, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 24, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on April 21, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Dameon M. Butler has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship; and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated December 6, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Dameon M. Butler has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Dameon M. Butler a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

In the Matter of the Application of DAMEON MYTRANELL BUTLER

Certificate Number RIC1821529

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) BA160393 – Los Angeles County Superior Court

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of DAMEON MYTRANELL BUTLER, presently residing at [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 6th day of December 2018, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 10-15-1998, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 6th day of December 2018

Peter J. Spinetta

Judge of said Superior Court – TYPED or PRINTED

Sitting Pursuant To Assignment
Rev.

Peter L. Spinetta

Judge of said Superior Court – SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Francisco Calvillo-Gonzalez

Francisco Calvillo-Gonzalez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 18, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession of marijuana for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on February 18, 1990, having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about May 20, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the misdemeanor crime of hit and run with property damage. He served ten days in jail. He was discharged on May 30, 1994, having completed his sentence.

Francisco Calvillo-Gonzalez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated April 27, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Francisco Calvillo-Gonzalez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Francisco Calvillo-Gonzalez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

Francisco Calvillo Gonzalez

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

AKA: Francisco Caudillo

Date of Birth:



CII Number:



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Criminal Case Number(s):

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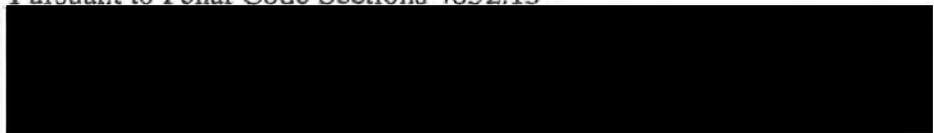
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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By B. Perez Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:



Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on 4-27-2017.

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 7/18/1990 = 2/18/1990

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 27 day of April, 2017

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Daniel Carlos Camara Jr.

Daniel Carlos Camara Jr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 29, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin for the crime of possession of ephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine. He served five years probation. He was discharged on April 29, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Daniel Carlos Camara Jr. has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin, an order dated April 6, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Daniel Carlos Camara Jr. has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Daniel Carlos Camara Jr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF San Joaquin

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In the Matter of the Application of

Daniel Carlos Camara Jr

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) MFO20372H MFO26411B

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Daniel Carlos Camara Jr

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this

6 Day of the Month

By

of

April, 2017

Month, Year

and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on _____, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his/

her course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

2 Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 6 day of

Day of the Month

April, 2017

Month, Year

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

F. CLARK SUEYRES



ROSA JUNQUEIRO
Clerk of the Superior Court
in and for the County of
San Joaquin, State of California
Deputy

ATTEST
4-21-17

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Manuel Sandoval Carbajal Jr.

Manuel Sandoval Carbajal Jr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 25, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of accessory to a crime. He served one year, six months probation, and 60 days jail. He was discharged on July 25, 1995, having completed his sentence.

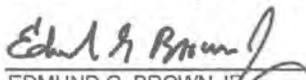
Manuel Sandoval Carbajal Jr. has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo, an order dated June 29, 2012, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Manuel Sandoval Carbajal Jr. has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Manuel Sandoval Carbajal Jr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

D-168712

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF San Mateo

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Manuel Sandoval Carbajal, Jr.

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) SC047585A; SC028350A; SC038298A

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

FILED
SAN MATEO COUNTY
 JUN 29 2012
 Clerk of the Superior Court
 By *[Signature]*
 DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Manuel Sandoval Carbajal, Jr. presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 29th day

Day of the Month

of June, 2012 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on October 23, 2000, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

Month, Day, Year

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 3

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 29th day of June 2012

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Mark A. Forcum

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Vernon Cargill

Vernon Cargill, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 30, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the crimes of assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm, and taking a vehicle without owner consent. He served two years, seven months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on October 23, 2003 having completed his sentence.

Vernon Cargill has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Cargill is actively involved in a twelve-step program, for which he often acts as a motivational speaker.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Vernon Cargill, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Vernon Cargill a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) **If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: VERNON CARGILL Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: _____

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 245(A)(1)	9-1997	SACRAMENTO	4 YEARS PRISON
VC 10851(A)	same	same	same

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Life long drug addict convicted of assault. Please see attached letter

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached letter

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached letter

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

Vernon Allen Cargill

[REDACTED]

The Honorable Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Jerry Brown:

My name is Vernon Cargill, age 47, and I am petitioning for your consideration for a pardon for mistakes I made in my past from poor life choices; as a result from active drug addiction. The reason I'm asking to be pardoned is because I've been offered some great advancements professionally, and my background is forfeiting my opportunities. Also, my company now does National Background Investigations, and my current position of 11 years is in jeopardy. Governor Brown, I own all my mistakes and I would like to share with you why I feel I deserve a pardon.

I would like to share with you the timeline of my life, and why I'm proud of the life I have today. This timeline will briefly include my past mistakes, of those I adversely affected and how I deserved the consequences of my poor choices. You will not hear me be a victim from what the disease of addiction contributed to my life, only that today I make great choices that impact thousands of people; and my daily spiritual growth and focus will combat the disease for the rest of my life. I will share with you my life over the last 12 years in recovery, provide character references of those consistently in my life every day, and hopefully convince you that, the old chapter of my life is closed forever.

I was born and raised in [REDACTED] CA. I began using drugs at a very young age of 5 years old, and had my first overdose at 13 years of age (December of 1981). At thirteen I should have known better to tell on myself, but I learned about secrecy so early on, which took me through the rest of my adolescent life hiding my problem. I was always a good hearted boy, raised by honest hard working parents, received high grades in school; graduated in 1987 from the West Campus, *the school of business, technology and management*. I was a responsible, reliable & a hard worker through my entire teenage life.

By 1991 my life became completely unmanageable due to my addiction. I could not keep a job, lost all my good friends, destroyed family relationships and trust. Got in to unhealthy relationships with women I used with, bared children that I abandoned the responsibilities of being a father. By 1994 I received my first misdemeanor drug possession charge. Then in 1995 I was arrested for burglarizing a citizen's vehicle. In 1996 I was caught with drugs and was charged with a felony. My last conviction was on 10/30/1997; I pled to an assault case 245a1, and was sentenced to a 4 year term. I was released in October of 1999, but failed parole multiple times because of the choices I was making when using drugs. My Parole Officer saw more in me than I did at the time, and supported me with an interstate transfer to Arizona, where my parents had moved to.

January 1st 2001 I moved to [REDACTED] Arizona where my parents owned a small Real Estate Company and Property Management Service; I was able to go to work immediately for them. When I left California I

thought I was getting away from all my problems, not knowing that the problem was my behaviors and the choices I make while using drugs. I was abstinent for a short time, drinking alcohol occasionally; which led to me relapsing and going in to a destructive state once again. It didn't happen right away, but eventually my life became unmanageable once again.

On June 21st 2004 my body had enough and started to shut down on me, and I had a motor vehicle accident from falling asleep behind the steering wheel while driving. The car caught fire, I was trapped and crushed in the car, but GOD put two off-duty fire fighters on the same road that day. They pulled me out seconds before the car exploded. I died twice that day, once in the helicopter flight and the second at the emergency room in Phoenix, Arizona. Luckily, the officers did not site me and notated the accident as driver fatigue, but in my heart I know it was because of my active addiction. I was in a coma for 3 days, underwent 15 surgeries to save my life and my crushed leg. I was informed that I would never walk again, totally wheelchair bound. Even though I didn't know anyone in Phoenix, when I was on my death bed fighting for my life; I still managed to get high one more time on September 4, 2014. Governor, that's an example of what the disease of addiction means to me. My Higher Power (GOD) spoke loud and clear, and for the first time in my life I totally surrendered.

Recovery

On September 5th 2004 I made it to my first meeting of Narcotics Anonymous, because I heard about it when I was in prison. I was totally willing to go to whatever lengths necessary for recovery from the addiction of drugs. I found support from members that understood what I was going through. I did 90 meetings in 90 days, while living in a nursing home with only public transportation, while in a wheelchair. I found a Sponsor, and worked the 12 steps. I took a minimum amount of pain killers, while under my sponsors' supervision. Trying to find a job, with a criminal background like mine, plus in a wheelchair, I thought would be impossible; but my friends helped me persevere until I got a job at a call center where I can sit all day. I still have that same job today.

I continued to work the spiritual 12 steps, over and over, over the next 11 years of recovery. The first time though the 12 steps was focused on addiction. The second was on relationships with friends/family. It was during this process I started rebuilding the severed relationship I caused with my children. Recovery taught me to make a living amends to my children, with love and support, both financially and emotionally. Recovery taught me to proactively reach out to Child Support and start paying, which I did. Being forgiven by them has been my greatest gift, and the greatest gift I've given them is always being present and involved on a daily basis.

The third time through the 12 steps was on professional relationships at work. I learned my value of how I manage multiple employees by building relationships, rather than directing. Despite corporate adversities, my employees enjoy coming to work and they are more productive, because they know that their manager has the priority of their best interest first.

Currently I'm working the 12 steps for the fourth time on physical recovery; I refuse to believe I will be in a wheelchair my entire life. I've learned to love myself more, by attending my physical therapy appointments, going to the gym and hiring a weight management professional. In November 2015, I lost 70 lbs and still maintaining the loss. I'm no longer in the wheelchair after 12 years, and walking with a cane. My goal is to be walking without a cane before January of 2017...I will do it!

Service Positions

Over the past 11+ years in recovery, I've held many service commitments as a member of Narcotics Anonymous:

- Group Service Representative (GSR)
- Chairperson, Phoenix Area
- Vice Chairperson, Phoenix Area
- Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Chairperson
- H&I Facilities Coordinator
- Public Relations (PR), Phoenix Area
- Activities Chairperson, Phoenix Area
- Helpline Representative

Speaker Events

I'm grateful of the restoration Narcotics Anonymous has given to me, and I'm blessed to share my message of experience, strength and hope to thousands of recovery addicts. I've been blessed to travel the U.S. and abroad to share my story, countless times. I've shared in rehabs, jails, hospitals, meetings and conventions. Too many to list, but below is a list of conventions that I've been invited to share my message of recovery at, with venue sizes that ranged from 350-2,500 attendees

- April 2010 – 18th Annual Minnesota Narcotics Anonymous Convention
- January 2011 – 16th Annual San Fernando Valley Convention of Narcotics Anonymous
- March 2012 – 3rd Annual Mexico, Arizona, California convention of Narcotics Anonymous
- March 2013 – 4th Annual Mexico, Arizona, California convention of Narcotics Anonymous
- November 2013 – 20th Annual South African Convention of N.A., Illovo, Beach, Kingsburgh
- November 2014 – 20th Annual Baja Costa Area Convention, Tijuana, Mexico
- March 2014 – 5th Annual Mexico, Arizona, California convention of Narcotics Anonymous
- July 2015 – 12th Annual Latin American Convention of Narcotics Anonymous
- August 2015 – 14th Annual First Coast Area Convention, Jacksonville, Florida
- March 2016 – 7th Annual Mexico, Arizona, California convention of Narcotics Anonymous

Most recent:

- June 2016 – First Area Oasis Convention in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico
- July 2016 – 2nd Annual Southeastern Arizona Convention, Tucson, Arizona

Public Relations

My heart is in Public Relations, getting the word out to the professional communities that Narcotics Anonymous is here to help; one addict helping another is without parallel. I've been directly involved in supporting professional workshops over the last 5 years, called the Western Service Learning Days (WSLD). WSLD is an annual conference that focuses on NA services in Public Information, Public Relations, and Phone lines, Web Pages, Outreach and Hospital & Institutions. Thus, giving NA members an opportunity to learn and share about issues and solutions.

These conferences gave us an opportunity to interact and partner with Judges, Prosecutors, Corrections, Drug Courts, School Superintendents and Economical personnel. We gained more insight of what their needs were, and how we can help. Here's a list of the conferences I helped organize and attended:

- o 2012 WSLD 26, Denver, Colorado
- o 2013 WSLD 27, Southern California Region, Los Angeles
- o 2014 WSLD 28, Northern California Region, Sacramento
- o 2015 WSLD 29, Region 51, Las Vegas, Nevada
- o 2016 WSLD 30, San Diego, California on October 21st-23rd
- o We will be hosting the WSLD 32 here in Phoenix, AZ

Professional Career

Here is the main reason I'm asking for a pardon. On June 26th 2005 I found a job working for [REDACTED] at 10 months clean; an inbound customer service call center. In 2005, they only performed an Arizona statewide background check. Fortunately all my mistakes were made in Sacramento. Eleven years later I still work for that same company, and I've obtained numerous skills, titles, trainings and responsibilities. I am currently the Operations Manager for Intuit QuickBooks Online Technical Support. I have 12 managers, 11 subject matter experts, 2 work force management personnel, 1 business analysis and 1 quality manager that directly reports to me; a total of 204 employees that I am accountable to. I have managers that I've developed to take my place, if I was to move up. Unfortunately, being promoted would require another back ground investigation, which I would obviously fail; plus lose the position I currently hold. I love this job, I love the people that work for me and I work for.

This company has allowed me to travel the United States and abroad on business; which has also allowed me to be available to share my message of recovery in so many places. I have no anonymity with this company, they know that I am an open book and grateful for where I'm at; and they would love to see me grow. This job has allowed me to be a home owner, Pay off my vehicles and be financially responsible; pay my child support, participate in the additional financial needs of my children like clothes, books, medical, dental, etc. I would like to advance so I can make more money and plan for my retirement; help my children more with college and beyond needs.

Family

My daughter [REDACTED] (20) is currently attending Sacramento State University and working towards her major in civil engineering. She is the love of my life, and I've kept the promise to never abandon her again and kept it. Even though we are miles apart, we still make the time almost daily to keep in touch. She also works at the front desk of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 2 blocks from the capital building. It doesn't pay great, so I help her as much as I can month to month financially; I'd like to help more.

My Son [REDACTED] (19) just graduated high school and got accepted in Sacramento State University and Arizona State University, for the fall of 2016. My son decided ASU, because he wanted to live with me. He moved here last month (July), he's enrolled and ready to start school on August 19th 2016 and majoring in Kinesiology. We purchased him a little pickup truck, and he is working for my (NA) friends' pool cleaning business while he goes to school. My Doctor is going to allow him to intern in his practice.

Three years ago, my Father got terminally ill, and I moved both my parents into my home to help my Mother care for him. My parents always took care of me, and I was grateful to be able to care for them during the last year of his life. By July of 2014, my Father required Hospice care, and rather than put him in a home we decided to continue caring for him at our home. It was a wonderful opportunity to share

the last days of my Fathers' life at his side. He passed away 11 days after my anniversary. My Father was able to share my 10 year anniversary of recovery with me, and he told me his life felt complete knowing that I will never go back to my old life...he told me he was proud of me. When my Father passed, so did my Mother's retirement income, leaving her to live off of social security. My Mother continues to live with me today, and has no fear of ever being alone or moving out. Its living amends such as these that Narcotics Anonymous has taught me.

Narcotics Anonymous has taught me to become better Father, Son, Friend and Employee.

Closing

Governor Brown, I hope you can see that I've worked very hard to restore my life and become a productive member of society in ALL areas of my life. Included are many character references from family, friends and professionals. Asking for help has always been the hardest task for me to complete, but I've always been the first to jump at helping others. I am now asking for help, help to allow me to continue advancing in my life. Help to allow me to provide more support to my family. Help to allow me to continue sharing to thousands more, the rewards and freedom that are possible in recovery.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share my message. If granted this pardon, I promise that you will never be disappointed in your decision. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Truly,



Vernon Allen Cargill



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Anthony Catanzarite

Anthony Catanzarite, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 18, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and taking a vehicle without owner consent. He served five years probation. He was discharged on June 6, 1999, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Catanzarite has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated January 20, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Anthony Catanzarite has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Catanzarite a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

In the Matter of the Application of
ANTHONY CATANZARITE

} Case Number: 15F05390
} CII No: [REDACTED]
} Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
} Criminal Case No. 94F03874
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For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of BRIAN JAMES REICH, presently residing at [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 20TH day of JANUARY, 2016, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his/her completion of the term to which he/she was sentenced, or upon his/her release on parole or probation on SEPTEMBER 13 1999, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his/her course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 20TH day of JANUARY, 2016.

[Handwritten Signature]
BUNMI AWONIYI,
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



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GOVERNORS OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Sokha Chhan

Sokha Chhan, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Chhan lawfully entered the United States at the age of 13 as a refugee from Cambodia, after his family fled the genocidal Khmer Rouge regime. He is now in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement pending deportation to Cambodia after living in the United States for the last 35 years as a lawful permanent resident.

He was sentenced on or about November 5, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno, for the crimes of inflicting corporal injury on spouse or cohabitant, and threatening a crime with the intent to terrorize, both misdemeanors. He served three years probation, and 364 days jail. He was discharged on November 5, 2005 having completed his sentence.

Sokha Chhan has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, after his conviction, Mr. Chhan was awarded custody of his five children, who he raised as a single father. He served honorably in the United States Army Reserve, and is active with his local temple where he volunteers his time helping others. One of his daughters wrote that Mr. Chhan has shown her "what it meant to be a loving and independent individual. Whether it was working in the fields, working as a mechanic, or baking donuts for 12-13 hours every day with no days off, he never gave up on us." His younger sister, who broke down in tears when speaking about her brother, stated: "Sokha is a kind and gentle soul. He loves his kids more than his own life. He would give the shirt off his back to give it to someone else who needs it."

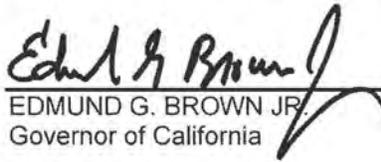
By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Sokha Chhan, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.



THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sokha Chhan a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Sokha Chhan Date of Birth: [redacted] E-mail Address: [redacted] Address: [redacted] Phone Number: n/a

1. Conviction Summary: [redacted]

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include: Cal. Penal Code 2735 misdo 9/25/02 Fresno 364 days; Cal. Penal Code 472 misdo 9/25/02 Fresno 364 days; Cal. Vehicle Code 14601.1 infractions 5/23/00 Fresno and possibly 2 moving/traffic violations in the 1990s.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached Statement

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached Statement

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Attached Statement

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

n/a

Application For Gubernatorial Pardon

Attachment to Application for Gubernatorial Pardon for Sokha Chhan

Circumstances Of The Crime For Which A Pardon Is Being Requested:

On September 25, 2002, I was involved in a physical confrontation with my wife at the time, [REDACTED]. We had been experiencing problems in our marriage stemming largely from her struggle with a gambling addiction. I was working longer hours and providing for my wife, my five U.S. Citizen children, and myself and we were just making ends meet. My wife's problem with gambling caused significant stress to my family and to our relationship, culminating in the incident for which I was arrested.

One day, I learned that my wife had gambled away money that needed to be used for food and rent. We began arguing and when things escalated, I hit my wife. Rather than walk away from the situation, I allowed myself to become physical with my wife. I realize that I made a huge mistake and that it was entirely wrong of me to react the way I did. I deeply regret my actions. I tried to immediately take responsibility for my actions by accepting the first plea deal that was communicated to me by my Public Defender. I did not want to continue to put my family through the pain of a criminal proceeding and I wanted to take responsibility for my mistakes.

My public defender told me that I could be deported, but I believed that I was nonetheless protected from deportation. I thought that my being admitted in Refugee status and later becoming a Lawful *Permanent Resident* meant that I could permanently reside in the United States. My public defender never advised me that a sentence of just one day less, 364 days instead of 365 days, would mean not having an aggravated felony on my record.

On a busy morning, and without having time to speak to my attorney for more than a few minutes, I accepted the deal offered by the District Attorney at the time and pled *no contest* to a felony violation of Cal. Penal Code 273.5 and a felony violation of Cal. Penal Code 422. I accepted the deal on October 8, 2002, just two weeks after my arrest. On November 5, 2002, I was sentenced to 365 days on each count and three years of formal probation. I served my sentence, was released in 2003, and completed probation in 2005. Since completing probation over 12 years ago, I have not been arrested or convicted of any new offenses.

My attorney mentioned the possibility of deportation to me but never explained to me that a sentence of just one day less than 365 days would have meant the difference between automatic deportation and eligibility for relief. My attorney never asked the DA or the Court to consider a sentence of 364 days instead of 365 days.

On December 19, 2008, the criminal court reduced my two felonies to misdemeanors. I attempted to get a one day sentence reduction, and to vacate the convictions that made me deportable but the court said too much time had passed and that it could no longer make those changes to my case.

On November 7, 2017, based on a brand new law that had recently gone into effect, the court reduced my sentence from 365 to 364 days.

As such, I currently stand convicted of a misdemeanor pursuant to Cal. Penal Code 273.5 and a misdemeanor pursuant to Cal. Penal Code 422, each with a sentence of 364 days.

Reasons for Requesting The Pardon:

I am currently facing deportation to Cambodia. A gubernatorial pardon of my two convictions from 2002 would cause me to no longer be deportable and allow me to remain in the United States with my children, siblings, and parents, all of whom (except for one sibling) are U.S. Citizens.

I entered the United States as a Refugee at the age of 13. My family fled Cambodia in 1979 after the take-over of the bloody Khmer Rouge regime and spent two years living in a Thai Refugee Camp. I was lawfully admitted to the United States as a Refugee in September 8, 1981. Then on January 5, 1983, I was granted Lawful Permanent Resident status.

I have lived in the United States continuously since 1981 and have never left the country or been back to Cambodia. I married [REDACTED], a U.S. Citizen, in a traditional Cambodian ceremony and we had five (5) U.S. Citizen children together. I have eight U.S. Citizen siblings and one sibling who is a lawful permanent resident. My mother and father, ages 73 and 93, are also both U.S. Citizens. All of my immediate family members resides in the United States. I am not in touch with anyone currently residing in Cambodia.

I have always complied with all immigration laws in the United States. I entered legally, remained legally, and worked with authorization in the United States. In October 2006, I filed an application to replace my green card. As a result of making that contact with the Department of Homeland Security, I was instead placed in removal proceedings (deportation proceedings) on or around February 27, 2008.

[REDACTED] began representing before the Immigration Court in December 2008.

My two felonies were reduced to misdemeanors in 2008 but the court did not have jurisdiction to reduce my sentence by even one day due to the laws in place at that time. As such, I was stuck with the 365 day sentence. The Immigration Judge found that I had been convicted of an aggravated felony and had no choice but to order my removal from the United States. However, since I was a Cambodian national, I was released on an order of supervision and instructed to report to ICE every few months. From 2009 until October 2017, I regularly reported to ICE as instructed. There was one time that I forgot to check in and checked in late as a result.

My last check in was on October 10, 2017, at which time I was given a next reporting date of December 6, 2017. However soon after that I received a call from DHS, asking me to check in again on October 19, 2017. I complied with that request just as I had been doing over the last 8 years, but this time I was placed into immigration custody without any explanation. I was aware of the possibility of being rearrested, however, because I had heard reports of other Cambodians being arrested by ICE just two weeks earlier.

I have been in immigration custody since October 19, 2017. I am currently detained at the Rio Consumnes Correctional Center and am back in removal proceedings facing deportation to Cambodia after 36 years of living in the U.S. legally.

As such, I am humbly applying for this gubernatorial pardon in order to avoid the harsh immigration consequences of deportation to Cambodia.

Brief Statement Explaining Why Pardon Should Be Granted:

Since my arrest and conviction over 15 years ago in 2002, I have not suffered any new arrests or convictions. Since my release from immigration custody in 2009, I have complied with all immigration laws and with the terms of my order of supervision. In fact, I was arrested in October 2017 by ICE after they asked me to voluntarily return to their offices, which I did. I have always followed their orders and instructions.

I was also in the Reserves for the U.S. Armed forces for two years before being honorably discharged. If I am able to avoid deportation, I would like to apply to become a Citizen of the country that provided my entire family with protection when we had to escape the genocidal regime in place in Cambodia. This is the country I call home.

I have been a donut baker for the last approximately ten years. I have been working full time to continue to support my children. I separated from my wife in approximately 2007 and have not resumed my relationship with her since. In 2008, the same year that I was facing deportation, child protective services was called based on my children's mothers' conduct, which included chasing one of my children with a knife. This was one of many acts that my wife committed due to her instability and struggle with her gambling addiction. After reviewing the evidence presented in the case, the family court issued an order granting me sole legal custody of my children and designating me as the primary custodial parent. *Id.*

Particularly since that family court case, I have been the main sources of steady and stable support – physical, financial, and psychological – for my children.

In 2009 when I was released from immigration custody, I volunteered to be the subject of a study done by two law schools in the University of California system – UC Berkeley School of Law and UC Davis School of Law. The study ended in the publishing of a report called *In the Child's Best Interest?* I thought that telling my story may help others avoid deportation or make the same mistakes in the future. I have always been honest and upfront about my mistakes. Buddhism has taught me to practice peace and to take responsibility for my actions and I have tried to do that at every opportunity.

Since being released from jail in 2003, I have lived a responsible life, worked hard to support my family, and regularly reported to DHS in compliance with my order of supervision. I have tried to set a positive example for my children. Two of my children continue to live in my apartment and I support them in any way I can. We are very close as a family and my deportation would not only devastate me, but more importantly, would devastate my children. My mother too, has already taken my rearrest by ICE very badly and I'm told that she cries and worries about what is going to happen to me.

I am not a perfect person but I have done everything in my power to learn from my mistakes and lead a law abiding life. I humbly ask for a gubernatorial pardon so that I may finally, continue to reside in this country without fear of deportation.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Peter P. Chinnici

Peter P. Chinnici, a resident of West Virginia, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 10, 1978, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Marin, for the crimes of robbery, and false imprisonment. Specifically, Mr. Chinnici held up a pharmacy. He served two years probation. He was discharged on October 20, 1980 having completed his sentence.

Peter P. Chinnici has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Chinnici became a licensed social worker, and subsequently a psychotherapist.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Peter P. Chinnici, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Peter P. Chinnici a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: PETER P. CHINNICI Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Social Security Number: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

I JUST SOLD MY HOUSE IN PETALUMA, CA. MY TEMP. ADDRESS IS:

Address: [REDACTED]

1. County of Residence: [REDACTED]

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
ROBBERY PC 211	3/3/78	MARIN CO.	PRISON TERM SUSPENDED, COMPLETION OF DRUG TREATMENT, PROBATION
FALSE IMPRISONMENT PC 236	3/3/78	MARIN, "	" "

(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE REFER TO NEXT SECTION AFTER THIS APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY FOR "DETAILS OF OFFENSES AND REHABILITATION," AND THE PAGE AFTER "LETTER OF EXPLANATION FOR CONVICTIONS." THE 2 SECTIONS AFTER THIS (SECTIONS 3 & 4) CONTAIN SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR OFFENSES AND REHABILITATION.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I AM TURNING 65 YRS OLD IN NOVEMBER 2017 AND JUST RETIRED FROM KAISER PERMANENTE. AT THIS STAGE OF MY LIFE I'D LIKE TO HAVE A SENSE OF CLOSURE TO MY DARK PAST HISTORY AND WOULD LIKE TO OWN A VINTAGE RIFLE FROM WORLD WAR 2 FOR TARGET SHOOTING. PLEASE REVIEW MY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR A CLEARER PICTURE OF WHO I AM.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED MY SENTENCE BY GRADUATING FROM WALDEN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL DRUG TREATMENT CTR IN 1980, COMPLETED PROBATION IN 1983; HAD MY RECORD EXPUNGED IN 2006, AND HELPED IMPROVE THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF PATIENTS AS A PSYCHOTHERAPIST.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NONE, I PREPARED IT MYSELF

PRIOR CONVICTIONS - CONT'D

OFFENSE	DATE	COUNTY	SENTENCE
PETTY THEFT PC 488	11/12/77	ALAMEDA	SUMMARY PROBATION
POSSESSION OF 4" KNIFE	11/12/77	"	DISMISSED
CARRYING LOADED FIREARM 12031 PC	12/9/77	MARIN	10 DAYS IN CO. JAIL 1 YR SUP. PROBATION

SECTION 2

PETER CHINNICI: DETAILS OF OFFENSES AND REHABILITATION

Events leading to criminal offenses:

- Graduated High School, Brooklyn N.Y., 1970.
- Joined the Navy, summer of 1970.
- Tour of duty in Vietnam, patrolled the coast on Navy Destroyer, April – December 1972.
- Honorable discharge, 1973.
- Returned home, suffered from severe anxiety and depression related to PTSD, September 1973.
- Treated by V.A. Medical Center with valium and heavy sleeping meds, 1974.
- Became addicted to heavier dosages of valium, several suicide attempts that led to inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations at V.A. Hospital in Brooklyn, 1974 -1977.
- Moved in with Navy buddy in San Rafael, CA, November 1977.
- Unable to manage anxiety and depression, abused valium prescriptions, unable to hold a job, severe financial problems.

Events of criminal offenses and dispositions:

- Berkeley 1977, petty theft, stole bicycle to sell for cash, possession of knife; 12 months court probation.
- San Rafael 1977, possession of loaded firearm; 1 year supervised probation; 1 year summary probation.
- San Rafael, March 1978, armed robbery and false imprisonment; prison time suspended, 1 year in County Jail, completion of Walden House residential drug treatment center, San Francisco, 3 years supervised probation.

*** My weapon during the robbery was a pellet gun that didn't work. This shows I had no intention of hurting anyone, though I'm not minimizing the traumatic effect it had on victims.

Steps in my rehabilitation and achievements:

- Entered Walden House, San Francisco, October 1978, successfully graduating 1980.
- Started City College of San Francisco, 1979.
- Graduated SF State University, B.A. Degree, Social Sciences, Magna Cum Laude, Departmental Honors, 1983.
Probation was successfully completed, terminated early by my Probation Officer, 1983.
- Worked as counselor at Walden House, 1982 – 1985.
- Returned to SF State for Master's degree in Social Work, 1985.
- Graduated SF State University, M.S.W. Degree, Cum Laude, 1987.
- Passed exams and became LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker), 1990.
- Criminal record expunged, Marin County, 2006.
- Worked as Psychotherapist in nearly every treatment setting and modality, 1985 – 2016.
- Retired from my career following 20 years with Kaiser Permanente, December 2016.

Letter of explanation for convictions

I had 1 conviction in Berkeley, California for petty theft (stole a bicycle) on November 12th 1977, and 2 in Marin County, California for possession of a firearm (that I was bringing to a pawn shop to sell) on December 10th 1977, and for attempting to rob a drugstore on March 4th 1978.

For the offense in Berkeley I pleaded guilty and was placed on summary (unsupervised) probation for 1 year. My case has been closed since the end of that year. For my possession of a firearm in Marin I pleaded guilty and was placed on supervised probation for two years. For my second offense of robbery I pleaded guilty, served 1 year in county jail and had my prison time suspended pending successful completion of a yearlong residential drug treatment center, as the courts realized my crimes were drug related.

On October 18th 1978, I entered Walden House, an intensive residential substance abuse program in San Francisco, and graduated successfully on April 18th 1980, after 1 year in treatment and several months in their halfway house.

My explanation of these crimes has to do with a drug problem I developed after returning home from a combat tour of duty in Vietnam aboard a Navy gunboat. I returned to my hometown New York City in 1973, and like many Vets I had extreme difficulties adjusting to civilian life. I developed severe anxiety, panic attacks and depression and went to the Veterans' Administration for help. They put me on large doses of Valium and sedatives for sleep. Over the next several years I developed a tolerance to these drugs and required higher and higher doses for a therapeutic response.

I moved to California in 1977, in an effort to change my life. The doctors at the V.A. in San Francisco, as well as private physicians refused to give me the dosages of medication I required. I couldn't hold a job and out of desperation impulsively committed those crimes as a means to obtain money to buy medication on the streets. I am not a violent person and had never had intentions of harming anyone physically, nor had I ever done so.

I regret committing those crimes, but on the positive side, while in jail I was forced to detoxify from my medications and learned powerful lessons about the destructive path I was on. Through reading inspirational books and

keeping a journal, I laid the foundation within myself that I was going to utilize all the tools available to me at Walden House to change my life.

I accomplished my goals and completed the program successfully and started taking classes at City College of San Francisco while still living at the Walden House halfway house. After one year in school I decided to become a counselor and transferred to San Francisco State University to continue my studies.

In 1982, I returned to Walden House as a staff member, where I worked as a counselor until 1985. I later worked at numerous other chemical dependency programs and hospitals, as well as psychiatric settings.

In May of 1983, I received my B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Sciences, and was chosen by my faculty to receive Departmental Honors, due for the most part in being recognized for my accomplishments in overcoming my obstacles. I also graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Shortly after my Probation Officer, [REDACTED], helped me by going to court and having my probation terminated. Then in January, 2006, my record was expunged by Marin County Superior Court.

In July, 2011, I purchased my first home in Petaluma.

In December, 2016, I retired from my career (with a nice pension) after working for Kaiser Permanente, San Rafael, Department of Psychiatry, for 20+ years of service. Interestingly, my clinic was only 10 minutes away from the scene of the drugstore robbery, nearly 40 years and a lifetime ago.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Phoenix Chinnici".

Peter Phoenix Chinnici, LCSW

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Randy Wayne Choate

Randy Wayne Choate, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 30, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare for the crime of involuntary manslaughter with the use of a firearm. He served two years, ten months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on March 26, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Randy Wayne Choate has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare, an order dated May 15, 2012, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Randy Wayne Choate has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Randy Wayne Choate a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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Randy Wayne Choate
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

County of Tulare
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Criminal Case Number(s) VCF034151-93
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Randy Wayne Choate, presently residing

_____ heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 20th 11th day

Day of the Month

of May March, 2012 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on

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, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been ONE

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time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Gary L. Paden
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED NAME



Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

James Sang Choi

James Sang Choi, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 16, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on March 15, 2002, having completed his sentence.

James Sang Choi has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated December 22, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, James Sang Choi has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to James Sang Choi a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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BY: MONICA JOHNSON, DEPUTY

In the Matter of the Application of

James Sang Choi

Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s): [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION
(Penal Code § 4852.13)

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:
M - 17239

The petition of James Sang Choi, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable
at [REDACTED], requesting a
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
of the State of California, was heard on December 22, 2017
Date

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as
required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true,
and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of
the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on

March 16, 1999, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal
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Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to
exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that the
that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a felony;
Total Number of Felony Convictions

*The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise
all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and this Court recommends
that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.*

Dated: 12-22-17

Judge Lance P. Jensen

Judicial Officer - TYPED NAME



Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE

This form was prepared under the direction of the Chief of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Tammie Marie Clarke

Tammie Marie Clarke, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about August 28, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and transporting a controlled substance. She served 411 days jail, two years, seven months probation, four months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on November 30, 2006, having completed her sentence.

Tammie Marie Clarke has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated June 16, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Tammie Marie Clarke has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tammie Marie Clarke a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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In the Matter of the Application of **Tammie Marie Clarke**

Certificate Number RIC1605876

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) 00NF2830 Orange County

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **Tammie Marie Clarke**, residence located at [REDACTED]

Herefore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **June 16, 2016**

Proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **November 30, 2006** that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4. And that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 2 time(s) convicted of a **felony**

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise al the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: 06/16/16

Becky Dugan

Judge of said Superior Court – TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court – SIGNATURE



List of Convictions: 11378 HS & 11379 HS

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Milton Edward Clem

Milton Edward Clem, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 20, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa for the crimes of possession of substances to manufacture a controlled substance, and manufacturing a controlled substance. He served six months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on September 27, 2005, having completed his sentence.

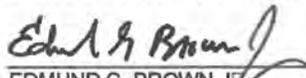
Milton Edward Clem has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tuolumne, an order dated May 1, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Milton Edward Clem has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Milton Edward Clem a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Tuolumne

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Milton Edward Clem

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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Superior Court of California
County of Tuolumne

By: L. Anderson Clerk

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Milton Edward Clem, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this First day

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of May, 2017 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on September 27, 2002, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 (One)

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 1st day of May, 2017

Day of the Month

Month, Year

DONALD SEGERSTROM
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED OR PRINTED

[Signature of Donald Segerstrom]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Paul Bernard Clock

Paul Bernard Clock, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 19, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Clock attempted to steal a bicycle and a backpack. He served three years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on April 19, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Paul Bernard Clock has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated July 7, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Clock reports that he is involved with an organization that supports wounded veterans and is active in his church. Mr. Clock also served honorably in the U.S. Army in active duty service. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Paul Bernard Clock has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

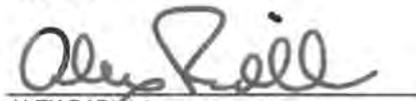
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Paul Bernard Clock a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

PAUL BERNARD CLOCK

Type Applicant's Full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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Certificate Number

Date of Birth

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CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

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By: K. CERSOSIMO

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of PAUL BERNARD CLOCK, presently residing at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 7TH day of JULY, 2017 and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on APRIL 19, 2004, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1F Total Number of Felony Convictions time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provide in Penal Code Section 4852.15). and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 7th day of July, 2017

DAVID M. GILL

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jeffrey Daniel Cole

Jeffrey Daniel Cole, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 23, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crimes of transporting or selling a controlled substance, and possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale, with an enhancement for possessing a firearm. He served one year, three months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on September 14, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Jeffrey Daniel Cole has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated December 13, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jeffrey Daniel Cole has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jeffrey Daniel Cole a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

In the Matter of the Application of
JEFFREY DANIEL COLE

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Case Number: 17FE011774
CII No: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Criminal Case No. 03F09657

For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

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By Lindsay Anderson, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of JEFFREY DANIEL COLE, presently residing at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 13th day of December, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or probation in September 2006, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 13th day of December


Jaime R. Roman,
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Aneta Colonia (Molska)

Aneta Colonia, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about November 3, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of transporting a controlled substance committed while on bail. She served one year, three months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on April 5, 2007, having completed her sentence.

Aneta Colonia has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 11, 2015, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Aneta Colonia has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Aneta Colonia a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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In the Matter of the Application of

Aneta Molska / Colonia

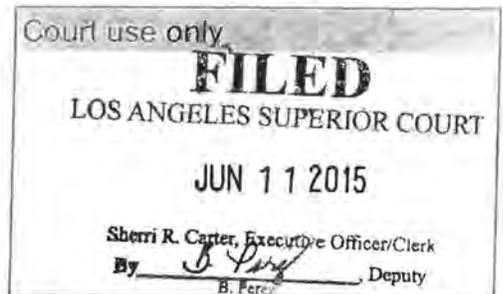
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Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number LA041865

Criminal Case Number(s) LA041865-03



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Aneta Molska / Colonia presently residing at

[REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on June 11, 2015

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled March 6, 2006

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 11 day of JUNE 2015
Day of the Month Month, Year

JAMES R. BRANDLIN
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jesus Contreras

Jesus Contreras, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 18, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served nine months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on February 14, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Jesus Contreras has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated March 13, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jesus Contreras has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jesus Contreras a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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In the Matter of the Application of

NO. FELJS1600173

JESUS CONTRERAS
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CII No. [REDACTED]

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

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SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
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For a Certification of Rehabilitation and Pardon

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

BY Krysta Gardner
KRYSTA GARDNER, DEPUTY
presently residing

The petition of JESUS CONTRERAS

at [REDACTED]

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California,

came on regularly for hearing on this _____ day of _____ and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to this completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or probation on JANUARY 17, 2006, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been (once) (twice) (thrice) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 13th day of March, 2017.



Will F. Edle
JUDGE OF SAID SUPERIOR COURT

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

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CONTRERAS, JESUS

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Raymond William Cooper

Raymond William Cooper, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 7, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on January 7, 1997, having completed his sentence.

Raymond William Cooper has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated December 16, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Raymond William Cooper has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Raymond William Cooper a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

Raymond William Cooper

For Certificate of Rehabilitation

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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

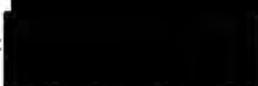
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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By Stan Kadokata Deputy

Date of Birth:



CJI Number:



Certificate Case Number:

SA 004417

Criminal Case Number(s):

SA 004417

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:



Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on 12-16-2016.

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 1-7-1998.

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 0 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 16th day of December, 2016

SAM OHTA

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Clarence Cooper Sr.

Clarence Cooper Sr., a resident of Missouri, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 19, 1970, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, for the crime of possession of dangerous drugs. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 19, 1973 having completed his sentence.

Clarence Cooper Sr. has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Clarence Cooper Sr., has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Clarence Cooper Sr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: CLARENCE COOPER SR Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
POSSESS DANGEROUS DRUGS	11-26-1969	ALAMEDA	3yr Probation - FINE
" " "	12-7-1969	ALAMEDA	SEE CASE 4/1969 PD
69-18291 - SAME CASE			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Originally charged with possession on 11-26-1969 but added possession for sale on 12-1-69 received 3yr Probation plus a FINE and told record would be sealed after I completed my sentence

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

NEED TO CLEAR THIS RECORD IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE A FIREARM IN MY HOME STATE PER DEPT OF JUSTICE NCIS

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

AFTER COMPLETING MY SENTENCE, WENT TO COLLEGE AAT DEGREE WORKED 30 YEARS FOR LUCKY STORES RETIRED 2001. RECEIVED REALTOR IN 2007 RECEIVED REAL ESTATE BROKERS LICENSE 2013 & CA NOTARY 2013

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NONE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michael David Crawford

Michael David Crawford, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 13, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Humboldt, for the crimes of robbery and burglary in two separate cases. He served eleven months prison, and one year parole in concurrent sentences. He was discharged on April 3, 2000, having completed his sentence. Specifically, Mr. Crawford robbed a gas station and a department store.

Michael David Crawford has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Ventura, an order dated October 15, 2010, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed Mr. Crawford graduated with honors with a degree in electronic engineering. He is involved in the manufacturing of microwave components for various satellite companies. Mr. Crawford is actively involved in his church as a Deacon, as well as in the wider community. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Crawford's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on September 18, 2018. Mr. Crawford also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 20, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael David Crawford has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael David Crawford a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA

VENTURA
SUPERIOR COURT
FILED

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In the Matter of the Application of)
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MICHAEL DAVID CRAWFORD)
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Case Number: CR980675 & MICHAEL D. PLANET
CR980371 Executive Officer and Clerk
By: _____ Deputy
FBI Number - 476696HA5
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Date of Birth - [REDACTED]

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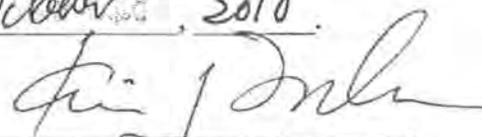
CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

The petition of Michael David Crawford, presently residing at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 or Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 15th day of October, 2010, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or probation on March 4, 1999, that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and that petitioner has been twice convicted of a felony;

Wherefore, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, and this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 15th day of October, 2010.



Judge of the Superior Court
for Ventura County

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Norma Cumpian

Norma Cumpian, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about February 8, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of murder with a firearm enhancement. She served sixteen years, nine months prison and five years parole. She was discharged on December 8, 2015 having completed her sentence.

Norma Cumpian has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Cumpian works with a group seeking to support women in the community and to reduce the rate of recidivism among women. She is a guest lecturer in a social work program at a local university, and she is a "life mentor" for women at the California Institution for Women.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Norma Cumpian, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Norma Cumpian a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Norma Cumpian Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Second Degree Murder	08/27/1992	Los Angeles	15 to life + 4

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Via U.S. MAIL

November 9, 2018

The Honorable Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Office of the Governor
Attn: Legal Affairs
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Norma Cumpian (W-51648), Application for Pardon

Dear Governor Brown:

Ms. Cumpian's life crime is her single act of violence and only criminal conviction in an otherwise prosocial, upstanding life. In a desperate attempt to protect herself and her unborn child, Ms. Cumpian shot and killed her abusive ex-boyfriend Timothy Choi. From the moment she fired a single warning shot that resulted in his death, Ms. Cumpian has demonstrated regret and remorse for her actions. She called 911 and stayed with Mr. Choi, doing everything she could to save his life. She was released on bond during her trial proceedings and she worked and cared for her newborn baby. Despite being separated from her young son with no real hope of ever being released from her life sentence, Ms. Cumpian was a model prisoner during her entire prison term. She had no disciplinary violations and served as a leader and mentor at the California Institution for Women (CIW). Ms. Cumpian was granted parole at her initial parole suitability hearing (at a time when the grant rate was extremely low and initial hearing grants



were unheard of). And she was again found suitable at her next hearing following the Governor's reversal of her first grant. Since her release seven years ago, Ms. Cumpian has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited strong moral character, and dedicated her life to giving back to her community.

Ms. Cumpian counts her son as her greatest accomplishment. Despite the challenges of her incarceration, Ms. Cumpian successfully raised a young man with a strong sense of honor and love for his country. Ms. Cumpian's son is a combat veteran of the United States military, having earned a purple heart while serving in Afghanistan. She has a close relationship with her son, and her high moral character is reflected in the values she has instilled in him.

Additionally, Ms. Cumpian's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed, the Los Angeles Sheriff is currently considering Ms. Cumpian for a position on the Inmate Welfare Commission. Her appointment would be groundbreaking as she would be the first formerly incarcerated member of the Commission, a feat that stands as a testament of Ms. Cumpian's high moral character. Ms. Cumpian should be pardoned because her conviction overstates her criminal culpability and she has fully rehabilitated and proven herself to be a tremendous asset to the community.

Describe the circumstances of the crime for which you are requesting a pardon:

In an act of youthful rebellion against her restrictive immigrant parents, Ms. Cumpian left home at the age of sixteen and moved in with her then-boyfriend. Ms. Cumpian supported the two of them through a job taking phone surveys. She graduated from Savannah High School in Anaheim, California in 1988. In 1990, Ms. Cumpian enrolled in college classes, ended that relationship and moved in with a girlfriend, supporting herself by working as a secretary. Through acquaintances she met at her phone survey job and college parties, Ms. Cumpian was

introduced to local gang members and drug dealers, including an older drug dealer, Timothy Choi, who became her boyfriend and victim. Ms. Cumpian and Mr. Choi moved into a Long Beach apartment together in February of 1992. Ms. Cumpian used drugs with Mr. Choi, lost her job and became completely dependent on his income from drug sales. Mr. Choi became controlling and physically and emotionally abusive. Ms. Cumpian was isolated from her family and friends, and her parents eventually severed all contact with her and withdrew financial and emotional support.

In June of 1992, Ms. Cumpian's romantic relationship with Mr. Choi ended, and he moved back into his parents' home. Isolated, financially dependent on Mr. Choi, and with an increasing drug problem, Ms. Cumpian continued living in the apartment and Mr. Choi continued to stop by unannounced to conduct his drug transactions. Mr. Choi continued to be controlling and physically and verbally abusive. His behavior had all the hallmarks of intimate partner violence: isolation, emotional abuse, economic abuse, and physical and sexual abuse.

In July 1992, Ms. Cumpian learned she was pregnant with Mr. Choi's child. Mr. Choi did not want to have a child with Ms. Cumpian and ordered her to "get rid of it," telling her he would never marry her because she was not Korean. Ms. Cumpian refused Mr. Choi's angry demands and threats that she have an abortion. During one episode of abuse, Mr. Choi forcibly penetrated Ms. Cumpian with a large foreign object in an effort to induce a miscarriage.

On the night of August 4, 1992, Mr. Choi exploded into the apartment, high on meth and furious over the pregnancy and an unpaid phone bill. Ms. Cumpian had endured months of verbal, physical and sexual abuse at the hands of Mr. Choi, and she immediately recognized the warning signs of an impending attack. Mr. Choi's friend, a marine, was present in the apartment at the time of Mr. Choi's violent fit but stood by as Mr. Choi struck her with a basket and berated

her. Fearing for her life and her unborn child, Ms. Cumpian retrieved a handgun. Enraged, Mr. Choi screamed at her to "Do it! Do it!" as he turned to reach for something in the closet. Fearing that he was reaching for an object to use to beat her, Ms. Cumpian aimed at the ground, turned away, and fired a single shot. The shot struck an artery, and Mr. Choi collapsed. Ms. Cumpian rushed to his side, applied pressure to the wound, and instructed his friend to call 911. Ms. Cumpian did not plan or intend to kill Mr. Choi that night. The history of violence in the relationship and her fear, helplessness and maternal instincts led to the desperate and impulsive decision to threaten Choi with a gun, accidentally killing him with a warning shot.

Explain why you are requesting a pardon:

Ms. Cumpian's second-degree murder conviction overstates her criminal conduct. In 1992, Intimate Partner Violence, formerly Battered Women's Syndrome, was not well understood by courts or juries. In fact, the California Evidence Code had not yet been codified to recognize the admissibility of expert testimony on the psychological impact of intimate partner violence. Despite strong evidence of self-defense, the jury convicted Ms. Cumpian of second-degree murder. Today, it is possible that the case against Ms. Cumpian would not be prosecuted, that lesser charges would have been filed, or that a jury would find Ms. Cumpian lawfully exercised her right to defend herself and her unborn son.

Ms. Cumpian deeply regrets her crime and its impact on the Choi family and her son. But that single, desperate act should not define her for the rest of her life in light of the person she has become and the positive impact she has had on the community. Ms. Cumpian has consistently proven to be a compassionate mother, friend, mentor and citizen. Ms. Cumpian respectfully requests a pardon because she does not believe one impulsive and fearful act should define who she is.

Provide a statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon:

A. Ms. Cumpian's Behavior in Prison was Exemplary.

From the beginning of her incarceration, Ms. Cumpian committed to rehabilitation and becoming a positive force in the prison community. She remained committed to the sobriety she had attained during her pregnancy, she was never disciplined for any rules violations, and her leadership positions and educational achievements exemplify her strong moral character.

Ms. Cumpian committed to sobriety when she joined Alcoholics Anonymous in June 1994, and completed the 12-Step program in September of the same year. She successfully incorporated the 12-step philosophy into her life and has remained sober for over 24 years. Notably, Ms. Cumpian has helped others overcome substance abuse. She has facilitated numerous seminars in the 12-Step programs including the Substance Abuse Module from February, 1998 through May, 1998 and the Adult Children of Alcoholics Module from July, 1998 through May, 2000. And she has continued that work as a life coach for women at CIW through monthly visits with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC).

Ms. Cumpian also facilitated numerous 12-step seminars, including the Mental Health 12-Step Module, the Anger Management module, the Adult Child of Dysfunctional Families Module, and the Module for "Healing, The Eight Stages of Life". Ms. Cumpian was active in Convicted Women Against Abuse (CWAA), the Mexican American Resource Association (MARA), and Native American Religious Services (NARS). She has participated in the Long Termers Organization and served as Secretary from July to December of 2004.

Ms. Cumpian donated 449.5 hours of HIV, Hepatitis, STI's and TB peer instruction, 39.5 hours recording books for blind or illiterate students, participated in the Happy Hats for Kids program, and volunteered at The Mental Health Christmas events. She was also involved in the

Prison Pup Program, She became a Primary Caregiver, which involved taking primary responsibility for training and socializing a puppy within the prison in preparation for donating it to improve the life of a child or adult in need of a service animal. Ms. Cumpian undertook this responsibility as a volunteer in addition to her state assigned position. Her active involvement in such a wide variety of leadership positions showcases her ability to contribute to the community in a positive and concrete way.

In her nearly two decades spent at CIW, Ms. Cumpian never received a 115. Ms. Cumpian's counseling record was spotless for 14 years and she received a Placement Score of 19, the lowest possible score for her commitment offense. She maintained an outstanding disciplinary record, which is rare for someone with a similar commitment offense. Ms. Cumpian's respect for prison rules and procedures stands as a testament to her respect for authority and inclination to live an upright and honest life.

B. Ms. Cumpian has Lived an Honest and Upright Life Since her Release and Continues to be a Positive Influence in the Community.

Ms. Cumpian is a positive influence in every community she encounters and inspires others to give back to the community. For the past eight years, Ms. Cumpian has dedicated her life to restorative justice through her work on the Get on the Bus program, a CDCR program dedicated to bringing children and caregivers to visit their mothers and fathers in prison. As a mother who raised her son while in prison, Ms. Cumpian understands how important visitations are for both the inmates and children. Despite additional hurdles, Ms. Cumpian forged a strong bond with her son and raised him to be a young man of high moral character. ██████ Cumpian writes that it was his visits to CIW that truly affected him as a child and taught him about compassion. Indeed, ██████ wrote, "it was she [his mother] who taught me about loyalty,

service and compassion to others.” Ms. Cumpian’s work for Get on the Bus helps incarcerated parents create and maintain loving relationships with their children. Moreover, the positive atmosphere created by Get on the Bus through its games and activities creates an opportunity for those parents to teach their children about compassion.

Ms. Cumpian is also an employee and leader for the Anti Recidivism Coalition where she created the ARC Women’s Group (“ARCWG”) to promote a positive space for women and foster a greater sense of community. The ARCWG acts as a support group for women in the community in an effort to reduce recidivism. Ms. Cumpian is in charge of finding guest speakers, and planning group events in addition to her regular responsibilities at ARC. Ms. Cumpian actively seeks out women parolees and brings them into ARCWG to help foster growth in the community and assists with reentry. Indeed, Ms. Cumpian has overcome the tragedies of her past and become a beacon for female empowerment.

Ms. Cumpian is also currently a life mentor for the women in CIW. She empowers current inmates through Women 4 Freedom, a group that visits CIW once a month and assists inmates with policy education, self-care, and reentry services. Ms. Cumpian is also in charge of organizing monthly visits, choosing a topic of discussion, and arranging for different panelists to come and speak to the women in CIW. She has brought in groups such as the Hope and Redemption team to speak to the women about healthy relationships outside of prison and how to avoid and escape toxic relationships without breaking parole. In addition, Ms. Cumpian teaches a number of classes and encourages women to join ARC upon their release. Ms. Cumpian assists in finding reentry services available to the women at CIW. She researches each individual case and the various resources offered to each inmate and gives them personalized reentry service options. Her work frequently puts her in contract with the Los Angeles Office of Diversion and Reentry,

where she works with retired judge Peter Espinoza. Judge Espinoza has described the work Ms. Cumpian is performing as “incredibly helpful” because her unique experiences while in prison and during her transition allow her to share wisdom that “is a stabilizing influence” on young people reentering society.

Ms. Cumpian never misses an opportunity to share her story and help young people avoid making similar decisions as she did. She works closely with Susan Hess, a professor at the University of Southern California’s Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, as a guest lecturer to educate students on the impact of domestic violence on individuals, families and communities. Students consistently give “exceptional” feedback and Ms. Cumpian consistently creates a safe space for students to ask critical questions and encourage social change. Susan describes Ms. Cumpian as an individual that presents “with cultural humility, empathy and a clear Lerner Centered approach.” Indeed, it is Ms. Cumpian’s empathy for others that allows her to not only be an effective guest lecturer at USC’s School of Social Work but also an excellent life coach for the women at CIW and ARCWG.

CONCLUSION

Ms. Cumpian should be granted a pardon. Ms. Cumpian has worked tirelessly to atone for her commitment offense and leave a positive impact on every community she has been a part of. It would also be unjust to deny Ms. Cumpian the chance at opportunities otherwise available to her for doing what any mother would do in a similar circumstance; put the life of her son above all else. Although this does not excuse Ms. Cumpian’s decisions, she has never shirked responsibility for her actions. Instead, she has committed herself to living an honest and upright life and helping others do the same.

Despite the violence and abuse she faced at the hand of Mr. Choi, Ms. Cumpian managed

to overcome her trauma and dedicate her time in prison to bettering the lives of those around her. She has raised an exceptional young man with high moral values and a strong sense of country. She has helped other women who had faced similar forms of abuse through co facilitating various group therapies and domestic violence counseling. Ms. Cumpian continues to make a positive impact in the community through her work with the ARC. She continues to mentor inmates at CIW and parolees. Ms. Cumpian is actively making the community safer by creating groups such as the ARC Women's Group and attempting to reduce recidivism rates.

Ms. Cumpian respectfully requests that the Governor grant her a pardon.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi L. Rummel
Supervising Attorney
Post-Conviction Justice Project

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Adam Dalton

Adam Dalton, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

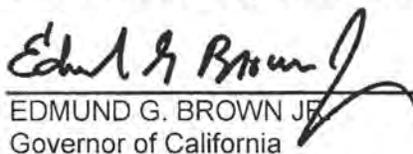
He was sentenced on or about August 15, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Amador for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 400 hours work program. He was discharged on August 15, 1989, having completed his sentence.

Adam Dalton has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Amador, an order dated November 15, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Adam Dalton has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Adam Dalton a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

AMADOR

Applicant's County of Residence

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

In the Matter of the Application of

ADAM DALTON

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AMADOR SUPERIOR COURT
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of

ADAM DALTON

, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 15th day

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of November 2017 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on August 15, 1989, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

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time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 15th day of November 2017

Day of the Month

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J.S. Hennerson
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jess Alan Daniels

Jess Alan Daniels, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 1, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and under the influence of a controlled substance while in the possession of a firearm. He served two years probation. He was discharged on March 1, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Jess Alan Daniels has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated December 30, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jess Alan Daniels has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jess Alan Daniels a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

In the Matter of the Application of

Jess Alan Daniels

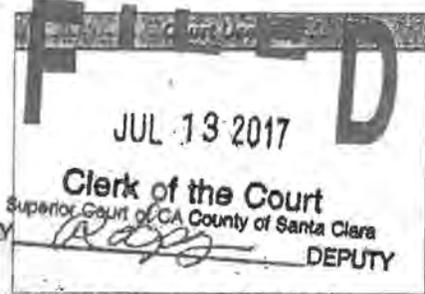
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* Corrected to show correct case numbers

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **Jess Alan Daniels**, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix if applicable

[REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State and Zip Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **30th** day of **December, 2016** and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **1-8-2005**, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been **3** time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this **30th** day of **December, 2016**
Day of the Month Month, Year

David A. Cena

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

David A. Cena
 Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Barbara Jo Davis

Barbara Jo Davis, a resident of Texas, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about August 8, 1966, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of forgery. Specifically, Ms. Davis forged a series of checks totaling approximately \$200. She served two years, six months prison, and three years, one month parole. She was discharged on April 19, 1972, having completed her sentence.

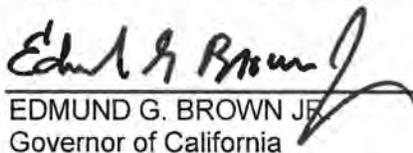
Barbara Jo Davis has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated December 2, 2004, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Davis reports that she is active in her church and visits local nursing homes. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Barbara Jo Davis has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Barbara Jo Davis a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

In the Matter of the Application of

Barbara Jo Davis

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

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Certificate Case Number BA255218

Criminal Case Number(s) CR10462

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**LOS ANGELES
SUPERIOR COURT**

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of BarbaraJoDavis presently residing at

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heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on December 2, 2004

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled February 19, 1969

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 2nd day of December 2004
Day of the Month Month, Year

LARRY FIDLER

[Handwritten Signature]



Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

Judge of said Superior Court -

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Eldevon Davis

Eldevon Davis, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 14, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Solano for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served five years, one month probation. He was discharged on April 30, 1999, having completed his sentence.

Eldevon Davis has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Solano, an order dated October 15, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Eldevon Davis has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Eldevon Davis a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

SOLANO
Applicant's County of Residence

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

In the Matter of the Application of

Eldevon Davis

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number FC30299

Date of Birth

Month Day, Year

CIJ Number

Criminal Case Number(s) FC30299

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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Clerk of the Superior Court

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By

DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **Eldevon Davis**, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at _____, heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 5th day

Day of the Month

of October, 2015 and proof having been made to the

Month Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 1997, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

Month Day, Year

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 5 day of October, 2015

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Wendy G. Getty

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Wendy G. Getty
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Robert Davis

Robert Davis, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 30, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kings for the crimes of grand theft with a street gang enhancement, and burglary. Specifically, Mr. Davis was a member of a motorcycle gang and stole items from another motorcycle gang, including cash, cell phones, t-shirts and other gang merchandise. He served one year, seven months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on May 3, 2008, having completed his sentence.

Robert Davis has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno, an order dated May 12, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Davis's former parole agent supports his request for a pardon. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Davis has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Davis a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Robert Davis

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number 17CRRP683666

Date of Birth [Redacted]

County, Day, Year

CII Number [Redacted]

Criminal Case Number(s) M36898, M37600, F69463-8, M0256123, S0428, 10CM2044

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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FRESNO SUPERIOR COURT

By [Signature] DEPT. 71 DEPUTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Robert Davis, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [Redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 12th day

Day of the Month

of May 2017 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on

May 5, 2005

Month Day, Year

, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 6 Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 12th day of May 2017

Day of the Month

Month, Year

JONATHAN COMKLIN

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

William Joseph De La Vega

William Joseph De La Vega, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 28, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served eight months prison, and one year, eight months parole. He was discharged on July 24, 2003, having completed his sentence.

William Joseph De La Vega has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated February 1, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, William Joseph De La Vega has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

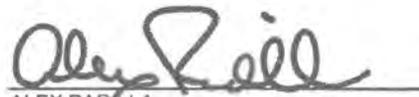
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to William Joseph De La Vega a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

BUTTE

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

WILLIAM JOSEPH DE LA VEGA

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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County of Butte

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Kimberly Flener, Clerk

By: *[Signature]* Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of William Joseph Delavega, presently residing



, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 1ST day

of February, 2017 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 2.24.1997, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

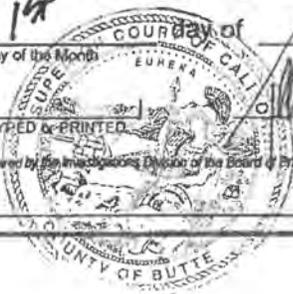
(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 1st February, 2017

[Signature]



[Signature]

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David de Noon

David de Noon, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 3, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Humboldt for the crimes of transporting a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served four years probation. He was discharged on November 3, 2007, having completed his sentence.

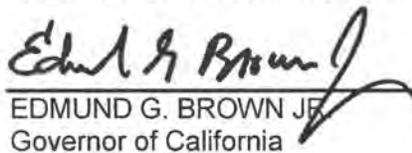
David de Noon has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Mendocino, an order dated June 29, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David de Noon has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David de Noon a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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<p>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO 100 N State St Rm 108 Ukiah, CA 95482-4416</p>	<p>FILED JUN 29 2017 CLERK OF MENDOCINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA <i>B. Rose Miller</i></p>
<p>In the Matter of the Application of David de Noon (aka Denoon) <i>Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable</i></p> <p>Date of Birth: [REDACTED] CII Number: [REDACTED] Criminal Case Number(s): CR025742BS (Humboldt)</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE NUMBER: <i>SCURKPT 2017-69123</i></p>
<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Penal Code § 4852.13)</p>	

The petition of David de Noon (aka Denoon), presently residing
at [REDACTED], requesting a

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
of the State of California, was heard on 6/29/17

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as
required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true,
and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of
the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on

November 3, 2003, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal
Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to
exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that the
that petitioner has been one (1) time(s) convicted of an eligible offense;

*The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise
all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and this Court recommends
that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.*

Dated: 6/29/17
John A. Behnke
Residing Judge

[Signature]
JOHN A. BEHNKE

This form was prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Larry Pelino DeLa Rosa

Larry Pelino DeLa Rosa, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 24, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of attempted voluntary manslaughter. He served one year, one month prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on February 9, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Larry Pelino DeLa Rosa has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated January 13, 2011, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. DeLa Rosa is a registered nurse and is active in his church. Indeed, members of his church described Mr. DeLa Rosa as being a hardworking man providing for his children and his family. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Larry Pelino DeLa Rosa has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Larry Pelino DeLa Rosa a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

LARRY PELIMO DE LA ROSA

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number NA038190

Criminal Case Number(s) NA038190



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LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

JAN 13 2011

JOHN A. CLARKE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CLERK
BY: E. HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITAION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition is presently residing at: [REDACTED]

Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on 1-13-2011

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 02/09/2000

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 13 day of January, 2011

Patricia M. Schnegg

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

Patricia Schnegg
Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE



JAN 13 2011

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

William Michael Delli Paoli

William Michael Delli Paoli, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 29, 1982, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served one year, six months prison, and two years parole. He was discharged on September 20, 1985, having completed his sentence.

William Michael Delli Paoli has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated November 12, 1989, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, William Michael Delli Paoli has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to William Michael Delli Paoli a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FEB 13 1996

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

CLERK, Executive Officer/Clerk

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In the Matter of the Application of

WILLIAM M. DELLI PAOLI

NO.: C-46368

Amended (Print or write your name legibly)

CII No.: _____

For a Certification of Rehabilitation and Pardon

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The ^{amended} petition of William M. Delli Paoli, presently residing

[REDACTED]

_____, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 13th day of February, 1996, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his

release on parole or probation on August 21, 1983, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been (once) (twice) (thrice) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 13th day of February, 1996.

MYRON S. BROWN

(Judge of said Superior Court)
Myron S. Brown

This form prepared under the direction of the office of the Attorney General of the State of California

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Mark George Ditchie

Mark George Ditchie, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 5, 1982, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Luis Obispo for the crime of planting or cultivating marijuana. He served two years, one month probation, and 20 days jail. He was discharged on April 23, 1984, having completed his sentence.

Mark George Ditchie has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, an order dated January 19, 1990, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Mark George Ditchie has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mark George Ditchie a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
By Janis Dumouchelle
DEPUTY CLERK

In the Matter of the Application of
Mark George Ditchie
(Print or write your name legibly)
For a Certification of Rehabilitation
and Pardon

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NO.: ~~11976~~

CII No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of Mark George Ditchie, presently residing
_____, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 19th day of January, 19 90, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or probation on March 20, 1982, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been (once) ~~twice~~ convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 19th day of January, 19 90.

[Signature]
(Judge of said Superior Court)

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Rory Patrick Doloughan

Rory Patrick Doloughan, a resident of Idaho, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 25, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Mono, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served one year, eight months probation. He was discharged on July 9, 1993 having completed his sentence.

Rory Patrick Doloughan has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Rory Patrick Doloughan, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rory Patrick Doloughan a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: RORY Patrick Dobughan Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
11360A, 11379A,	June 7, 1991	Mono	(withdrewn 1203.4)
11358, 11377A & 11357c H/S			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On June 7, 1991 I was arrested for transporting Marijuana & psilocybe mushrooms on my way home from College of the Redwoods in Eureka CA. to Bishop CA. The arrest was made in Mono County after successful treatment and probation my case was dismissed pursuant (1203.4) (see #11)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a pardon so I can put to rest a part of my past and restore my rights. In addition I am in the process of becoming a US citizen from my current lawful permanent Residence status in order to have voting privileges.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I paid my restitution to society over 20 years ago and am a productive member of society. I own with my wife of 15 years a successful construction company in Idaho am a home owner and property owner. I am a taxpayer in good standing and many years sober. I am asking to help put closure to a part of my past of which I am not

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jack Lorean Doyle Jr.

Jack Lorean Doyle Jr., a resident of Illinois, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 6, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, while under the influence of methamphetamine, Mr. Doyle drove individuals to a residence to commit burglary. He served three years probation, and 365 days jail. He was discharged on January 6, 2007 having completed his sentence.

Jack Lorean Doyle Jr. has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Doyle honorably served in the United States Navy.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jack Lorean Doyle Jr., has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jack Lorean Doyle Jr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jack Lorean Doyle Jr. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Residential Burglary	Nov. 2004	Los Angeles	1yr
Domestic Violence	Nov 2004	Los Angeles	Concurrent

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

These crimes I committed when I was using Drugs. I was the driver of the burglary and didn't know what I was doing. I pleaded guilty because I was guilty. The Domestic Violence was a restraining order violation which since I have divorced my Ex wife

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a pardon because I am applying for jobs that needs a clean record. I am also an avid hunter and cannot own a firearm I would like to start my life over and get a new clean slate.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I am clean of drugs for over 11 years. I have since remarried, have 2 additional kids and have not been in any trouble since the above crimes. I am a good influence in my community, purchased a house, and been employed with employer for over 10 years.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David Brian Drew

David Brian Drew, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 15, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He was next sentenced on or about February 22, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, eleven months prison, and one year, seven months parole in concurrent sentences. He was discharged on October 1, 1990, having completed his sentence. He was then sentenced on or about September 17, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of transporting or selling a controlled substance, and possession or purchasing a controlled substance for sale. He was then sentenced on or about July 27, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Ventura, for the crimes of conspiracy to commit a crime, and selling or furnishing marijuana. He served five years, one month prison, and three years parole in concurrent sentences. He was discharged on October 10, 2000, having completed his sentence.

David Brian Drew has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey, an order dated October 7, 2011, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Drew has owned his own trucking company, as well as an entertainment production company. Additionally, Mr. Drew is well respected among those in his community and is regarded as a man of great moral values, determination, perseverance, compassion, and generosity who has worked tirelessly to better himself and become an asset to society. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Drew's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on May 15, 2018. Mr. Drew also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on October 1, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Brian Drew has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.



THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Brian Drew a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

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Secretary of State

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13 FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY

14 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

15 Plaintiff,

16 vs.

17 DAVID BRIAN DREW,

18 Defendant.

19 CASE NO: M109119

20 [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING RELIEF

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21 The Court, having read and considered Defendant's application for a certificate of
22 rehabilitation, documents in support thereof, and the response from the People, if any, hereby orders:

- 23 1. The application for a Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted;
- 24 2. The Clerk's Office shall prepare the Certificate and direct it to the Governor's Office,
25 Department of Legal Affairs;
- 26 3. This order is made *nunc pro tunc* effective December 10, 2010, the day of the hearing on the
27 application.

28 DATED: OCT 07 2011 , 2011


HONORABLE KAY KINGLSEY
Judge of the Superior Court

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Billy Joe Duckworth

Billy Joe Duckworth, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 7, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crime of possession of controlled substances for sale. He served six months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on December 31, 1993, having completed his sentence.

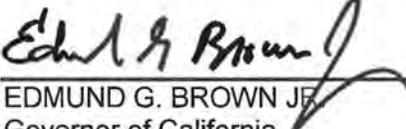
Billy Joe Duckworth has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated August 4, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Billy Joe Duckworth has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Billy Joe Duckworth a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Kern

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Billy Joe Duckworth

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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SUPERIOR COURT, METROPOLITAN DIVISION
COUNTY OF KERN
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BY ENDORSED DEPUTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Billy Joe Duckworth, presently residing at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 4th day of August, 2017 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on December 1st, 1992, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 4th day of August, 2017

David D. Minier
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPE OR PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Damian Robert Duran

Damian Robert Duran, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 2, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of carjacking. He served five years probation, and six months jail. He was discharged on July 2, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Damian Robert Duran has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated March 15, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Duran reports that he helps provide food to the homeless and less fortunate. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Damian Robert Duran has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Damian Robert Duran a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Juan Francisco Duran

Juan Francisco Duran, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 12, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served 180 days jail, nine months probation, one year, three months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on March 31, 1997, having completed his sentence.

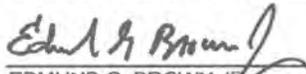
Juan Francisco Duran has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated August 10, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Juan Francisco Duran has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Juan Francisco Duran a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of

Juan Francisco Duran

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Certificate Case Number NA018429

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Sherril R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By B. Perez Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of JuanFranciscDuran presently residing at

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heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on August 10, 2017

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled March 1, 1996

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 10 day of AUGUST 2017
Day of the Month Month, Year

SCOTT M. GORDON
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED
SIGNATURE

Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Tyler James Edwards

Tyler James Edwards, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 28, 2014, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Modoc, for the crimes of assault with a deadly weapon, and obstructing or resisting an executive officer. He served three years, seven months probation, and 150 days jail. He was discharged on December 07, 2017 having completed his sentence.

Tyler James Edwards has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Edwards reports that he is clean and sober.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Tyler James Edwards, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tyler James Edwards a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Tyler James Edwards Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Ct. 2 245(a)(4) PC	10-15-13	Modoc	150 days
Ct. 3 245(a)(4) PC	10-15-13	Modoc	concurrent
Ct. 4 69 PC	10-15-13	Modoc	30 days

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was overintoxicated in a bar. I got into a fight with several locals.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I would like to try and clear my record of these convictions. I am gainfully employed and would like to advance within my company. These felonies make it almost impossible. I would also like my hunting rights restored and my ability to protect myself. I live remote and hunting is my favorite past time & tradition.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I openly acknowledge I had a drinking problem. I used it to cope with the losses of my family. This incident made me face that and not only did I quit drinking but I got counseling. This changed me forever and I will never repeat this again.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Angela Edzards (Legoretta)

Angela Edzards, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

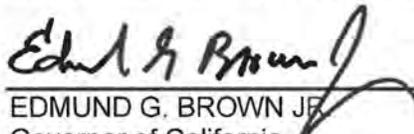
She was sentenced on or about February 18, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served three years probation. She was discharged on February 18, 2003, having completed her sentence.

Angela Edzards has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated June 1, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

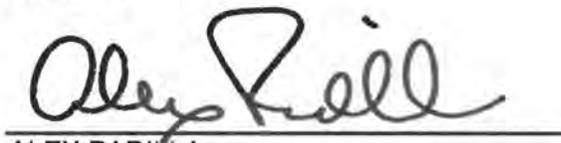
By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Angela Edzards has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Angela Edzards a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

Applicant's County of Residence

FP004262A

In the Matter of the Application of

ANGELA EDZARDS (LEGORETTA)

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number _____

Date of Birth _____

Month Day Year

CII Number _____

[Redacted]

Criminal Case Number(s) _____

MF005002A

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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KERN COUNTY
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TERRY McNALLY, CLERK
BY _____, DEPUTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of ANGELA EDZARDS (LEGORETTA)

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

, presently residing

at _____

[Redacted]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 10th day

Day of the Month

of May, 2017

Month, Year

and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on January 14, 2000, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this _____ day of _____

Day of the Month

Month, Year

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June 2017
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Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michael Louis Ehlerding

Michael Louis Ehlerding, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 28, 1970, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of possession of marijuana for sale. He served two years, two months probation. He was discharged on January 9, 1973, having completed his sentence.

Michael Louis Ehlerding has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Trinity, an order dated April 25, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Louis Ehlerding has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Louis Ehlerding a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TRINITY

Applicant's County of Residence

MAY 03 2017

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

In the Matter of the Application of

MICHAEL LOUIS EHLERDING

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

441716

CR21578

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF TRINITY
BY: MICHELE HUBBARD, DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of MICHAEL LOUIS EHLERDING, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 25 day

Day of the Month

of 17 APRIL 2017 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 01/09/73, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

Month Day, Year

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been ONE

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 25th day of April, 2017

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Elizabeth W. Johnson

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Elizabeth W. Johnson

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Vanskie Elder

Vanskie Elder, a resident of Tennessee, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 6, 1976, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of robbery. Specifically, while hospitalized for in-patient care at Long Beach Naval Hospital, he experienced an acute psychotic episode and robbed a massage parlor. He served two years, eight months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on August 24, 1980, having completed his sentence.

Vanskie Elder has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated November 15, 1984, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Elder obtained an Associate of Arts degree at El Camino College and reports that he co-founded the non-profit California Council of Service Advocates, which advocates for low-income disabled families and which he led for 17 years. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Vanskie Elder has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Vanskie Elder a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

VANSKIE ELDER

(Print or write your name legibly)

For a Certification of Rehabilitation
and Pardon

NO.: A 7^E 5668

CII No.: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of VANSKIE ELDER, presently residing

[REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the

Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 15th day

of November, 1984, and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his

release on parole or probation on August 24, 1979 that, where

appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been (once) ~~(twice)~~ convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 15th day of November, 1984.

~~MAILING ADDRESS:~~

[REDACTED]



Donald W. George
(Judge of said Superior Court)

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Steven Robert Elman

Steven Robert Elman, a resident of Colorado, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 10, 1978, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of selling or transporting marijuana. He served two years, nine months probation. He was discharged on January 29, 1981 having completed his sentence.

Steven Robert Elman has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Steven Robert Elman, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Steven Robert Elman a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: STEVEN ROBERT ELMAN Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
POSSESS MARIJUANA FOR SALE	1/29/1981	LOS ANGELES	JAIL/WORK RELEASE

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I WAS AT A FRIENDS HOUSE AND WAS APPROACHED BY SOMEONE TO PURCHASE MARIJUANA. I SOLD SOME MARIJUANA TO THAT PERSON.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR MY NAME + PURCHASE A RIFLE TO HUNT DEER + ELK.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I HAVE BEEN A GOOD PERSON - NO OTHER TROUBLE WITH THE LAW I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY STARTED A FEW BUSINESSES AND CURRENTLY AM A MAL TECHNICIAN OF OVER 25 YEARS, I OWN MY OWN HOME.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NONE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David Paul Esposito

David Paul Esposito, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 29, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He served nine months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on March 11, 2001, having completed his sentence.

David Paul Esposito has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated November 20, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Paul Esposito has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Paul Esposito a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

DAVID PAUL ESPOSITO

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

Month Day, Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of DAVID PAUL ESPOSITO

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

, presently residing

at

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this

20th

Day of the Month

of November, 2017

Month, Year

and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on MARCH 11, 2001

Month Day, Year

, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

1 Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

20

day of

November 2017

Month, Year

[Signature]

Michael Bush

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Johnny Murguia Estrada

Johnny Murguia Estrada, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 22, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare for the crimes of conspiracy to commit a crime, and possession of a machine gun. He served two years prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on April 3, 2004, having completed his sentence.

Johnny Murguia Estrada has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare, an order dated November 15, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Estrada has volunteered at local charity events and established an annual rib cook-off event in the City of Lindsay to help fund youth programs in his community. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Johnny Murguia Estrada has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Johnny Murguia Estrada a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

CR-2354-17

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Tulare

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of Johnny Murguia Estrada

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

Month Day, Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) PCF079280-95

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

FILED TULARE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT SOUTH COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER NOV 15 2017 STEPHANIE CAMERON, CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Johnny Murguia Estrada, presently residing at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this [redacted] day of [redacted] and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 04/03/2001, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 2 time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this [redacted] day of [redacted]

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



FORM 3 (Revised 12/5/01)

This form was prepared by the Investigation Division of the Board of Prison Terms pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.18.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David L. Fava

David L. Fava, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 1, 1979, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Fava appears to have broken into a grocery store. He served three years probation, and 120 days in jail. He was discharged on February 1, 1982, having completed his sentence.

David L. Fava has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada, an order dated February 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Fava reports that he is active with his local church. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David L. Fava has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David L. Fava a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

NEVADA

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

DAVID L. FAVA

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

FILE-000445

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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Superior Court of the State of California, County of Nevada

Judge Clerk: *[Signature]*

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of

DAVID L. FAVA

, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this February 3, 2017 day

Day of the Month

of _____ and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 2-1-1982

Month Day, Year

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been ONE

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

2/3/2017

Month, Year

Candace S. Heidelberg

Judge of said Superior Court, TYPE or PRINT



Candace S. Heidelberg

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

John Henry Fick

John Henry Fick, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 11, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crimes of transporting or selling a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance. He served one year, ten months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on September 19, 1991, having completed his sentence.

John Henry Fick has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated March 2, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, John Henry Fick has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to John Henry Fick a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

In the Matter of the Application of

JOHN HENRY FICK

For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Case Number: 17FE022241

CII No: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case [REDACTED]

ORS

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

By Lindsay Anderson, Deputy Clerk

The petition of JOHN HENRY FICK, presently residing at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 2nd day of March, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or probation in September of 1990, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 2nd day of March

Jaime B. Roman
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Barney Louis Firks II

Barney Louis Firks II, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 18, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crimes of robbery, and grand theft. Specifically, Mr. Firks stole CDs from a music store to help pay for his drug addiction. He served three years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on May 18, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Barney Louis Firks II has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated April 21, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Firks is clean and sober and is active with a twelve-step program. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Barney Louis Firks II has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Barney Louis Firks II a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

BARNEY LOUIS FIRKS II

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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By: K. CERSOSIMO

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of BARNEY LOUIS FIRKS II

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

presently residing

at

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

heretofore filed, praying

for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal

Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 21 day

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of APRIL, 2017 and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the

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Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory

proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the

required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to

completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation

on MAY 18, 1998, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 2F

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provide in Penal Code Section 4852.15). and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

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April, 2017

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DAVID M. GILL

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Handwritten Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

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PARDON

Aaron Matthew Fitzgerald

Aaron Matthew Fitzgerald, a resident of Tennessee, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 1, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, while under the influence of drugs, Mr. Fitzgerald entered a residence without permission. He served nine months prison, and one year, seven months parole. He was discharged on July 8, 1997 having completed his sentence.

Aaron Matthew Fitzgerald has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Fitzgerald reports that he remains drug-free and that he is active in his church and local Rotary club.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Aaron Matthew Fitzgerald, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Aaron Matthew Fitzgerald a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Aaron Matthew Fitzgerald Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Burglary	Nov/Dec 1994	Butte	4 yrs / CFC

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

When I was a teenager I was hanging out with the wrong crowd & got into drugs. As a result I made poor choices. This conviction I got was a result of burglary to support my drug habit. I have completed parole & have not got into any drugs ever since. I have lived a clean life since.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I currently live in Tennessee & want to have all the rights restored to me. I have proven in the last 20+ years that I have been an up standing citizen. I currently own my own business & have never had drug fees since 1994.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I currently work with my church & talk to people about the issues I had with drugs & also help parents that have their kids going through what I went through. I help at the local food bank & soup kitchen to positively impact the lives of others.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

James Christopher Ford

James Christopher Ford, a resident of Colorado, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 11, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crime of receiving stolen property. He served nine months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on May 1, 1992 having completed his sentence.

James Christopher Ford has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, after leaving prison, Mr. Ford reports that he paid his way through college and has created two successful businesses.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, James Christopher Ford, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to James Christopher Ford a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: JAMES Christopher Ford Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<i>Grand Theft #487</i>	<i>5-18-1990</i>	<i>Orange County</i>	<i>16 months</i>

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please See Attached Statement

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please See Attached Statement

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please See Attached Statement

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I have NOT paid anyone to prepare this on my behalf.

James Christopher Ford

July 2, 2017



Answers & Statement for Application for Gubernatorial Pardon

1. Grand theft #487 Date: 5/18/1990 Orange County 16 months served

2. I was discharged Honorably from the US Army after serving for 8 years and moved to California where I was living and working as a home remodeler. I met my girlfriend at the time and we lived together. She was an airline stewardess and was gone for many weeks at a time. We shared and paid the bills together and when she was gone, I would take care of the bills. I used her credit card many times and we paid them. I told her I needed a credit card for myself and I said I would fill it out as an added authorized person on her account and she said that is fine. After receiving the credit card and using it, we broke up and I moved out and then she filed a police report that I opened the card without her authorization. There was nothing I could do to prove she gave me permission so I took a deal for 16 months. This left me with a Felony and I finished my time and moved back home to Colorado where I was on parole for about 1 year and then released. I have never broken any laws since that time and have made amends for my mistake. It has been over 27 years since I made that mistake.

3. I am humbly and respectfully requesting a full pardon and asking for all my rights to be restored. Since I have made that mistake over 27 years ago, I have worked very hard to make up for that one mistake. I learned very fast that prison is not a place I would ever want to visit again. I have worked hard to put myself through college and have a wonderful family and friends and belong to a very nice church here in Colorado.

I worked as a director for an electric company and attended college at night for 8 years in a row and received a Bachelor's Degree, and 2 masters Degrees, one with an MBA. I am married and my son just graduated in 2016 at Cal State Fullerton and is now married there in Orange County.

Today, I own 2 companies here in the Denver metro area and I also am a real estate investor when the market as houses to flip. I am currently studying to get my real estate license and would like to have the felony taken off my records for my mistake I made over 27 years ago.

Yes, I did make this mistake a long time ago and I would never do anything like that again. I love being a business person here and many look up to me as do my employees. I will be 55 this year and it is a dream of mine to have my rights restored, Receive and Pardon and put this behind me as an example that everyone will make mistakes, but you can make them right.

4. I feel that I am now an example of how society will not judge you only for what you have done wrong, but what you will do to make things right. I have worked very hard to make my life mean something to my family and friends, I own 2 businesses, highly educated and I have the respect of many.

I will always give back to my community and help others in need, I highly respect our Law enforcement and sometimes I wish I had become a police officer at times as some of my friends are police officers.

I am also thinking of attending at night to get a law degree at the University of Denver, however with a felony record, I may not be able to sit for the law exam and or get licensed.

I feel I have earned a pardon because I didn't take the easy way out of life and just sit back and feel sorry for myself. I have worked hard and made up for the mistake I made over 27 years ago.

5. I have not paid anyone to help me prepare this statement.

(supporting Documents attached)

Thank you very much for this consideration

Sincerely,

James Christopher Ford

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Roderick Lamont Foreman

Roderick Lamont Foreman, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 15, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of assault with a firearm. He served four years, two months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on October 9, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Roderick Lamont Foreman has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 7, 2012, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Roderick Lamont Foreman has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Roderick Lamont Foreman a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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In the Matter of the Application of

Roderick Lamont Foreman

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Date of Birth [REDACTED]

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Roderick Lamont Foreman presently residing at

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heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on June 7, 2012

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled October 9, 2003

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 7 day of JUNE 2012
Day of the Month Month, Year

PATRICIA SCARZEGA

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

Patricia Scarzega

Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Gregory Allen Fowler

Gregory Allen Fowler, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 7, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Inyo for the crime of driving under the influence with prior specific convictions. He served one year, four months prison, and two years, six months parole. He was discharged on September 25, 1996, having completed his sentence.

Gregory Allen Fowler has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated February 23, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Fowler attends a twelve-step program and has been sober for over a decade. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Gregory Allen Fowler has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Gregory Allen Fowler a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

GREGORY ALLEN FOWLER

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number **FELVS1502410**

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) **18298**

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **GREGORY ALLEN FOWLER**, presently residing

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at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 23rd day

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of February, 2016 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on October 1996, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

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time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 23rd day of February

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JOHN M. TOMBERLIN

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

John Jeffrey Frates

John Jeffrey Frates, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 27, 2001, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma for the crime of stalking. He served one year, three months probation, four months prison, and three years, eleven months parole. He was discharged on March 24, 2007, having completed his sentence.

John Jeffrey Frates has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma, an order dated May 24, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Frates reports that he is clean and sober, attends church, and has volunteered with the Redwood Gospel Mission for the last 10 years. Through that organization, he visits the Sonoma County jail every week to share his story and help other addicts turn their lives around. The victim in this case has also written in support of Mr. Frates and affirms his personal transformation. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, John Jeffrey Frates has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to John Jeffrey Frates a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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In the Matter of the Application of

JOHN JEFFREY FRATES

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Certificate Number

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of JOHN JEFFREY FRATES, presently residing

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3 heretofore filed, praying for

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a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 24th day of MAY, 2017 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on MAY, 2007, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one (1)

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time(s) convicted of a felony; PC 646.9(a) P

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 24th day of MAY, 2017

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Janie Thistlethwaite
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jose Angel Garcia

Jose Angel Garcia, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 13, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 150 days jail. He was discharged on April 13, 2001, having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about March 31, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino for the misdemeanor crime of receiving known stolen property. He served two years probation, and 40 days jail. He was discharged on April 30, 1994, having completed his sentence.

Jose Angel Garcia has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated December 12, 2013, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jose Angel Garcia has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jose Angel Garcia a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

FVA 1300685
NO. FEIFS 1300685

In the Matter of the Application of

Jose Angel Garcia
(Print or write your name legibly)

CII No. _____

For a Certification of Rehabilitation and Pardon

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of Jose Angel Garcia, presently residing at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this _____ day of _____, 2013, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to this completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or probation on April 13, 1998, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been (once) ~~(twice)~~ ~~(thrice)~~ convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 12 day of 12/2013



[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court

This form is prepared under the direction of the office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

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CII [REDACTED]

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Martha Alicia Garcia (Lopez)

Martha Alicia Garcia, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about June 1, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served three years probation. She was discharged on June 1, 1992, having completed her sentence.

Martha Alicia Garcia has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Stanislaus, an order dated August 29, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Martha Alicia Garcia has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Martha Alicia Garcia a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

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In the Matter of the Application of
Martha Garcia (Also Known As: Martha Alicia Lopez)

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Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

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Criminal Case Numbers(s) 128676

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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Martha Garcia presently residing at: **Martha Garcia**
[REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for a hearing on AUG 29 2017.

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on:

that, where appropriate, the petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code 1203.4, and that the petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon of said petitioner. If petitioner was required to register as a sex offender, petitioner is no longer required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code section 290.5.

Done in open court this 29 day of August, 2017

[Signature]
Judge of Said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

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Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE
ROBERT B. WESTBROOK

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jan John Gharibian

Jan John Gharibian, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 22, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on April 25, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Jan John Gharibian has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated October 12, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jan John Gharibian has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jan John Gharibian a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

JAN JOHN GHARIBIAN

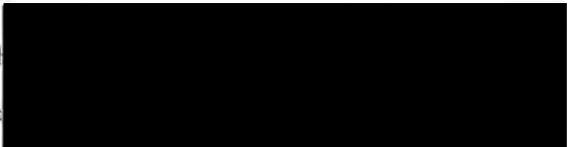
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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

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By Stan Karlohata Deputy

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:



Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on 10-12-2017

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 4-25-2006

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

** THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS THAT THE PETITIONER NO LONGER IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE SECTION 290.5.

Done in open court this 12th day of October, 2017

SAM OHTA

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed



[Signature]

the Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Charles James Gibson

Charles James Gibson, a resident of Nevada, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 29, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and possession of a substance to manufacture a controlled substance. He served one year, four months prison, and two years, eleven months parole. He was discharged on May 6, 2003 having completed his sentence.

Charles James Gibson has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Charles James Gibson, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Charles James Gibson a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Charles James Gibson Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Possession with intent to sell	8/20/1998	Riverside	32 months

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was at a house that was raided and I had in my possession, 1/4 ounce methamphetamine.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I made a terrible mistake and paid a dear price by losing my freedom and my civil rights. I regret doing what I did and I have, since my release, done everything in my power to become an upstanding citizen that contributes positively to society.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

While incarcerated, I was a model inmate, worked every day, and was released early for good behavior. Since being released, I sought out training for a career that I have been in now since 2006. I'm a hard worker, I've recently purchase my first new home, I have a wonderful family and in every way am a positive role model.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Brian Jerome Gilman

Brian Jerome Gilman, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

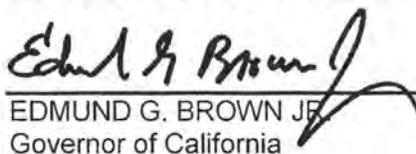
He was sentenced on or about February 10, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served one year prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on April 2, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Brian Jerome Gilman has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma, an order dated April 10, 2013, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Brian Jerome Gilman has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Brian Jerome Gilman a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Gilman, Brian

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Sonoma

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

BRIAN JEROME GILMAN
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) MCR-327661
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SONOMA
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Brian Jerome Gilman, presently residing

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this Tenth day

of April 2013 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on March 3, 2003, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been One

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 10th day of April 2013

Dana Simonds
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Dana Simonds
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jaime Gomez

Jaime Gomez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 20, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of assault with a firearm on a person, with a street gang enhancement. He served one year, four months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on August 12, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Jaime Gomez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated December 15, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jaime Gomez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jaime Gomez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CR-533-16

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

Jaime Gomez

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Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number SA041776

Criminal Case Number(s) SA041776-02

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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk

By [Signature] Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Jaime Gomez presently residing at

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heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on December 15, 2015

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled April 20, 2006

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 15 day of DECEMBER 2015
Day of the Month Month, Year

JAMES R. BRANDLIN

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Timothy Raymond Gutierrez

Timothy Raymond Gutierrez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 13, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of robbery. He served eleven months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on October 15, 1993, having completed his sentence.

Timothy Raymond Gutierrez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 16, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Gutierrez has earned a number of vocational certificates and reports that he owns his own small business. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Timothy Raymond Gutierrez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Timothy Raymond Gutierrez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



In the Matter of the Application of

Timothy Raymond Gutierrez

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

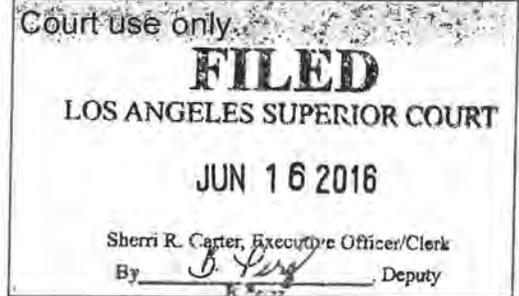
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Timothy Raymond Gutierrez presently residing at

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heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on June 16, 2016

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled September 15, 1992

Paroled January 10, 1990

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 2 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 16 day of JUNE 2016
Day of the Month Month, Year

JAMES R. BRANDLIN
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED
SIGNATURE

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Todd Hagey

Todd Hagey, a resident of Virginia, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 24, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served one year, seven months probation, and 27 days jail. He was discharged on October 5, 1994, having completed his sentence.

Todd Hagey has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated October 21, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Todd Hagey has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Todd Hagey a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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ALAN CARLSON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CLERK

Alan Carlson

BY: _____ DEPUTY

Attorney for Petitioner TODD HAGEY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ORANGE, CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION OF
TODD HAGEY
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
REHABILITATION AND PARDON

Case No. ~~EWV31629~~ M 16799

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

CII: [REDACTED]
CASE: RCR 22399

The petition of TODD HAGEY, presently residing at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on October 21, 2016, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to petitioner's completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon petitioner's release on probation or parole in or about October 1994, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

1 (except as provided in *Penal Code* §4852.15).

2 WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does hereby order,
3 adjudge, and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and
4 political rights of citizenship (except as provided in *Penal Code* §4852.15), and by virtue thereof this
5 court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

6 Dated: 10-21-16




Judge of the Superior Court
SHEILA HANSON

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Dante Jamal Hale

Dante Jamal Hale, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 16, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the misdemeanor crime of receiving stolen property. Specifically, Mr. Hale pawned stolen items. He served five years, eight months probation, 577 days jail, four months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on July 6, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Dante Jamal Hale has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 18, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Hale teaches a bible study class and is an usher in his church. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Dante Jamal Hale has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Dante Jamal Hale a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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In the Matter of the Application of

Dante Jamal Hale

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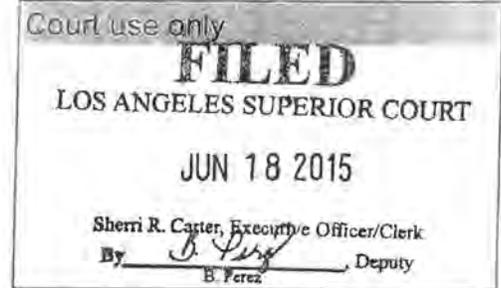
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Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number MA015744

Criminal Case Number(s) MA015744



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Dante Jama Hale presently residing at

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hereof filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on June 18, 2015

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled June 6, 2004

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 18 day of 2015 JUNE
Day of the Month Month, Year

JAMES R. BRANOLIN

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED
SIGNATURE

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

James John Haley

James John Haley, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 25, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on July 25, 1991, having completed his sentence.

James John Haley has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin, an order dated October 13, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, James John Haley has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to James John Haley a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

JAMES JOHN HALEY

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

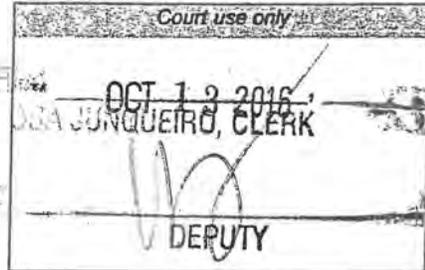
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Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of JAMES JOHN HALEY

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

, presently residing

at

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this

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Day of the Month

day

of

October, 2016

Month, Year

and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 9/16/1991

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, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

Day of the Month

day of

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Month, Year

RICHARD A. VLAVIANOS

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

THE ANNEXED INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN MY OFFICE. CAUTION: SEAL MUST BE IN PLACE. AT ST ROY JUNQUERO 1613-16

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Timothy Louis Handel

Timothy Louis Handel, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 7, 2001, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crimes of conspiracy to commit a crime, transporting or selling a controlled substance, and selling a controlled substance under special circumstances. He served two years, four months prison, and one year, seven months parole. He was discharged on November 22, 2005, having completed his sentence.

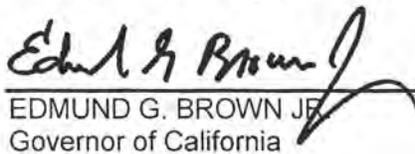
Timothy Louis Handel has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated March 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Handel worked as a fire chief for many years, and is described as hardworking and dedicated, and is well respected by his colleagues and peers for his work ethic, professionalism, compassion, and dedication to his family and the community. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Timothy Louis Handel has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Timothy Louis Handel a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:



ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

TIMOTHY LOUIS HANDEL

Type Applicant's Full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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Certificate Number

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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By: K. CERSOSIMO

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of TIMOTHY LOUIS HANDEL

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

, heretofore filed, praying

for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal

Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 3RD day

Day of the Month

of MARCH, 2017 and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the

Month, Year

Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory

proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the

required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to

completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation

on APRIL 14, 2004, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 8F

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provide in Penal Code Section 4852.15). and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

3rd

Day of the Month

day of

March, 2017

Month, Year

DAVID M. GILL

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Handwritten Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David Leon Harris

David Leon Harris, a resident of Tennessee, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 23, 1976, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of burning a building that is not a dwelling. He served five years probation. He was discharged on April 23, 1981 having completed his sentence.

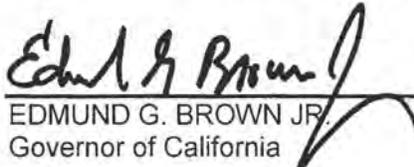
David Leon Harris has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Leon Harris, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Leon Harris a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) **If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: David Leon Harris Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Email Address: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED] *cell*
Home [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
<i>" See attached letter "</i>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

2/19/17

Dear Sir:

My name is David Leon Harris, in 1974 I was 18 years old. I am now 60 years old.

I worked as a security office at a warehouse.

I was arrested for burning some old time cards. I was taken to court, my mother - step father paid \$2600⁰⁰ for the time cards.

I was put on probation for one year. I am a coach driver and have been all my life. I work for [REDACTED]

I am not able to get a passport to drive to Canada, as they say this is still on my record.

I was visiting my father at the time it happened.

Will you please see if you can find this in archives and please have it taken off my record.

David Harris

[REDACTED]

Home phone [REDACTED]
Cell [REDACTED]

I Thank You,
David Harris

P.S I have not had anything on my record since then.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Robert Russell Harris Jr.

Robert Russell Harris Jr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 3, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 60 days jail. He was discharged on December 3, 1990, having completed his sentence.

Robert Russell Harris Jr. has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated June 22, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Russell Harris Jr. has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Russell Harris Jr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State



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In the Matter of the Application of
Robert Russell Harris, Jr.

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DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court

JUN 22 2018

DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court

BY: Monica Johnson DEPUTY

Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number:

Criminal Case Number(s): 86CF01477

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION
(Penal Code § 4852.13)

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:
M 17475

The petition of Robert Russell Harris, Jr., presently residing

at _____, requesting a

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, was heard on JUN 22 2018

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 12/3/1990

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that the that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a felony;

The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: JUN 22 2018



[Handwritten Signature]

JUDGE ELIZABETH GUERRERO MAGIAS

This form was prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Timothy Harry

Timothy Harry, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 3, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Stanislaus for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm. He served two years probation, and 160 days jail. He was discharged on October 3, 1992, having completed his sentence.

Timothy Harry has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Stanislaus, an order dated September 27, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, friends describe him as a great family man who puts aside his needs to better his family, and who is honest and hardworking. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Timothy Harry has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Timothy Harry a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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1 STEVEN O'CONNOR
2 Attorney at Law
3 1509 K Street #179
4 Modesto, California 95354
5 Telephone: [REDACTED]

6 Attorney for Timothy Harry

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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BY *Jabina Amador*
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7 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
8 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS**

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10 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
11 CALIFORNIA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 **TIMOTHY HARRY,**

15 Defendant.
16 _____

CASE NO. 1499900

CERTIFICATE OF
REHABILITATION
[California Penal Code
Section 4582.01]

DATE: September 27, 2016
TIME: 8:30 am
DEPT: 5

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18 The Petition of Timothy Harry, presently residing at [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] Stanislaus County, heretofore filed, praying for a
20 Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3
21 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on
22 September 27, 2016, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that
23 notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from
24 satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said
25 petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since
26 petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to petitioner's completion of the term
27 to which he was sentenced, or upon petitioner's release on parole or probation on
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October 3, 1990, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4 and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

DATED: 9-27-16



Thomas D. Jeff
Honorable Thomas Zeff
Judge of the Superior Court

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Robert J. Harwood

Robert J. Harwood, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 1, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of burglaries, possession of a controlled substance for sale, and entering a noncommercial dwelling. He served six months prison, and two years parole. He was discharged on March 14, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Robert J. Harwood has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Francisco, an order dated November 2, 2011, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Specifically, Mr. Harwood stole a purse and was found in possession of controlled substances and other paraphernalia. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert J. Harwood has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert J. Harwood a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

In the Matter of the Application of

Mr. Robert J. Harwood

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle Last and Suffix, if Applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number(s) 2457269

Criminal Case Numbers(s) 2457269



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BY: <u>P. Lee</u>

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Mr. Robert J. Harwood presently residing at: Mr. Robert J. Harwood



heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for a hearing on 11/2/11.

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on: 3/14/2000

that, where appropriate, the petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code 1203.4, and that the petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon of said petitioner. If petitioner was required to register as a sex offender, petitioner is no longer required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code section 290.5.

Done in open court this 2 day of November, 2011.

ANGELA BROADSTREET
Judge of Said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Angela Broadstreet
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Kyle Matthew Hathaway

Kyle Matthew Hathaway, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 27, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and keeping a place to sell controlled substances. He served three years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on June 27, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Kyle Matthew Hathaway has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated March 14, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, a probation officer that was familiar with his case wrote in support of Mr. Hathaway's application for a pardon that he is a well-respected and caring person, and that a pardon would benefit his community. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Kyle Matthew Hathaway has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kyle Matthew Hathaway a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

Butte

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Kyle Matthew Hathaway

Type Applicant's Full Name - First (Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable)

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Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

02-033071A

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

Superior Court of California	
County of Butte	
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By <u>Dunlop</u>	Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Kyle Matthew Hathaway, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 14th day

Day of the Month

of March, 2018 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 6-27-2006, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 2

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

14th day of

March, 2018

Month, Year

ROBERT GLUSHAN

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPE OF PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

John Andrew Hazen

John Andrew Hazen, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 11, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of El Dorado for the crime of driving under the influence causing bodily injury. He served one year, eleven months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on August 6, 1998, having completed his sentence.

John Andrew Hazen has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated December 22, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Hazen owns his own landscaping business. He reports that he is active in his church, and donates his services to his church and others in need. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, John Andrew Hazen has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to John Andrew Hazen a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

In the Matter of the Application of
JOHN ANDREW HAZEN

} Case Number: 16FE016863
} CII No: [REDACTED]
} Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
} Criminal Case No. CP95F-00075
}

For a Certificate of Rehabilitation and Pardon

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of JOHN ANDREW HAZEN, presently residing at [REDACTED], [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 22nd day of DECEMBER, 2016, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to {his/her} completion of the term to which {he/she} was sentenced, or upon {his/her} release on parole or probation in July, 1998, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by {his/her} course of conduct {his/her} rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 22nd day of DECEMBER, 2016.



BUNMI AWONIYI,
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Sean Hean

Sean Hean, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Hean lawfully entered the United States at the age of nine months as a refugee from Cambodia.

He was sentenced on or about September 25, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin, for the crime of accessory after the fact with a criminal street gang enhancement. Specifically, Mr. Hean hid weapons that had been used in a gang-related shooting. He served eleven months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on September 24, 2010 having completed his sentence.

Sean Hean has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Hean's supporters wrote that he holds himself accountable for his crime, and that he works hard to support his elderly parents, his wife, and his family.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Sean Hean, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sean Hean a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) **If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Sean Hean Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC32 Accessory	9/2004 (Offense)	San Joaquin County	3Years
	2/2006 (Convicted)		2years Enhancement

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was convicted of a felony based on my involvement. It's was the beginning of my weekend off from work, drinking and hanging with friends. I decided to go for a ride with my friends that night, I assumed we would get more beer but their intent was different. Now I'm involved in drive-by shooting. There is no excuse for my actions and I accept responsibility.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

The purpose for seeking a pardon is I'm facing deportation. I'm a Lawful Permanent Resident I'm unable to go through the process of receiving the Certificate of Rehabilitation because I might get deported soon. Attached is my family story. In addition please see the recent news article.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have taken full responsibility and recognize that I made a very poor decision that night and through my young adult life. I have learned from my mistakes and my family has notice that I have immediately distanced myself from all my old friend that were a bad influence on me.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

October 22, 2018

To the Honorable Governor Brown:

The purpose of this letter is to seek a pardon for the crime I was involved in. Regardless of my sincerest apology and good deeds I cannot make up for the pain I caused the victim's family, the community, and my own family. I ask with desire to show that a person, especially a young adult, can learn from their mistakes, even tragic mistakes and grow into moral, responsible and positive contribution to society.

The reason for a pardon is I am facing deportation to Cambodia. I am a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States. My parents and I came to the United States as refugees. My parents escaped and survived the genocide of the Khmer Rouge regime, that killed almost 3 million Cambodian people. They fled to a nearby country Thailand to a refugee camp. I was born there. Even though I was born in a Thailand refugee camp, I am not a citizen of Thailand (see attached birth certificate for reference) I am not a citizen of Cambodia. I was not born there, nor have I ever lived or even visited the country. I do not know of any relatives in Cambodia and I barely speak the language. The U.S. is the only country here I have ever truly known.

When we arrived in the United States I was 9 months old and have resided here ever since. I feel this is my country and home. We lived with many different people until my parents were able to sustain a living. Then we had our own place in Stockton, CA. I was raised along with my four younger siblings in the Housing Authority Project in Stockton, CA. I remember as a child it was hard to see my parents struggle to speak English and adapt to the American culture. I never understood why as a kid, I always saw other nationalities/cultures make fun of us because my parents could not speak English. A lot of times people would ask if Cambodians would eat dogs and cats. I often got made fun of for this. I was 8 years old in 1989 when the Cleveland Elementary School Shooting occurred in Stockton, CA. I saw on the news that a shooter was targeting Southeast Asian children and some of the dead kids were Cambodian. Even though I was never at that school I felt the pain. I had friends that went to that school when the shooting happened. I was mad and angry. I did not know why we were not accepted. As I grew up, these negative feelings caused me to be drawn to the wrong crowd which would later lead to my incarceration.

Being the oldest child, I needed to be a role model to my younger siblings and was responsible to help my parents. At the age of 14 and 15 I worked for the summer youth program. Then at 16, I got a part-time job working for [REDACTED]. By the age 18 I got a job working for [REDACTED] a company that manufactures PVC pipe. I worked there until the age 24 when I was incarcerated.

When I got released I found a job working for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. This company specializes in testing and repairing backflow preventer devices that protect our public drinking water. I was a field certified tester, but I also handled office work, city contract, and water

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purveyor contract. I worked there for nine years. In March of 2017, I decided to expand my knowledge to a different field in construction. Now I am working for [REDACTED]. I got hired in the Estimating department as a Junior/assistant estimator. I assist our senior estimator with drawing plans takeoff, vendors pricing, and submittal. I also help our project manager and purchasing manager with Purchasing logs and close out documents. As you can see I have always worked since I was a teenager to help my parents. I work as an adult to support my own family now. To this day, I still try to be a role model to my younger siblings despite my current circumstances.

My parents lived day to day trying to survive not realizing I should have obtained my U.S. Citizenship. I never realized it either. I thought Permanent Resident meant we were here legally and permanent. It was not until I was convicted of a crime that I realized this to not be the case. My attorney never explained the consequences of being a permanent resident when I took the plea deal. Since then both my parents and I have received a lot of criticism for not knowing they should have obtained my U.S. citizenship as a child. There were not many resources available to my parents back then. The internet was not around. I was raised here, I went to school here, I work and pay my taxes. My culture is American, of course I am an American.

I truly understand that you receive a lot of requests for pardons. I am hoping and praying that you can understand my request, and that I just need a second chance to be in the United States with my wife, my son and all my other family. I have taken full responsibility and recognize that I made a poor decision. Also, I am asking you to give me an opportunity to show people and my own son when he grows up that any person can overcome obstacles and deserves a second chance.

Sincerely,



Sean Hean

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michael Robert Hedgpeth

Michael Robert Hedgpeth, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

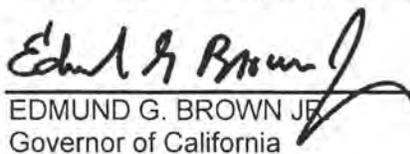
He was sentenced on or about April 5, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. He served five years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on April 5, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Michael Robert Hedgpeth has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated November 23, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Robert Hedgpeth has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Robert Hedgpeth a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

In the Matter of the Application of

MICHAEL ROBERT HEDGPETH

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Case Number: 16FE016110

CII No: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case No. 02F00851

For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

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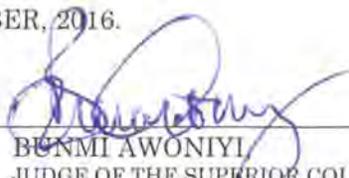
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LEGAL AFFAIRS

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of MICHAEL ROBERT HEDGPETH, presently residing at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 2016, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to {his/her} completion of the term to which {he/she} was sentenced, or upon {his/her} release on parole or probation in JULY 11, 2006, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by {his/her} course of conduct {his/her} rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 2016.



BENMI AWONIYI
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Aleksia Hepner (Lindsay)

Aleksia Hepner, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about January 7, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of selling or transporting marijuana. She served four years, six months probation, and five months jail. She was discharged on July 8, 2007, having completed her sentence.

Aleksia Hepner has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated January 22, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Aleksia Hepner has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Aleksia Hepner a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

CR-653-16

In the Matter of the Application of

Aleksia Mary Penelope Hepner

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number **214984**

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month, Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) **CC308096, CC249840**
List Applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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DAVID H. YAMASAKI
Chief Executive Officer/Clerk
Superior Court of the County of Santa Clara

BY [Signature] DEPUTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **Aleksia Mary Penelope Hepner**, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix if applicable
at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State and Zip Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **Twenty Second** day
Day of the Month
of **January 2016** and proof having been made to the
Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and
from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and
that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due
to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation
on **November 21st, 2006**, that, where appropriate, petitioner has
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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course
of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except
as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been **two**
Total Number of Felony Convictions
time(s) convicted of a felony;

*WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and
decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of
citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court
recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.*

Done in open court this **Twenty Second** day of **January 2016**
Day of the Month Month, Year

Hon. David A. Cena

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED



[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David Lee Herrod

David Lee Herrod, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 30, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm. Specifically, Mr. Herrod punched an individual in the face at a gas station. He served five years probation, and five months jail. He was discharged on December 30, 2003, having completed his sentence.

David Lee Herrod has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of El Dorado, an order dated September 7, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Herrod reports that he is active with a local farm bureau. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Lee Herrod has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Lee Herrod a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

El Dorado

Applicant's County of Residence

OCT 06 2016

GOVERNORS OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS

In the Matter of the Application of

David Lee Herrod

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of David Lee Herrod, presently residing

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 7 day

of September 2016 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 12/30/2003, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 7 day of September 2016

Judge Gary Hahn



[Signature]

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Sara Lee Heuston (Palmer)

Sara Lee Heuston, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about November 2, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. She served three years, four months probation, and 90 days jail. She was discharged on March 26, 1991, having completed her sentence.

Sara Lee Heuston has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated December 18, 2002, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Sara Lee Heuston has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sara Lee Heuston a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

SARA LEE HEUSTON aka PALMER

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number _____

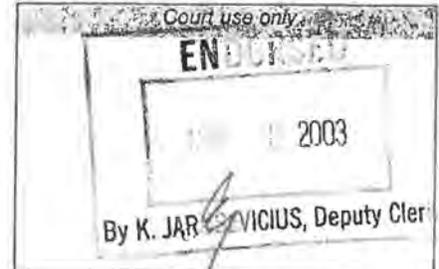
Date of Birth _____

Month Day, Year

CII Number _____

Criminal Case Number(s) _____

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of SARA LEE HEUSTON aka PALMER, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable
at _____, heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code
a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 18th day
Day of the Month
of December, 2002 and proof having been made to the
Month, Year
satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;
and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are
true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from
custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-
ole or probation on March 26, 1991, that, where appropriate, petitioner has
Month Day, Year
obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the
course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship
(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been two (2)
Total Number of Felony Convictions
time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 18th day of December
Day of the Month Month, Year

T. CANTIL-SAKAUYE

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

T. Cantil-Sakauye
Judge of said Superior Court



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Paul Otis Hollins

Paul Otis Hollins, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

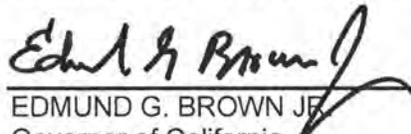
He was sentenced on or about July 19, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation, and 240 days jail. He was discharged on July 19, 1991, having completed his sentence.

Paul Otis Hollins has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated February 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Paul Otis Hollins has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Paul Otis Hollins a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST POST OFFICE BOX 22024 SANTA ANA, CA 92702-2024	RECEIVED SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER	<i>For Court Use Only</i>
In the Matter of the Application of Paul Otis Hollins	SEP - 9 2016	FILED OF ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable	JAMES CARLSON, Clerk of the Court	FEB 03 2017
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	BY: <u>C. DOAN</u> , DEPUTY	MICH. YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court
CII Number: [REDACTED]		<i>[Signature]</i>
Criminal Case Number(s): C-67659 & 93HF0062		
CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Penal Code § 4852.13)		CERTIFICATE NUMBER: M - 16806

The petition of Paul Otis Hollins, presently residing at [REDACTED], requesting a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, was heard on 11-18-16 and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on January 14, 1989, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that the that petitioner has been one time(s) convicted of a felony;

The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: 2-3-17



[Signature]
 SHEILA HANSON
 Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE

This form was prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Viet Quoc Hong

Viet Quoc Hong, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 25, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of vehicle theft and misdemeanor driving while his license was suspended. He served five months probation before it was revoked due to the next convictions. He was then sentenced on or about February 7, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, in separate cases, for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanor use or under the influence of a controlled substance, vehicle theft, and misdemeanor driving with a suspended license. He served ten months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on February 1, 1998, having completed his sentence.

Viet Quoc Hong has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated February 22, 2010, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Hong's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on May 31, 2018. Mr. Hong also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on October 25, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Viet Quoc Hong has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.



THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Viet Quoc Hong a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

In the Matter of the Application of _____

Viet Quoc Hong

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number **211487**

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month, Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) **185655, 185654, 182354**
List Applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **Viet Quoc Hong**, presently residing _____
Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix if applicable

at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State and Zip Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **22nd** day of **February, 2010** and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **1997**, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been **3** time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this **22nd** day of **February, 2010**
Day of the Month Month, Year

Socrates P. Manoukian

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature] JUDGE OF SAID SUPERIOR COURT SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Louis (Bill) Honig

Louis Honig, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 24, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the crime of conflict of interest with a government contract. He served three years, nine months probation. He was discharged on December 19, 1996 having completed his sentence.

Louis Honig has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Honig has devoted much of his life to education, serving as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, co-founder of the Consortium of Reading Excellence which trained approximately 200,000 teachers over a 25 year period, and currently serves on the boards of the Silicon Valley Educational Foundation and the Strategic Education Research Partnership Institute.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Louis Honig, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Louis Honig a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Louis Honig Date of Birth: [redacted] E-mail Address: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Phone Number: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
GC 1090 4 counts	1988-1990	2/24/1993 Sacramento, CA	Misdemeanor 1000 hours CS, fine

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

As Superintendent I signed 4 contracts to provide a person to a local parent involvement project which my wife's foundation also supported as well as the local districts. No money went from the state to QEP. AG argued it was a technical violation. After I paid the fine and did the community service, the judge who had postponed sentencing made the convictions misdemeanors.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Convictions vacated and finding of guilt set aside or expunged Sacto Sup. Ct. Sep. 2, 2011
There still is an impediment under GC 1090 even after vacating under PC 1203.4. Also, to fully clear my name after 25 years of good citizenship.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have been a good citizen for 25 years devoted to education and family. I was chair and vice chair of the Instructional Quality Commission appointed by the State Board of Education 2012-2018, an education prof. at SF. State, co-founder of CORE in 1995 which trained teacher is reading and math and was donated to a non-profit in 2017. Author of Teaching Our Children to Read and an educational blog

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

None

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Sabrina Faye Hood

Sabrina Faye Hood, a resident of Arkansas, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about June 16, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served three years probation, and 173 days jail. She was discharged on June 16, 1992 having completed her sentence.

Sabrina Faye Hood has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Sabrina Faye Hood, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sabrina Faye Hood a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Sabrina Faye Hood Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Email Address: _____
Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
5-73-102	May 21, 1985	Pulaski	fine, court cost 1yr probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I committed a felony (possession of cocaine in the year of 1989) in the state of California, city of Sacramento and Los Angeles County.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I committed that felony 28 years ago when very young and homeless. Since that time, I have been rehabilitated. I had rehabilitation classes, therapy, and other classes offered by the courts of Arkansas. I am now a productive citizen who serves on jury duty, work for the school district, previously worked for the city of Little Rock, and have gotten custody of my grandchild.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have custody of my Great granddaughter who was in foster care and I would like to become a new foster parent and care for other children. I want my records expunged so that I maybe even more productive citizen. I have included a copy of classes that I have attended. I have been rehabilitated for 28 years.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

None

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jack Tom Huang

Jack Tom Huang, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 30, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crimes of burglary, and misdemeanor receiving stolen property. Specifically, Mr. Huang stole items from an elementary school. He served three years probation. He was discharged on November 30, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Jack Tom Huang has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo, an order dated May 26, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Huang helps coach several youth sports teams. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jack Tom Huang has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jack Tom Huang a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
SAN MATEO COUNTY

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Jack Tom Huang

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

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CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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Clerk of the Superior Court
DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Jack Tom Huang, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 26th day

Day of the Month

of May 2017 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on April 9, 1993, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

Month Day, Year

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Open court this 26th day of May, 2017

DONALD J. AYOOB Day of the Month

Month, Year

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Donald J. Ayooob

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



This form was prepared by the Investigations Division of the Board of Parole Hearings pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.18.

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Samuel Michael Huddleston

Samuel Michael Huddleston, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 3, 1971, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Merced for the crime of murder. Specifically, Mr. Huddleston participated in the robbery of a liquor store in which the owner was stabbed and killed. He served four years, seven months prison, and one year, nine months parole. He was discharged on January 18, 1978, having completed his sentence.

Samuel Michael Huddleston has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Solano, an order dated May 17, 1990, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Huddleston is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God Church, and is part of the church's governing board. He has volunteered with a prison mentoring program, ultimately becoming its president, and started a non-profit organization that helps bring drinking water to impoverished areas of West Africa. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Samuel Michael Huddleston has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Samuel Michael Huddleston a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

This instrument is a correct copy of the origin on file in this office

Form 3 (Revised 7/83)

ATTEST: MAY 17 1990

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NEIL CRAWFORD, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Solano
By [Signature] DEPUTY CLERK

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SOLANO

In the Matter of the Application of

Samuel Michael Huddleston
(Print or write your name legibly)

NO.: Misc #3409

For a Certification of Rehabilitation and Pardon

CII No.: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of Samuel Michael Huddleston, presently at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 17th day of May, 1990, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his

release on parole or probation on January, 1978, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been (once) (twice) (thrice) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 17 day of May, 1990.

[Signature]
(Judge of said Superior Court)
Richard M. Harris

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Randy Leon Hunt

Randy Leon Hunt, a resident of Oregon, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 1, 1976, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta for the crimes of burglary, and grand theft. Specifically, Mr. Hunt stole a metal detector, coins, and some tools. He served one year, five months prison, and eight months parole. He was discharged on May 17, 1978, having completed his sentence.

Randy Leon Hunt has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta, an order dated April 11, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Hunt is active in his local church, and assists the church with maintenance and gardening, among other activities. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Randy Leon Hunt has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Randy Leon Hunt a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

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In the Matter of the Petition of:

RANDY LEON HUNT

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number: _____

Case Number: 76F 53740

[Assigned by the Court]

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

[Pursuant to Penal Code § 4852.13]

The petition of RANDY LEON HUNT, heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 4852.01), of Title 6, of Part 3, of the Penal Code, came on regularly for hearing on April 11, 2016, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of this Court that all allegations in the petition are true, and that the mandatory period of rehabilitation, including any additional years required by Penal Code §4852.04, subdivision (a), has elapsed as required by law, and that, where required, the Petitioner applied for and received a dismissal pursuant to Penal Code §§ 1203.4 or 1203.4a, and that the Petitioner has demonstrated by a course of conduct that he or she has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as otherwise provided in Penal Code §4852.15),

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

The Petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all of the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as otherwise provided in Penal Code §4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to the Petitioner.

Dated: 4/11/16

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[Signature]
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Melissa Bradley, Clerk of the Superior Court of the
State of California in and for the County of Shasta
By: _____ Deputy

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Carlos Hurtado

Carlos Hurtado, a resident of Florida, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 14, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served five years, four months prison and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on April 7, 2000 having completed his sentence.

Carlos Hurtado has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Carlos Hurtado, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Carlos Hurtado a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Carlos Hurtado Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
11351	10/14/1993	Los Angeles	2 years
11370.4 (A)(HS)	10/14/1993	Los Angeles	10 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

In 1993 I went with a friend in a truck to Los Angeles California from New Jersey, while in California I assisted him in loading cocaine into his truck. I then proceeded to fly black in a plane to New Jersey, upon arrival I was arrested and extradited back to Los Angeles. Approximately 24 years ago I was convicted of possession of cocaine for sale. Since that time I have been rehabilitated and have not been in any trouble of any kind.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a pardon because I am seeking to be eligible for Immigration Relief

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

see attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NA

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Vanna In

Vanna In, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. In lawfully entered the United States at the age of 3 as a refugee from Cambodia. He is under an order of deportation to Cambodia after living in the United States for 40 years as a lawful permanent resident.

Mr. In was sentenced on or about October 24, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno, for the crime of murder. Specifically, at the age of 17 Mr. In shot a rival gang member. He served six years, two months California Youth Authority. He was discharged on January 8, 2001 having completed his sentence.

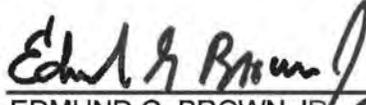
Vanna In has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, after his release, Mr. In started Jobs of Hope, an organization devoted to assisting former gang members obtain jobs that helped dozens of individuals to turn away from gangs and become law abiding, productive citizens. After Mr. In returned to Fresno, he became a beloved youth pastor at a local Mennonite Brethren church. Hundreds of individuals wrote in support of Mr. In, testifying to his rehabilitation. One individual wrote that "he truly makes the community in which he lives a safer, healthier and more productive environment." Many individuals expressed alarm at the potential that Mr. In would be deported, such as one individual who wrote that deporting Mr. In "would be doing a disservice to the many people that Vanna can help in the future as well as improve the community that he so selflessly serves." While the seriousness of the crime can never be minimized, I believe that Mr. In should be permitted to have the chance at remaining in a community to which he has devoted a life of service.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Vanna In, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Vanna In a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 10th day of August, 2018.




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Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Vanna In Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Second Degree Murder	Nov 21 st , 1993	Fresno	15 years to life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attachment

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attachment

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Attachment

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

Attachment

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime (s) for which you are requesting a pardon:

I was a 17-year-old gang member at the time of the offense. I was the cause of another human being losing his life. I was involved in a scuffle when I was at a party. I left the scene and came back to the location of the party and shot into a crowd. I was not aware if anybody got shot that evening but found out the next morning. [REDACTED] passed away from his injuries. I have a lot of regrets in life but this is my biggest regret. I regret that I caused the death of another human being.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon:

I am humbly requesting a pardon because my hope is that it would display that I am not the same person that caused another young man to lose his life prematurely. I want to show the world that a hurt, troubled former gang member can be rehabilitated and no longer a threat to himself or other, law abiding citizens. It has been a long process for me but true, lasting change happened. I also want to be pardoned because I was not a citizen at the time of the offense and as a result, I got deported. I am hoping that a pardon is the next step to getting my deportation order reversed and then ultimately, becoming a United States citizen. I want to be here in America, the place where someone like myself who used to be a taker can be a giver. I want to continue to give to my community, family, and country here in California and the United States.

I believe that receiving a pardon brings hope to others that are in my situation. That having been to prison is not a life sentence. I believe that there is hope to be a productive member of one's community. Sure, it is hard work integrating back into society and the responsibilities that come with being a life-giving community member but I would not want it any other way. These challenges have caused me to rise up and be a better person. In the past, I would have turned to path of selfishness and convenience and what was best for me. That was how I operated as a teenager. Today, I am a father of 3, who has the joy of sharing those children with a lovely wife. I also want to share my story with others and that good can come out of Fresno, CA. Good can come out of former gang members. Good can come from brokenness. There is a lot of work to do in Fresno and I want to be around to do the work.

Being that I have a wife and three young children, I hope that a pardon is the next step to my wife having her husband and my children, their dad around.

4. Provide a brief statement why you should be granted a pardon:

I am grateful for the opportunity afforded even to someone like myself. I have not and will never forget what I was a part of. I would like to stay in America because there is so much work to do in regards to the youth and their family. In Fresno alone, there are thousands of identified gang members. I want to be a part of the solution instead of what I used to be: the problem. I worked with former or current gang members for 8 years as a Vocational Placement Counselor at Hope Now For Youth. My wife and I moved to Greeley, Colorado and started the same "gangs to jobs" community benefit organization there. It was called "Jobs of Hope." I was a co-founder with a former Fresno resident that lived in Greeley. He and I spear headed that organization for three

and a half years before moving back to Fresno to care for my disabled mother-in-law. That organization just celebrated their 180th graduate that was placed in a job.

In some of the letters that were written on my behalf, sports is a big part of my life. I was able to volunteer with the closest elementary school to my church. I was an assistant flag football coach. We had boys and girls on our team and we had a great time. It was a challenge as some of the student-athletes were challenged in practice and during the games. There were tears because things did not always go their way. What I enjoyed the most was the time that we got to spend with each other outside of game time and practice. We just talked about life and did a lot of snacking. These students usually came from single parent homes or homes where it is not ideal. These are the students I want to invest in. They do not know my whole story but little by little I will reveal to them that I do know what they are going through and that they can overcome any challenge that comes their way.

A pardon is not a only sign that I am a changed man but it would be one of the most significant gifts given to me and my family. I have chosen to be involved in the work that I do because I love people and I want the best for them. I not only talk about pursuing an education to be successful but have lived it out. I have been fortunate enough to obtain my AA, BA and Master's degree. All of my schools were in Fresno and I am hoping to one day enroll in a Doctorate program. My area of focus will be something in the neighborhood of focusing on: "healthy families create healthy neighborhoods, which produce a healthy city." My family was an extremely abusive environment growing up and I chose to commit crimes instead of receiving or asking for help. At that point in my life, I did not know that I needed help. I thought I was doing ok in life until I was in a jail cell facing 30 years to life. My upbringing was not ideal and I want to help a young person who may have gone through what I went through that there are other ways to cope with life. More importantly, healthy ways to deal with life.

In short, I recognize that receiving a pardon is a privilege and gift that only a few whom you deem worthy to receive it. When I set foot back into Fresno, California 16 years ago, obtaining a pardon was the last thing on my mind. My initial concern was to clean up the roach and rat infested apartment that I was sharing with my oldest brother and his five children. Then, it was to get a job and help out any way I could. Going to church and picking kids up in the neighborhood was my only goal. Fast forward to the day I became a husband and now a father of 3, a pardon and the hopes of getting my deportation order overturned is constantly on my mind.

Thank you Governor Brown for taking time out of your busy schedule to review my application.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Joseph F. Luculano

Joseph F. Luculano, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 17, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crime of driving under the influence causing bodily injury. He served three years probation, and 120 days jail. He was discharged on December 17, 1989 having completed his sentence.

Joseph F. Luculano has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Joseph F. Luculano, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Joseph F. Luculano a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: JOSEPH F. IUCULANO Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Felony DUI	03/30/1986 approx.	San Diego	30 days jail, community service

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was driving on Rancho Santa Fe Rd when 2 men pulled alongside me in the adjacent lane and tried to "race". I backed off to let them pass and they slowed down to taunt me. In order to avoid them, I sped up in my lane, hit the curb and my vehicle spun into the opposite lane. An oncoming vehicle hit me in the rear end. I was not drunk, but was over the legal limit and therefore cited with felony DUI.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I would like to apply for a weapons permit in my home state of Arizona. I am an ex-sheriff, police officer and worked on DEA task force. I am a responsible adult, 67 years of age who made a mistake over 30 years ago. I have a clean record and would like to possess a weapon in my home.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I made a mistake over 30 years ago for which I am very sorry. I completed my sentence of jail time and community service and have been a model citizen both before and after this offense. I have run successful businesses, and have volunteered my time to help California State Parks as well as other state and federal agencies. I feel that given the offense, the length of time since this mistake, and my exemplary behavior before and after, I should be granted a pardon.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Hermelo Jimenez-Martinez

Hermelo Jimenez-Martinez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 25, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the misdemeanor crime of theft of personal property. He served two years probation. He was discharged on March 25, 1994 having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about November 21, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the misdemeanor crime of petty theft with a prior. He served two years probation. He was discharged on November 21, 1997, having completed his sentence. Specifically, on two occasions Mr. Jimenez-Martinez stole an item from a department store valued at \$30 each.

Hermelo Jimenez-Martinez has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Hermelo Jimenez-Martinez, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Hermelo Jimenez-Martinez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Hermelo Jimenez-Martinez Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: _____

Address: [REDACTED] 029 Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
CPC 484/666 (petty theft w/ prior)	11/18/1995	Los Angeles	2 yrs prob., 4 days jail
CPC 484 (petty theft)	3/4/1992	Los Angeles	2 yrs prob., 1 day jail

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Declaration attached as Exhibit D

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Declaration attached as Exhibit D

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Declaration attached as Exhibit D

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

DECLARATION OF HERMELO JOEL JIMENEZ MARTINEZ

I hereby declare and state the following:

1. I was born on [REDACTED], Mexico. I live at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with my 5 U.S. citizen children and common law wife. I am 47 years old and I make this declaration in support of a direct pardon for my 1995 misdemeanor conviction for theft.
2. I have five U.S. citizen children with my partner (common law wife) [REDACTED] and they depend on me greatly to be there for them.
3. My 5 U.S. citizen children are [REDACTED] who is 20 years old and has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, our son [REDACTED] who is 15 years old and suffers from a developmental disability, our daughter [REDACTED] who is 12 years old and has been treated for depressive symptoms, a 10 year old daughter named [REDACTED], and our youngest son, [REDACTED], who is 7 years old.
4. We are a very united family and I worry about what would happen to my children and [REDACTED] if I cannot find a way to be there for them, especially in light of the struggles [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] face. Everything I do and have ever tried to do is for [REDACTED] and the children to have a happy life, I am requesting a direct pardon for my 1995 misdemeanor conviction because I am hoping it would allow me to apply for relief before the immigration judge, so that I can continue providing the emotional and financial support my family desperately needs from me.

MY 1995 MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION

5. In 1995, I was arrested because I shoplifted some items from Ross. I tried to take some socks and jewelry like earrings for my [REDACTED]. I wanted to buy her things but I could not afford them at the time. I was convicted of a misdemeanor and the judge gave me probation.
6. I know what I did was wrong, and I have no excuses. I was only 25 years old at the time and I was not a father yet. I did not think about responsibility and the consequences of my actions like I do now, and I sincerely apologize.

EXHIBIT D

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7. I wanted to make [REDACTED] happy, but I did it the wrong way. I felt awful and embarrassed when it happened. I apologized and made a promise to always do the right thing after this happened.
8. I completed my probation that the judge gave me, and now, almost 22 years later, I have always followed the law since then. I teach my kids the same.
9. I also have a conviction from 1992 for petty theft, for which I was given 2 years probation, and 1 day in jail. This was before I met [REDACTED] and I was struggling on my own. I tried to take some socks for myself from Sears. I was not thinking about the consequences. It was a stupid thing to do and I wish I never did it. I am also very sorry for this as well. I do not need a pardon for this conviction, as I understand, I would still be eligible for relief from removal even with the conviction.

WHY I WANT A PARDON

10. I want a pardon because I want to be able to be eligible for cancellation of removal and stay here with my family. I want the pardon because I do not want my family, who needs me more than ever, to suffer as they already have. When I was removed and separated from my family from 2011 and then again in 2013, my family experienced so much pain without my being there with them. They suffered immensely and experienced emotional stress, financial hardship and psychological hardship as well. Now, through the assistance of my attorneys, I am back with my family, but I am still fighting removal from the United States before the immigration judge.
11. If I were unable to stay in the United States and was forced to have to separate from my family for good, I would worry endlessly about the future livelihood of my family, especially my children and the struggles they would face. Having me in and out of their lives when they need me would cause them more heartache than they have already had to endure. My children need me, and I know I need to be able to remain in the United States for them, for many reasons.
12. In May 2011, I was deported from the United States. People in uniform came to my family's door early in the morning and woke us all up. I thought it was the police. I opened the door and my children watched from the window. They were immigration officers and I was arrested as soon as I opened the door. They told me they were going to deport me and that I could not see an immigration judge because there was a past deport order against me. I was deported that day and called my family from Tijuana that night. They were devastated and worried about me.

13. Also in 2011, my now 20 year old daughter [REDACTED] began showing symptoms of strange behavior that made me nervous and worried for her. My wife would call me telling me about [REDACTED]'s suffering. She would act out and be sad and I thought that [REDACTED] was just being a teenager and we never imagined that she was suffering from a mental disorder. As her behavior increased and become more uncontrolled, I decided to try and come back to the United States. I was really worried about her. I came back to the United States in October 2011. [REDACTED] seemed better when I first came back, but it did not last and actually got even worse.
14. In May 2012, [REDACTED] called me and told me that [REDACTED] was acting strange and having hallucinations. [REDACTED] started to break and throw things around in the house. One neighbor advised us to call the police on her so that she would calm down. [REDACTED] was then threatening to kill herself and jump into traffic. I rushed home. As a father, hearing that your child is saying they are going to kill themselves is something you cannot describe. It is awful.
15. In June 2012 [REDACTED] had a second major episode in high school. She was hospitalized for a couple of days and later released. She has since been diagnosed and treated for bipolarism and is now on medication.
16. [REDACTED] depends on me as her father to be supportive and help her feel a sense of stability as she balances her bipolarism, going to college at [REDACTED] right now, working at her two jobs, and having a healthy productive life. I am afraid this would not be the case if I could not be there for her and my other children.
17. Our other daughter, [REDACTED], who is 10 years old, has suffered from depression in the past. When I was previously removed, [REDACTED] would cry every night because I was not with her. She had to attend counseling to cope with her pain. She still sometimes goes currently to ensure she knows how to deal with stress but since I have been back, [REDACTED]'s mood has improved and she is happier.
18. Our 15 year old son, [REDACTED], is developmentally disabled. He takes special educational classes and is below his grade level. We became aware of his developmental disability when he entered first grade in 2007. He was referred to a different school for children who had disabilities. They performed IEP tests and determined that he required special classes and that he needed more help with his studies than other students his age. He has problems with following orders which requires a lot of patience. He can become violent with his sisters and loses his patience very quickly. He has been going to a psychologist to help him cope with his anger. When I was removed, [REDACTED] was especially angry and acting out. I don't know for sure if the anger then was coming from

not having me by his side but during that time, he did not want to talk to me because he would end up getting really upset and depressed. Since I have been back, he does not act out as much and tries to do his best. He enjoys spending time with me and I think it helps calm him.

19. My youngest two children, [REDACTED], who is only 10 years old, and [REDACTED] who is 7 years old, also need me. They are very young and should not have to grow up in a single parent household. I worry that if I could not continue to provide the emotional and financial stability to them that they currently have, their futures will be in jeopardy. I want them to be able to go to school and have fun and enjoy being children, but I worry that if I cannot get relief to stay in the United States with them, they will not have these opportunities. They may also become depressed or act out like their older siblings and this would create too much chaos and hurt me deeply to know I could not be there for them.
20. They were even more hurt when I was deported for the second time in 2013. This was like reliving the horrors of 2011 all over again by being separated from my family. I did not want to break the law and try to re-enter the United States again so I just lived in Tijuana, so I could be as close as possible to my family. My family later found a great lawyer who helped me in my case and helped me return to the United States lawfully in 2016. While I was gone, the financial struggle and emotional struggle my wife and my children went through was unbearable. I do not want to have them go through all these things ever again. I want to fight for my chance to stay here and be with my children who need me.
21. I play an important role in my children's lives. I have always tried to be a good role model for them. I want them to go to school and be happy children. When I was gone, they were sad and angry because I could not be by their side. On my days off I pick my children up and try to give them positive advice so they can grow up knowing right from wrong and how to be good people. I try to motivate my children to go to school so that they can get an education and be able to financially support themselves. I wish to be my children's side to continue to support them financially, morally, and spiritually.
22. I am very close with my children. I would always make time for them even though I worked every day for them. They are my motor to continue to fight for my case. I miss them when I am not with them. When I was removed, it caused me pain to know that they were suffering without me. I want to continue fighting for my chance to stay here with them and that is why I am requesting this pardon. They had a tough time speaking with me while I was gone because they would cry and get depressed. It breaks my heart that my children suffered so much because of my absence. I am requesting the pardon of my

1995 misdemeanor conviction because I want to be eligible for relief in my immigration case so I can continue working hard for my children, supporting my children through their own unique struggles they face, and I want to continue being a positive influence in their lives.

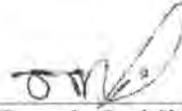
WHY I SHOULD BE GRANTED A PARDON

23. I believe I should be granted a pardon because having this almost 22 year old misdemeanor conviction on my record prevents me from being eligible for immigration relief that could make the difference between me staying in the United States with my United States citizen family or being removed and once again, causing my family terrible heartache and pain.
24. I am truly sorry for the offense, and I acknowledge that I was wrong. I have since then done my best to be a good example to my kids by following the law. I have also done everything I could to be a productive member of society and the best father possible to my children. My children come first and they always have. I have always focused my attention, my love and energy on my family. I feel I should be granted this pardon so I can apply for the relief that will let me stay with them. If I cannot stay in the United States, my world will be shattered and my children's lives will be turned-upside down.
25. A direct pardon for my 1995 misdemeanor offense would make me eligible for relief so I can continue supporting my family. I want to be able to stay with my family to support them financially, and to support them emotionally. I would be able to be there for [REDACTED] as she handles her bipolarism, for [REDACTED] and his developmental disability, for [REDACTED] and her depression, and to help [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] too.

CONCLUSION

26. Please consider granting the direct pardon of my 1995 misdemeanor conviction. For the reasons I mentioned above, this pardon would not only help me, but it would also more importantly help my 5 U.S. citizen children, as it would open up a way for me to pursue staying in this country with them. My children desperately need their father in their lives, and I need them too.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 4th day of August 2017 at Los Angeles, California.



Hermelo Joel Jimenez Martinez

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Adrian Irvin John

Adrian Irvin John, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 19, 2001, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Lake for the crime of robbery with the use of a weapon. He served three years, one month prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on October 4, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Adrian Irvin John has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Lake, an order dated August 2, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. John is active in his tribal community and coaches children's sports teams. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Adrian Irvin John has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Adrian Irvin John a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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10 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LAKE

11 In the Matter and Application of

Case No: CF 28366.01

12 ADRIAN IRVIN JOHN,

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

13 Petitioner;

14 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
15 CALIFORNIA,

8/2/16
Date: ~~May 10, 2016~~
Time: ~~1:30 p.m.~~ 3:56 PM
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16 Respondent.

17 The petition of Adrian Irvin John, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation
18 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State
19 of California, came on regularly for hearing on the above encaptioned date and time, and
20 proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing
21 has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said
22 hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required
23 period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due
24 to petitioner's completion of the term to which she was sentenced, or upon petitioner's
25 release on parole or probation on or about October 4, 2004, and that petitioner has
26 demonstrated by her course of conduct her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the
27 civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section

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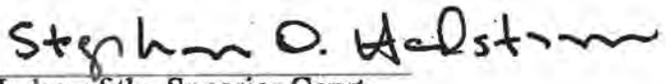
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4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated 8/2/16


Judge of the Superior Court
Stephen O. Hedstrom

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Sandra Elaine Jones

Sandra Elaine Jones, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about January 23, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. She served eight months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on November 22, 1992, having completed her sentence.

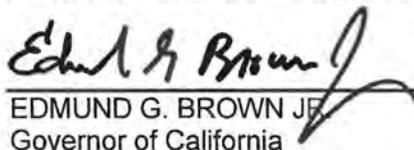
Sandra Elaine Jones has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated July 14, 2010, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Sandra Elaine Jones has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sandra Elaine Jones a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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COUNTY OF KERN
Bakersfield, California

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In the Matter of the Application of

SANDRA ELAINE JONES

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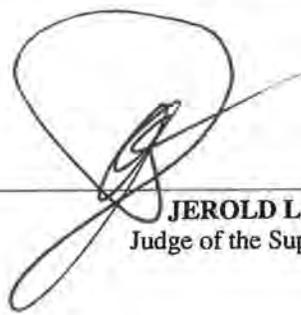
For a certification of Rehabilitation and Pardon

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of SANDRA ELAINE JONES, presently residing at [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 14th day of JULY, 2010, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his/her completion of the term which he was sentenced, or upon his/her release on parole or probation on SEPTEMBER 23, 1996, that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his/her course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 TIME convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, it is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 14th day of JULY, 2010.



JEROLD L. TURNER
Judge of the Superior Court

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Robert L. Karpe

Robert L. Karpe, a resident of Idaho, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 24, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, for the crime of burglary. He served three years probation. He was discharged on September 24, 1996 having completed his sentence.

Robert L. Karpe has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Karpe has actively contributed to his community in a number of ways, working with his local city council and serving on the Idaho County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert L. Karpe, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert L. Karpe a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ROBERT L. KARPE Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: NONE

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary.

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
See attached page 1			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached page 2

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached page 3

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached page 4 & letters

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

\$2500.00 to William Slocumb, 1929 TRISTUN AVE # C, BAK, Ca. 93301

1, Conviction Summary

1978-80 – 3 or 4 DUI's
1983-85 – 2 Excessive DUI's, Colorado
1989 – 2 DUI's
1993 – 1st Degree burglary
1997 – Expungement of burglary

Karpe

2. Describe Crimes/Pardon

1992 or 93: Did knowingly on my own enter a cabin in the mountains that met the description of an "occupied dwelling."

Karpe

3. Explain pardon request:

Consistent large quantities of alcohol greatly affected my judgement and actions before and after the 80's. I have not consumed alcohol or been in the legal system since the burglary. To continue to grow and contribute to myself, my loved ones, and the community, the removal of this black mark on my past would be greatly appreciated and help in all future aspirations and goals.

Karpe

4. Why should I be pardoned?

After my probation and expungement, I moved from Las Vegas to Bend Oregon. I lived there for 8 years and worked as a small contractor, did well enough to buy this ranch in Kamiah, Idaho. I have been here for 14 years, and have done quite well. No one in Bend or Kamiah is aware of my past problems. (Except Janene, my girlfriend.) Honestly, my past alcoholic behavior is embarrassing and weighs heavy on my mind. The removal of the felony conviction would help me to get even further involved in my adopted home. Hunting is almost a religion around here. There's talk of forming a building department. I could contribute greatly in that field. A pilot's license is also a lifelong dream of mine. Removal of the convicted felon stigma is very appealing to me. Sobriety has been so good to me; I will never forget or repeat the negative past.

Rob Karpe

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I will gladly discuss any of this with any concerned party.

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Matthew Keene

Matthew Keene, a resident of Nebraska, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 5, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crimes of selling or furnishing marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, and planting or cultivating marijuana. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 5, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Matthew Keene has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated October 21, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Matthew Keene has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Matthew Keene a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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In the Matter of the Application of

Matthew Keene

Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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The petition of Matthew Keene, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [REDACTED], requesting a

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, was heard on 10-21-16

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and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on

5/4/03, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal

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Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that the

that petitioner has been one time(s) convicted of a felony;

Total Number of Felony Convictions

The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: 10-21-16

Judicial Officer - TYPED or PRINTED

Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE

SHEILA HANSON

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Ronny Troy Kerfoot

Ronny Troy Kerfoot, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 21, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation, and 365 days jail. He was discharged on October 21, 1994, having completed his sentence.

Ronny Troy Kerfoot has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated September 9, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ronny Troy Kerfoot has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ronny Troy Kerfoot a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Penal Code § 4852.13)	CERTIFICATE NUMBER: M-16734

The petition of Ronny Troy Kerfoot, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable
 at [REDACTED], requesting a
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
 of the State of California, was heard on SEP 09 2016
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and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as
 required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true,
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 exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that the
 that petitioner has been One Felony Conviction time(s) convicted of a felony;
Total Number of Felony Convictions

*The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise
 all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and this Court recommends
 that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.*

Dated: 9-9-16
Sheila Hanson
Judicial Officer - TYPED or PRINTED



[Signature]
Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE
SHEILA HANSON

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

James W. Keyes

James W. Keyes, a resident of Nebraska, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 29, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, for the crimes of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale, and driving with a suspended license. He served three years probation, and nine months jail. He was discharged on August 29, 2001 having completed his sentence.

James W. Keyes has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, James W. Keyes, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to James W. Keyes a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: James W. Keyes Date of Birth: [Redacted] E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
11351.5	July 18, 1988	Santa Clara	1 yr.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

7/18/88 - possession for sale - cocaine. with intent to sell.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

For 28 years this conviction has stained my criminal record, prevented my advancement in the job market and served as a dark cloud follow me throughout my life. I currently require security clearance for access to accounts I manage at work. a blockade

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I am able to provide job opportunities to a number of people who come from a similar background as myself. I can be a leader and a positive example for them.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Fresh Start Law Center 300 21 Tomas St. Suite 308 Rancho Santa Margarita, CA. 92688 - Felony Expungement - \$799.-

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Russell Leonard Keys

Russell Leonard Keys, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 13, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of conspiracy to commit a crime, manufacturing a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served one year, six months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on July 14, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Russell Leonard Keys has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, an order dated April 19, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Russell Leonard Keys has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Russell Leonard Keys a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

RUSSELL LEONARD KEYS
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) 156724; SANTA CLARA COUNTY
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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Alex Muruz
ALEX MURUZ, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Russell Leonard Keys, presently residing
[REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 19th day of APRIL 2017 and proof having been made to the
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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law, and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on July 14, 1995, that, where appropriate, petitioner has
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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1
Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 19th day of APRIL 2017
Day of the Month Month, Year

JON R. ROLEFSON
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Jon R. Rolofson
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Phetsamone Khamsouk

Phetsamone Khamsouk, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 11, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm. He served four years, six months probation, and 365 days jail. He was discharged on July 10, 2002, having completed his sentence.

Phetsamone Khamsouk has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated May 12, 2009, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Phetsamone Khamsouk has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Phetsamone Khamsouk a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

D-15992-11

In the Matter of the Application of Phetsamone Khamsouk

Certificate Number RIC521355

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) [REDACTED] CASE: SCD124529



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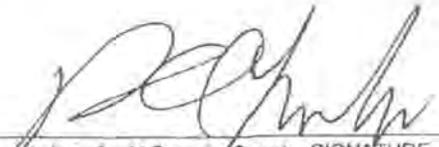
Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Phetsamone Khamsouk, presently residing at [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 12th day of May 2009, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on July 2002, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one time convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this ¹² day of ^{May} 2009
~~7th day of November 2008~~

Roger Luebs
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED


Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Erica Lauren Khamvongsa

Erica Lauren Khamvongsa, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about April 15, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of robbery. Specifically, Ms. Khamvongsa and her crime partner stole money and food from a pizza delivery person. She served eleven months prison, and one year, one month parole. She was discharged on May 10, 2000, having completed her sentence.

Erica Lauren Khamvongsa has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated September 1, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Khamvongsa has been clean and sober for over fourteen years. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Erica Lauren Khamvongsa has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Erica Lauren Khamvongsa a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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In the Matter of the Application of

Erica Lauren Khamvongsa

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number KA039749

Criminal Case Number(s) KA039749

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LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT
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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By [Signature] Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Erica Lauren Khamvongsa presently residing at
[REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on September 1, 2016

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled April 10, 1999

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 1 day of SEPTEMBER 2016
Day of the Month Month, Year

JAMES R. BRANDLIN
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Chhay Bun Kim

Chhay Bun Kim, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Kim lawfully entered the United States at the age of 5 as a refugee from Cambodia.

He was sentenced on or about December 9, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm, a misdemeanor. He served three years probation. He was discharged on December 9, 2002 having completed his sentence.

Chhay Bun Kim has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, friends and family describe him as a devoted father, husband, and friend who puts others before himself. One supporter wrote that it would be devastating if he were deported to Cambodia, and his employer wrote that he has made a positive contribution to his community and that he should be permitted to remain in this country.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Chhay Bun Kim, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Chhay Bun Kim a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Chhay Bun Kim Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: _____

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 245(a)(1)	10/23/1999	Kern	365 days
See following page.			

Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):
See following page.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):
See following page.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):
See following page.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):
None.

1. Offenses: VC 23103.5(a) - Reckless Driving | Date of Offense: 3/27/04 | County of Conviction: Kern | Sentence: Jail for 1 day, probation of 3 years, and total fines of \$955

Offense: MC 12.56.050(c) - Illegal Fire in City Park | Date of Offense: 11/6/93 | County of Conviction: Kern | Sentence: Total fine of \$65

Offenses: FG 2002, FG 7145, - Possess Creature Unlawfully Taken, Fishing without a License | Date of Offense: 6/11/04 | County of Conviction: Kern | Sentence: Probation of 3 years and a total fine of \$1,220

2. In 1999, I agreed to drive a couple of my friends to the store, which was near my mother's house. After dropping them off, I went to my mother's house and planned to sleep there, but she did not answer the door. After I got back in the car, I heard gunshots. The friends I had driven to the store ran to my car and yelled at me to drive away, and I did. Police pulled me over shortly afterwards and arrested us.

3. There are two reasons why I am seeking a pardon. First, I face imminent deportation to Cambodia as a result of my conviction. A pardon is the only option I have to prevent deportation. I was born in a refugee camp in Thailand and came to the United States as a toddler. California is the only home that I have ever known.

As hard as deportation would be for me, the pain it will cause my family, especially my wife and kids, will be much greater. My mother lost her husband in the Cambodian genocide. I know losing a son to deportation would bring back that pain for her.

Second, I wish to continue working to make amends for harm by dedicating myself to my family and work. I have been working at the same employer, a beverage distributor, since 2002. In 2004, I was promoted to supervisor. I also spend the majority of his time with my family. I pick up my children from school, play football with them, and go to all of their practices and games.

My family also suffers from health problems. My youngest son has lost all vision in his right eye due to a scare in his retina. My mother has developed health problems as she has gotten older. With extremely blurry vision, she is no longer able to do basic things like dial a phone number. I take my youngest son to see an eye specialist at UCLA and see my mother every week.

If deported, I would be unable to support my family.

4. Ever since I was released from prison, I have dedicated myself to my family and aimed to never repeat any of the mistakes I made in my youth. I have gotten married, raised children, made significant contributions to my employer and been a productive member of my community. I am the sole income earner for my family and I work nights so I can be involved in my children's lives, picking them up from school and attending their football practices and games. I also frequently spend time with my mother, whose health is failing.

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Ronald David Knoy

Ronald David Knoy, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 2, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 2, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Ronald David Knoy has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno, an order dated December 2, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ronald David Knoy has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ronald David Knoy a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CR-1519-17

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Fresno

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Ronald David Knoy

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number 16CRRP683437

Date of Birth [Redacted]
Month Day, Year

CII Number [Redacted]

Criminal Case Number(s) F99600548-2
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Ronald David Knoy, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [Redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 2nd day

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of December, 2016 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 11-16-2001, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 2nd day of December

Day of the Month

Month, Year

W. Kent Handa



W. Kent Handa

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Louis Monroe Lagrand

Louis Monroe Lagrand, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

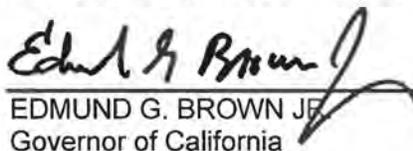
He was sentenced on or about September 10, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served one year, four months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on March 11, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Louis Monroe Lagrand has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Solano, an order dated December 3, 2012, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Louis Monroe Lagrand has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Louis Monroe Lagrand a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



1 LESLI CALDWELL
2 SOLANO COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
3 PAMELA BOSKIN, SBN 167797
4 Deputy Public Defender
355 Tuolumne Street, Suite 2200
Vallejo, CA 94590
Telephone: [REDACTED]

5 Attorney for Defendant
6 LOUIS MONROE LaGRANDE

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Clerk of the Superior Court

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By [Signature]
DEPUTY CLERK

7 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

8 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SOLANO

9 In the Matter of the Application Of + Misc00057

10 LOUIS MONROE LaGRANDE.

11 Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
12 CII Number: [REDACTED]
13 Criminal Case Number: 143549

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION
Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

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15 The petition of LOUIS MONROE LaGRANDE, presently residing at [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to
17 the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on
18 regularly for hearing on this 3rd day of December, 2012 and having been made to the satisfaction of
19 the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from
20 satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true,
21 and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from
22 custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on
23 parole or probation on February 9, 2004, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of
24 conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship
25 (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that the petitioner has been one time
26 convicted of a felony;

This instrument is a
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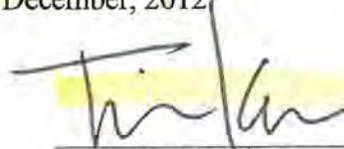
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Clerk of the Superior
Court of the State of California in and
for the County of Solano

By [Signature]
DEPUTY CLERK

1 WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order,
2 adjudge and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and
3 political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue
4 thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to
5 said petitioner.

6 Done in open court this 3rd day of December, 2012,

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9 THE HONORABLE TIM P. KAM
10 Superior Court Judge
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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

William Douglas Lancaster

William Douglas Lancaster, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 9, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta for the crime of manufacturing a controlled substance. He served one year, two months prison, and two years parole. He was discharged on October 16, 2007, having completed his sentence.

William Douglas Lancaster has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta, an order dated April 11, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, William Douglas Lancaster has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to William Douglas Lancaster a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA **APR 20 2017 1755**
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SHASTA
[Petitioner's County of Residence] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

In the Matter of the Petition of:

WILLIAM DOUGLAS LANCASTER

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
CII Number: [REDACTED]
Case Number: 04 F 2464
[Assigned by the Court]

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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
BY: K. LITTERAL, DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION
[Pursuant to Penal Code § 4852.13]

The petition of William Douglas Lancaseter, heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 4852.01), of Title 6, of Part 3, of the Penal Code, came on regularly for hearing on 04/10/17, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of this Court that all allegations in the petition are true, and that the mandatory period of rehabilitation, including any additional years required by Penal Code §4852.04, subdivision (a), has elapsed as required by law, and that, where required, the Petitioner applied for and received a dismissal pursuant to Penal Code §§ 1203.4 or 1203.4a, and that the Petitioner has demonstrated by a course of conduct that he or she has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as otherwise provided in Penal Code §4852.15),

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

The Petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all of the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as otherwise provided in Penal Code §4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to the Petitioner.

Dated: 4/11/17

[Signature]
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Steven Wayne Lance II

Steven Wayne Lance II, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 15, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served six months prison and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on October 28, 2007 having completed his sentence.

Steven Wayne Lance II has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Steven Wayne Lance II, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Steven Wayne Lance II a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Steven Wayne Lance II Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Please see Attached #1 Conviction Summary			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see Attached #2 Circumstances of the Crimes.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see Attached #3 Explain why you are requesting a pardon.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see Attached #4 Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

1. Conviction Summary

Case # 04NF1454 – Case Dismissed on 4/19/16

Offences – 496 (a)PC, 472PC, 14601.1 (a)VC, 484 (e)PC

Date of Offence – 4/21/04

County of convictions – Orange County, CA

Sentence – 3Yrs Probation, 180 Days Jail, and Restitution

Case # 06NF0294

Offences – 11378 HS

Date of Offence – 1/17/06

County of convictions – Orange County, CA

Sentence – 1Yr. 4 Months State Prison, 3Yrs Parole – Discharged in 13 months, \$200 Restitution, \$200 Parole Revocation, Register Health & Safety code 11590, and submit DNA code 296. Released from State Prison on 9/28/2006 and Discharged State Parole on 10/28/2007.

2. Circumstances of the crimes.

After two failed marriages, I was at an extremely low point in life. Aug. 2003 I lost my job due to poor performance, and the effects of that I soon lost my home. My savings and 401k was depleted and I found myself living out of my vehicle. While living out of my vehicle I was introduced to methamphetamine. I would commit petty theft, or pan handle to feed my addiction. On 4/21/04 I was pulled over and convicted of all crimes listed in Case # 04NF1454. All due to my Methamphetamine use. All stolen property was a result from me breaking into parked cars. On a few occasions I found purses or wallets left in vehicle, this is how I came into possession of credit cards and Driver Licenses. All Stolen property I would use in trade or sale to feed my addiction. During this traffic stop There was no drugs found. I had the drugs hidden in a dash panel that was never discovered. I sometimes wish it was, perhaps I could have been sentenced to a drug program. I served my sentence and was released on probation, I immediately went back to my methamphetamine addiction and using again. About 6 months later I violated probation for being in contact with a known felon also an addict. I was sentenced for 3 months' county, and released early on a work program. I was using during this work program and was kicked out of the work program and checked myself back into county jail to finish my violation sentence. About 3 or 4 months later I was pulled over during a traffic stop and was arrested for possession of Methamphetamine. This was absolutely the best day of my life I just did not know it. This was the last day I ever used any drug of any kind. Today I celebrate it as my sobriety day January 17, 2006.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon.

I am requesting a pardon of my convictions to better my life, personally and professionally. To give myself a piece of mind that I have done everything in my power to right my wrongs.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon.

I believe I should receive a pardon due to over 10 years' conviction free which is due to my sobriety since January 17, 2006. Prior to April 2004 I was never convicted of a crime. I made a few bad choices during a low point in my life. Those 2 years should not affect my entire adult life. I have made many changes in my life since then.

1. During my incarceration I completed a 3-month Substance abuse program (SAP) 8Hrs a day M-F. After I completed the course I worked as a SAP councilors assistant.
2. After my release I completed all my adjustment courses and registered and paid all my restitution fines as directed to do by State Parole and County Courts.
3. I Have attended NA meetings as I felt I needed to. I Honestly have not attended one in over 9 years, as I no longer feel I need to. I do not struggle with any desire to use.
4. From Nov. 2006 to Sept. 2012 I owned my own business. I quickly found out many employers will not hire a convicted Felon on Parole. I worked extremely hard to make the best of my options.
5. After 8 months of parole I was placed on write ins, and after 13 months I discharged my parole in Oct 2007. I believe this is the fastest any parolee can discharge his parole.
6. I sold my business in Sept. 2012 and moved to Arizona. I purchased my 1st home in Nov. 2012. I am a proud home owner. I have repaired my credit score well over 715.
7. I married my longtime girlfriend after 8 years of dating we married on Oct. 19 2013. After being together for over 10 years, I have great support around me.
8. I am a step-father and helped raise my wife's son since he was 10 years old. He finished High School with a 3.0 GPA finished two years of College and is now an active US Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC.
9. I have worked in Property Management since 2013. I started out as PT maintenance personnel, quickly I was promoted to FT and shortly after that I was promoted to Manager. I was given my own property where I managed a crew of 4 and over 575 units.
10. I am very active in my community. I have organized a few local nonprofit fund raisers for the local High School ROTC program, raising enough funds to put 3 kids thru the program for the year. I recently was awarded recognition as a City of Buckeye Leader, I was recognized by the Mayor of the city Jack Meck.
11. I have completed 90hrs of Real Estate and Business School. I have completed an 8hr contract and ethics course. I have passed my National and Arizona State exam and was granted a real estate License. I am a Real Estate Agent for ██████████ out of Goodyear Arizona. During this process I was granted a Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card by the State of Arizona Department of Public Safety. (This clearance card was denied at 1st but with an appeal and many character letters it was granted with no restrictions.)

12. I have attached a few character letters and certificates as well as proof of my accomplishments.
13. With all the above listed, furthering my education and my proven track record conviction free for over 10 years. I obey all laws, I have paid my debt to society, I have paid my restitution. Every day I am thankful for everything I have. I want to grow as a person to become better than I was yesterday. Receiving a Pardon would help me achieve this and more in my life. I believe I am a success story for the system of rehabilitation.

Thank you,

Steven Wayne Lance II

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Heng Lao

Heng Lao, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 30, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon, not firearm. He served two years prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on March 3, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Heng Lao has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 16, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Lao owns several businesses that employ over 30 people. An individual who has known Mr. Lao for over 25 years wrote that "his good character has helped many people" and that "our society and communities needs more people like Heng." By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Heng Lao has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Heng Lao a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 10th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CR-1976-17

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: Heng Lao

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

Heng Lao

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number: [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number: GA030556

Criminal Case Number(s): GA030536

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LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By B. Perez Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at: [REDACTED]

Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on 6/16/17.

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on March 2003

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 2 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 16th day of June, 2017

SCOTT M. GORDON

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

[Signature]
Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Ramon Leija

Ramon Leija, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 11, 2008, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside for the crime of robbery. Specifically, Mr. Leija drove individuals to a home knowing they intended to commit a robbery. He served two years, three months prison, and two years, one month parole. He was discharged on December 25, 2012, having completed his sentence.

Ramon Leija has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated October 4, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Leija serves on the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency and volunteers with numerous local entities, including Coachella Valley Youth Leadership. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ramon Leija has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ramon Leija a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

In the Matter of the Application of RAMON LEIJA

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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Certificate Number RIC1817886

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) INF061884 – Riverside County Superior Court

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

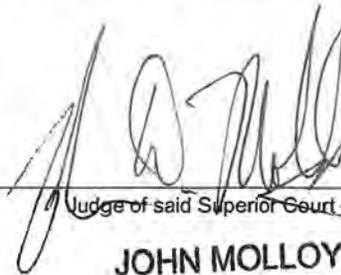
The petition of Ramon Leija, presently residing at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 4th day of October 2018, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 11/25/2010, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise al the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 4th day of October 2018

John D. Molloy

Judge of said Superior Court – TYPED or PRINTED


Judge of said Superior Court – SIGNATURE
JOHN MOLLOY



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David Allen Lewis

David Allen Lewis, a resident of Washington, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 1, 1984, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, it appears Mr. Lewis stole cash and items from a home because he was hungry. He served two years prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on June 23, 1987 having completed his sentence.

David Allen Lewis has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Lewis reports that he is a chef, and volunteers his time with a local food bank and farmer's market.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Allen Lewis, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Allen Lewis a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. - State Capitol - Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: David Allen Lewis Date of Birth: 01/04/1963 E-mail Address: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

Offense(s)	Date of offense(s)	County of conviction(s)	Sentences:
<u>Burglary</u>	<u>MAY 1, 1984</u>	<u>Riverside</u>	<u>2 years prison</u>

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was homeless and hungry so I stole money, jewelry, clothes and food.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

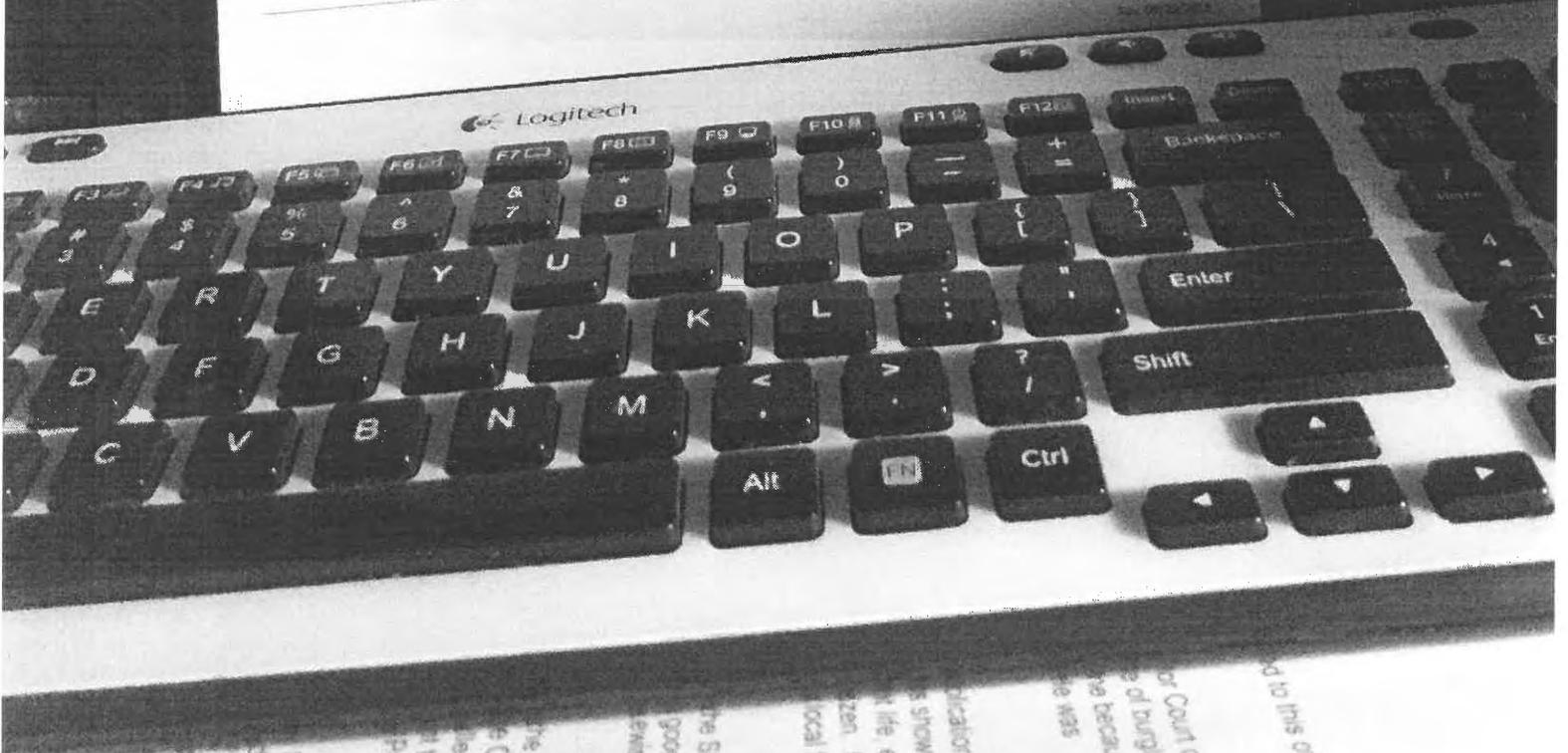
I have been doing extremely well I have stayed out of trouble with the law and want to climb the ladder to be an Executive Chef and this charge is holding me back to advance myself.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have been living an honest life as a law abiding citizen, showing good moral character. I work as a Chef and volunteer at a food bank and farmers market.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Tammy Marie Linn

Tammy Marie Linn, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about October 5, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, in separate cases for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, theft by a forged or invalid access card, providing false checks, possession of a blank check with the intent to defraud, and obtaining credit using another's identification. She served one year prison, and one year, four months parole for these crimes. She was discharged on May 6, 2009, having completed her sentence.

Tammy Marie Linn has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated August 26, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Ms. Linn's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended her for a pardon on November 20, 2018. Ms. Linn also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on December 19, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Tammy Marie Linn has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tammy Marie Linn a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



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EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Padilla", written over a horizontal line.

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

In the Matter of the Application of

TAMMY MARIE LINN

For a Certificate of Rehabilitation and Pardon

Case Number: 16FE008133

CII No: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case No. 06F020364,
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of TAMMY MARIE LINN, presently residing at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 26th day of AUGUST, 2016, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to {his/her} completion of the term to which {he/she} was sentenced, or upon {his/her} release on parole or probation in May 06, 2009, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by {his/her} course of conduct {his/her} rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been twice convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 26th day of AUGUST, 2016.


BUNMI AWONIYI
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Robert Lipka

Robert Lipka, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 13, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of selling or furnishing marijuana. He served three years probation, and 61 days jail. He was discharged on June 13, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Robert Lipka has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare, an order dated June 2, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Lipka has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Lipka a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

ROBERT LIPKA

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

VCF342986, SCE204196

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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BY: [Signature]

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of ROBERT JOHN LIPKA, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 2nd day of JUNE, 2017 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 2. FIVE YEARS PRIOR, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been ONE

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 2nd day of JUNE, 2017

Day of the Month

Month, Year

[Signature: Kathryn Montemayor]

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Federico Lua Lua

Federico Lua Lua, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 29, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare for the crimes of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs with prior convictions, and driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol level of .08% with prior convictions. He served one year, one month prison, and one year, five months parole. He was discharged on July 5, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Federico Lua Lua has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare, an order dated April 7, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Federico Lua Lua has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Federico Lua Lua a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADIJLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Federico Lua Lua

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) VCF031714

[Not applicable Criminal Case Number(s)]

TULARE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT VISALIA DIVISION APR 07 2017 LARAYNE GLEBB, CLERK BY: [Signature]

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Federico Lua Lua, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 7th day of April, 2017 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on July 5, 1995, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been One (1) Total Number of Felony Convictions

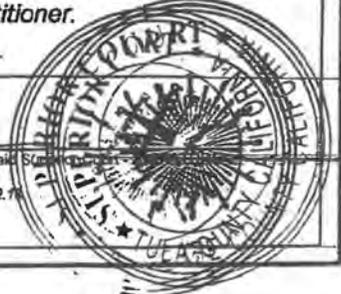
time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 7 day of April, 2017

[Signature] Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature] Judge of said Superior Court



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Scott William Lundgren

Scott William Lundgren, a resident of Texas, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 11, 1983, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of robbery with use of a weapon. He served three years, ten months prison, and two years parole. He was discharged on February 14, 1989 having completed his sentence.

Scott William Lundgren has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, after completing his parole, Mr. Lundgren received a waiver that allowed him to serve for 21 years in the U.S. Navy, during which he received multiple medals and commendations. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer and then started his own health care business.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Scott William Lundgren, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Scott William Lundgren a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) **If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Scott William Lundgren Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Robbery	10-21-1982	Los Angeles	3 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Scott Lundgren



The Honorable Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor's Office
State Capitol
Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

February 24, 2017

Dear Governor Brown,

On October 21, 1982 I was arrested for the crime of robbery. I cannot begin to express to you and the victim the level of guilt and sadness I have in my heart for the unimaginable pain and stress I certainly caused both the victim and the victim's family. I truly and deeply regret the awful decision I made. I know that there is not, nor will there ever be a forgivable excuse to why I did this atrocious act. However, at the time I felt horribly trapped in a bad situation that I felt I had no way out of. The description below of my background is in no way intended to be used as an excuse for any of my actions, as I absolutely acknowledge that I made the decision's that allowed this crime to take place.

At the time the crime was committed I was an 18-year-old from a small town in northern Minnesota, I arrived in California about a month before the crime was committed. I grew up in an extremely abusive and violate house where my father regularly beat my mother and myself. The violence was often with his fists and any other type of weapon you can think of including 2x4 pieces of lumber which often left both my mother and I needing to seek medical assistance. At the age of 11 my mother abruptly left taking my sister with her and leaving me with my father. I then became his single target of rage and endured his abuse for the next several years until I was 14, when I felt like I could not take it anymore and fled. I tried living with friends when I could and living on the street when I couldn't. I eventually ending up in in a shelter for abused children and from that point began the circuit of group homes and foster care often being bounced around from family to family. Once I turned 18 in  I was no longer eligible to be in foster care system and was sent out on my own. Having nowhere else to go I began living life on the street again. In the summer of 1982 I just wanted to get as far away from all this as possible to try and start a new life.

I went with a friend to Las Vegas Nevada to try and start a new life, while there I met a person from California who told me about this guy who lives in Los Angeles that would help you out with a place to stay and food in exchange for working in his scrapyard. He called the person and he agreed that it would be ok for me to come out there go to work for him and he would let me stay at his house. It did not unfortunately go as planned and I found myself in a very undesirable situation. At that moment, I felt completely isolated and trapped in this situation and felt that the only way I would be able to leave the situation was for me to take this person's vehicle forcefully which I regrettably did. I was caught and arrested several days later as I was on my way back to Minnesota where I had planned to turn myself in however, I was apprehended before I could do that.

I was sentenced to 3 years in prison followed by 3 years of parole. When I was originally released from prison I attempted to stay in Los Angeles but after not being able to find work due to my conviction I illegally left the state of California to move to Florida where some childhood friends had moved and offered to help me. I was subsequently caught and returned to California. After this I had made my mind up that I was no longer going to live this lifestyle and committed that no matter what it took I was going to stay in Los Angeles and live by the terms of my parole until I successfully completed my parole.

I did successfully complete my parole on 02-14-1989. I was then able to receive (based on the several letters of recommendation from business's I had worked for during that time) a wavier that allowed me to enlist in the United States Navy. I did in fact join and went on to serve the United States Navy proudly and gratefully for twenty-one years and retired as a Chief Petty Officer (E-7) in 2010. I also earned my college degree while in the Navy in Business Administration. Since retiring from the Navy I have started my own company a successful private health care business for the elderly. I have worked furiously over the years to not become another statistic of the cycle that is typically created once you start down the path I once did. I also wanted to commit myself to not allow my upbringing to dictate my life, and break the cycle of abuse. I feel extremely satisfied that I have accomplished those goals.

In July of 2007 I married a wonderful woman, who has successfully run a home childcare business for the last 24 years. She has been state certified the entire time and has never received a single complaint. My actions from 34 years ago, are now putting my wife's business of 24 years in jeopardy of being closed. We are residents of the State of Texas and they have recently passed a law that anyone who provides home childcare must be fingerprinted including anyone that also lives in the home, regardless of if they are there during the hours she keeps the children or not. My fingerprints came back with my robbery charge from 1982 and now the State is saying that she will have to shut down her business because of this unless I am granted this pardon. Since serving out my sentence and successfully completing my parole, I have for the past twenty-eight years lived and maintained a clean record and lifestyle, I feel I am a moral decent upstanding citizen, and have successfully had a career of serving our Country, and now with my own local small business.

Governor Brown I come to you today in hopes that you would please consider a pardon on this charge. I cannot fathom the idea of something I did thirty-four years ago, being the cause of my wife's business being shut down. I have attached my DD214 to verify my time with the Navy and a picture of our family at my daughter's graduation From Louisiana Tech University last March as well as a picture of myself and my wife from our daughter's wedding 2 weeks ago. I want to sincerely thank you for your time and consideration in this matter, I truly do appreciate it and hope that with your blessing of a pardon this can be resolved for my own continued growth and to allow my wife's thriving business to stay in operation.

Sincerely,

Scott Lundgren

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Truong (Jay) Quang Ly

Truong Quang Ly, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Ly lawfully entered the United States at the age of 10 as a refugee from Vietnam.

He was sentenced on or about September 10, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of voluntary manslaughter. Specifically, a passenger in a car Mr. Ly was driving shot and killed the driver of another car. Mr. Ly, who was 18 years old at the time of the crime, served nine years, four months prison, and two years, one month parole. He was discharged on March 7, 2009, having completed his sentence.

Truong Quang Ly has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated February 2, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

Indeed, Mr. Ly is a board member for API-RISE, an organization devoted to criminal justice reform and helping current and former Asian Pacific Islander inmates. He has also started his own restaurant business and now has seven restaurants, employing numerous individuals. One supporter wrote that Mr. Ly is the exact type of person who merits protection from deportation and should be allowed to remain in the country that he now gives back to in such a meaningful way. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Truong Quang Ly has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Truong Quang Ly a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

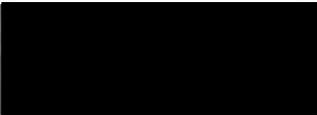
Truong Quang Ly

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FILED
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

FEB 02, 2017

Date of Birth:



CII Number:

BY

B. Long

Certificate Case Number: GA030458

Criminal Case Number(s): GA030458-01

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:



Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on 2/2/17.

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 03/2008

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 2nd day of February, 2017

Scott M. Gordon

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David Holmes Maggetti

David Holmes Maggetti, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 6, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served two years, four months prison, and one year, eleven months parole. He was discharged on January 11, 1995, having completed his sentence.

David Holmes Maggetti has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated January 17, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Holmes Maggetti has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Holmes Maggetti a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

In the Matter of the Application of

David Holmes Maggetti

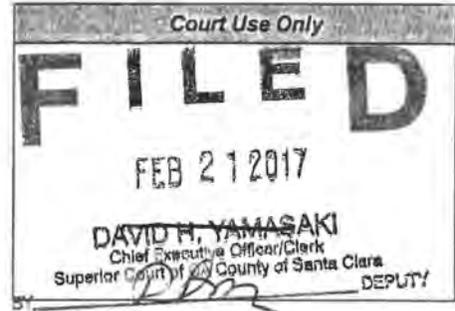
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Certificate Number **CR215643**

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month, Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) **A985490**
List Applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **David Holmes Maggetti**, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix if applicable

at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State and Zip Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **17th** day of **January, 2017** and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **January, 1994** that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been **2** time(s) convicted of a felony;

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Day of the Month
Month, Day and Year
Total Number of Felony Convictions

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this **17th** day of **January, 2017**

David A. Cena
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

David A. Cena
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

PARDON

State of California

Stephen Edward Maggetti

Stephen Edward Maggetti, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 21, 1974, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served one year, ten months prison, and one year, fourteen months parole. He was discharged on February 7, 1978, having completed his sentence.

He was sentenced on or about May 31, 1984, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of forgery, and grand theft. He served three years, three months probation and one year jail. He was discharged on September 17, 1987, having completed his sentence.

Stephen Edward Maggetti has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated September 16, 1988, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Maggetti reports that he is active in twelve step programs, and he worked as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation counselor. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Stephen Edward Maggetti has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Stephen Edward Maggetti a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

In the Matter of the Application of

STEPHEN EDWARD MAGGETTI
(Print or write your name legibly)

For a Certification of Rehabilitation
and Pardon



NO.: 119201

CII No. 

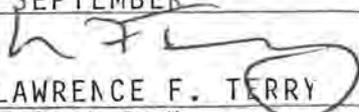
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of STEPHEN EDWARD MAGGETTI, presently residing
at  2, heretofore filed, praying for
a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the
Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 16th day
of SEPTEMBER, 19 88, and proof having been made to the
satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by
law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said
petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of
discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his
release on parole or probation on FEBRUARY 7, 19 78, that, where
appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that
petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all
the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and
that petitioner has been (once) (twice) (thrice) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order,
adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and
political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue
thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to
said petitioner.

Done in open court this 16th day of SEPTEMBER, 1988


LAWRENCE F. TERRY
(Judge of said Superior Court)

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Daniel Maher

Daniel Maher, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 1, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, for the crimes of kidnapping, robbery, felon in possession of a firearm, and use of a firearm. He served five years prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on February 17, 2003 having completed his sentence.

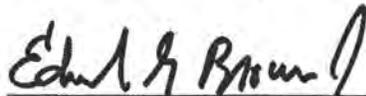
Daniel Maher has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Maher is the director of a recycling program of a local non-profit, and has been recognized by the City of Berkeley for his involvement in their recycling program.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Daniel Maher, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Daniel Maher a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:



ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Daniel Maher Date of Birth: [Redacted] E-mail Address: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include PC 496, VC 10750(a), VC 10751(a) and PC 207, PC 211, PC 12021(a)(1).

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Mr. Maher took part in an armed robbery at the age of twenty. Please see Mr. Maher's declaration.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached. Mr. Maher has led an exceptional life since his conviction twenty-four years ago.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Not applicable.



March 8, 2018

Via Federal Express and E-mail
Governor Edmund G. Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Request for Direct Pardon for Daniel Maher

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of our client, Mr. Daniel Maher, please find the enclosed application for a full and unconditional pardon. Mr. Maher serves as the Director of the Recycling Program at the Ecology Center, a non-profit organization in Berkeley, California. For the past decade, Mr. Maher has worked at the Ecology Center improving the environment for California residents by providing recycling services, community education, and advocacy.

As a youth, however, Mr. Maher made poor choices. In 1994, at the age of twenty, Mr. Maher took part in an armed robbery with a group of older men. Mr. Maher pled guilty and spent over five years in prison. As a result of his conviction, Mr. Maher lost his lawful permanent resident status and was ordered deported. In the following two decades, Mr. Maher has proven himself to be a model of rehabilitation through his work with at-risk youth as well as his advocacy on behalf of the environment and immigrant rights.

Despite being a model member of his community, Mr. Maher faces the daily threat of detention and deportation. In the past year, the Trump administration carried out widespread raids targeting people precisely in Mr. Maher's situation. A pardon would permit Mr. Maher to restore his lawful permanent resident status and apply for citizenship.

I. Background Facts

As a toddler, Mr. Maher immigrated to the United States from Macau and became a lawful permanent resident in 1977. Since the age of three, Mr. Maher has lived his entire life in California. Mr. Maher's parents worked long hours on a farm growing flowers to support their family. As a teenager, Mr. Maher began to rebel from his family by cutting classes, shoplifting, and hanging out with troublemakers at school. Mr. Maher dropped out of high school and moved out of his family's home.

As an eighteen-year-old, Mr. Maher was arrested after purchasing a stolen car. A judge sentenced Mr. Maher to 90 days in jail for possession of stolen property and two counts related to altering a vehicle

identification number.¹ Mr. Maher, however, failed to turn his life around. Shortly after his 20th birthday, three older men approached Mr. Maher about taking part in a plan to rob a drug dealer. Although he had never taken part in anything similar, Mr. Maher justified to himself that robbing a drug dealer was morally permissible and agreed.

Mr. Maher accompanied the three older men to an auto repair shop that they believed was used as a front to sell drugs. They held two men at gunpoint and searched the shop for cash. Finding only a small amount of cash, Mr. Maher's co-defendants began planning to search the victims' home for cash. A short time later, associates of the victims appeared. Mr. Maher fled the scene but was arrested a short time later. In 1995, Mr. Maher pled to two counts of armed robbery and kidnapping with sentencing enhancements for use of a firearm. The court sentenced Mr. Maher to 136 months in state prison.

While in prison, Mr. Maher grew up and turned his life around. Free from friends who influenced his poor choices, Mr. Maher repaired his relationship with his family and loved ones providing him a source of support and motivation. Mr. Maher obtained his high school diploma and took part in work training programs. He dedicated himself to improving his life through self-help classes and reading voraciously in his free time.

In 2000, Mr. Maher was paroled from prison. To Mr. Maher's surprise, immigration agents arrested him as he left prison and took him to an immigration detention center. During the time since he had pled guilty, Congress had retroactively expanded removal grounds making him subject to mandatory deportation. Although he was ordered deported, no country was willing to accept Mr. Maher for deportation. At the time of his birth, Macau was a Portuguese colony. Decades later, Portugal handed Macau over to China. Neither Portugal nor China recognized Mr. Maher as a citizen.

Unable to be deported, Mr. Maher lingered in detention for a year and a half. In 2001, a federal judge found that Mr. Maher's indefinite detention was unlawful and ordered him released. As required by the terms of his release, Mr. Maher notifies deportation officers of his address and regularly reports for check-ins.

Immediately after leaving detention, Mr. Maher followed through on his promise to turn his life around. Through his parole agent, Mr. Maher obtained employment sorting recycling at Tri-CED Community Recycling, a non-profit organization. Daniel's supervisor, Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle, quickly recognized Mr. Maher's work ethic and intelligence. Tri-CED promoted Mr. Maher to drive a recycling truck and then to operations manager. While at Tri-CED, Mr. Maher became a passionate advocate for recycling and the environment.

In 2005, Mr. Maher joined the Ecology Center, an environmental non-profit organization. Mr. Maher serves as the Director of the Recycling Program. The Ecology Center's mission to inspire and build a sustainable, healthy, and just future for California and beyond through a model of education, demonstration, replication, and advocacy. As director, Mr. Maher manages a staff of twelve and oversees all curbside recycling in the city of Berkeley while also leading advocacy and public education efforts on environmental issues.

Of personal importance to Mr. Maher is the Ecology Center's work with at-risk youth and those re-entering society from prison. Seeking to prevent youth from repeating his mistakes, Mr. Maher

¹ The court reduced Mr. Maher's PC 496 conviction to a misdemeanor. Tab H at 86. As a result, Mr. Maher only has one felony conviction and does not require a recommendation from the Supreme Court. California Penal Code § 4852.16.

became a certified instructor for the "Roots of Success" program.² A nationally recognized program, Roots of Success trains low-income and at-risk youth for green collar jobs and to become environmental advocates in their communities.³

Mr. Maher's personal life underwent a similar transformation since his release from prison. Last year, Mr. Maher married [REDACTED]. Over the past several years, Mr. Maher has become a father figure for his step-son, [REDACTED]. Mr. Maher plays an active role in raising [REDACTED] - picking him up from school, helping with homework, and taking part in school activities. Mr. Maher has also become a core volunteer with [REDACTED] Cub Scouts group. Mr. Maher works to be a role model for [REDACTED] and to provide the guidance and support to help him grow into a model young man and productive member of society.

II. Discussion

A. Mr. Maher presents extraordinary equities in support of a pardon.

Pardons exist as recognition that people can change their lives and make amends for past mistakes. In the twenty-three years since his conviction, Mr. Maher has not simply led a law-abiding life; he has actively repaired the harm caused by his past mistakes through community service. Mr. Maher's conduct and character demonstrate that he is precisely the type of individual deserving of a pardon.

In some ways, Mr. Maher's transformation from a troubled teenager to community leader is unsurprising. Governor Brown recognized the ability of youth to make terrible mistakes but also transform their lives in leading reforms to grant parole to youth offenders including SB 260, SB 261, and AB 1308. Mr. Maher committed his offense months after his twentieth birthday. Studies demonstrate that youth under the age of twenty-five are prone to making rash decisions and unable to assess consequences.⁴ Conversely, youth who make terrible mistakes are unlikely to repeat the same mistakes as adults.

While Mr. Maher's youth provides context his terrible decision to take part in an armed robbery, he has never made excuses for his actions. Rather, since his incarceration, he has consistently accepted responsibility and sought to make amends. Mr. Maher cannot undo his actions nearly twenty-five years ago but attempts to amend the harm he caused by working with at-risk youth and creating a cleaner and healthier community.

Beyond his daily work improving the environment in Berkeley, Mr. Maher zealously advocates for environmentally friendly policies. A recognized expert on recycling, Mr. Maher advises local and state elected officials. In Berkeley, Mr. Maher works with the Zero Waste Commission to provide recommendations for the city on improving its environmental practices. In Sacramento, Mr. Maher has provided his expertise in support of numerous pieces of legislation related to environmental and recycling issues including SB 270, SB 1385, AB 1594, and AB 1826.

² Tab E at 33.

³ Tab E at 34.

⁴ See *Miller v. Alabama*, 132 S.Ct. 2455, 2464 (summarizing research on reduced culpability of youth); National Institute of Mental Health, "The Teen Brain: Still Under Construction" (2011) available at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3621648> ("The development and maturation of the prefrontal cortex occurs primarily during adolescence and is fully accomplished at the age of 25 years. The development of the prefrontal cortex is very important for complex behavioral performance, as this region of the brain helps accomplish executive brain functions.")

For decades, shame forced Mr. Maher to keep his conviction a secret from many people in his life. In the past several years, however, Mr. Maher has become an advocate for immigrant rights, sharing his story through media and community forums to advocate for pro-immigrant policies. Responding to scapegoating of immigrants during the 2016 election, Mr. Maher authored an editorial along with Eddy Zheng encouraging readers to reject xenophobia. Mr. Maher wrote:

“As teenagers, both of us made big mistakes, received convictions for violent felonies and served years in prison.

Since then, both of us have made the conscious choice to take responsibility for our actions, rehabilitate ourselves and help others. This doesn’t diminish nor change the harm we caused. But with every action we do now, we are paying it forward.”⁵

In 2017, Mr. Maher actively advocated with elected officials in Sacramento in support of the California Values Act (SB 54). Mr. Maher also regularly speaks with local and national press on his personal experience in immigration detention including CNN, Reuters, and NPR.⁶ For example, earlier this month, Mr. Maher spoke with “The Takeaway”, a nationally syndicated public radio program, on the psychological toll indefinite detention takes on immigrants.⁷

B. Mr. Maher enjoys overwhelming support from elected officials and his community in his request for a pardon.

Due to his tireless work for the community, local, state, and federal elected officials strongly support Mr. Maher and request for a pardon. Earlier this year, the City of Berkeley issued a proclamation recognizing his “expertise, work ethic, and unrivaled kindness.”⁸ Assemblymember David Chiu supports a grant of a pardon “so that he may continue improving our community.”⁹ Similarly, Congressman Eric Swalwell, Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, and Hayward Mayor Elisa Marquez all write in support of his request for a pardon.¹⁰ Many of the elected officials supporting his request have personally worked with Mr. Maher on enacting environmental policies.

Mr. Maher’s support from elected officials is reflective of the support he enjoys in his community. Following his arrest by ICE in 2015, thousands of people signed petitions and turned out at rallies. A columnist with the *San Francisco Chronicle* published an editorial calling on ICE to halt his deportation. The editorial stated:

“America is built on second chances, and Maher deserves another shot. He shouldn’t have to surrender his entire life for a mistake he’s owned up to, served a state prison term for, and worked hard to put behind him.

Let the man go home — to Hayward.”¹¹

⁵ Tab F at 43-44.

⁶ See Tab F.

⁷ *The Takeaway, Throwing Away the Key on ICE Detentions* (WNYC March 1, 2018) available at <https://www.wnyc.org/story/supreme-court-ruling-leaves-immigrants-detention-while-awaiting-deportation/>.

⁸ Tab C at 16.

⁹ Tab C at 14.

¹⁰ See Tab C.

¹¹ Tab F at 60.

Mr. Maher's co-workers, friends, and family universally describe him as a calm and caring person.

"As the Deputy Director of the Ecology Center, I've worked every day for the past seven years side-by-side with Daniel. He's an ideal co-worker – strong and steady in adversity, a wonderful sense of humor, hard-working, always ready, tireless. He's the first to arrive at work and usually the last to leave." – [REDACTED] Deputy Director¹²

"As Director of the Ecology Center Recycling program, the organization relies heavily on Mr. Maher to function... We are aware that Daniel made serious mistakes as a teenager and served time as a result. We are also convinced that as an adult Daniel has demonstrated repeatedly and consistently that he is a key community asset contributing in many ways." – [REDACTED] Executive Director¹³

"I have worked for the past 6 years with Daniel Maher and four others in a small office with a large and complex agenda. In that time, he has become not only a trusted co-worker, but a highly valued friend... Daniel is funny, in a quiet, cynical way. He's loyal. He's patient. And he's still here after ten years, doing a difficult job with competence and graciousness." – [REDACTED] Accounting Associate¹⁴

"Daniel has done a great deal for our family as well as for my own wife and kids now that I have my own family... Daniel is hardworking, trustworthy, honest, and is a kind individual. With the strong leadership skills he displays at work and in the community, it is no wonder that he is able to serve as a positive role model for his wife and son." – [REDACTED] Daniel's youngest brother¹⁵

Law enforcement agencies have reached similar conclusions after considering Mr. Maher's record. Last year, Mr. Maher requested that his conviction for receipt of stolen property be reduced to a misdemeanor and expunged. The District Attorney and Probation Department for Santa Clara County recommended that the judge grant Mr. Maher's request despite his subsequent armed robbery and kidnapping convictions. In its recommendation, the Probation Department noted that "[Mr. Maher] has remained law abiding for the last 23 years and moreover he has accomplished a lot for himself and for his community."¹⁶ Superior Court Judge Joshua Weinstein granted Mr. Maher's request.

An ICE deportation officer who interviewed Mr. Maher following his release from prison found that he did not pose a public safety threat. In recommending his release in 2001, the deportation officer wrote:

"Mr. Maher appears to be a person of above average intelligence, who seemed to have had no trouble in finding work, working hard, or in completing his education. It [is] hard to see why he committed the robbery other than being very young and influenced by his peers. He has largely avoided trouble while incarcerated and has in fact worked and studied hard in prison. He has sponsors that are willing and able to help him make it. He is bright and seems committed to living a legitimate and law-abiding life if released."¹⁷

¹² Tab D at 31-32.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ Tab D at 28.

¹⁶ Tab H at 86.

¹⁷ Tab H at 88.

Despite correctly predicting his success, ICE has refused to grant Mr. Maher a stay of deportation.

C. Without a pardon, Mr. Maher faces imminent danger of detention and deportation.

In 2015, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents arrested Mr. Maher at gunpoint as he left for work. For the past fifteen years, Mr. Maher had regularly checked in with immigration officers without incident. Since his release from detention, he has had no adverse contact with law enforcement. Around the same time, ICE detained dozens of Chinese immigrants. In exchange ICE's assistance in extraditing several individuals suspected of embezzlement, China agreed to accept dozens of individuals for deportation. By chance, Mr. Maher was not on the list of people traded for deportation. After months in detention, ICE released Mr. Maher but retains the right to arrest him at any time without warning.

Following President Trump's election, ICE escalated pressure on countries reluctant to accept people for deportation. Through negotiations, sanctions, and threats, the Trump administration has successfully pushed numerous countries to accept individuals for deportation after years of refusal.¹⁸ As a result, ICE has carried out mass raids on Chinese, Cuban, Iraqi, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Somali communities targeting people in the same situation as Mr. Maher. The Department of State continues to actively negotiate a repatriation agreement with China.¹⁹

In 2015, ICE declined to exercise discretion and grant a stay of removal to Mr. Maher. Based solely on his ancient conviction, deportation officers designated Mr. Maher as the highest priority for deportation. Since then, the Trump Administration issued guidance eliminating any consideration of rehabilitation in making arrests.²⁰

Mr. Maher's sole avenue for relief is a full and unconditional pardon. A pardon eliminates all immigration consequences of Mr. Maher's convictions and permits him to reopen his deportation order.²¹ Once reopened, Mr. Maher's lawful permanent resident status would be restored making him safe from the risk of detention and deportation as well as eligible to apply for citizenship.

III. Conclusion

As a model for rehabilitation and redemption, Mr. Maher warrants a pardon. Our harsh and unjust deportation system seeks to continually punish him for a mistake made nearly a quarter-century ago. We request a pardon on behalf of Mr. Maher, his family, and the community that he serves. If you require any

¹⁸ Aline Barros, *Trump Administration Strikes Multiple Deportation Deals; What's in Them?*, Voice of America, March 3, 2018 available at <https://www.voanews.com/a/trump-administration-multiple-deportation-pacts/4279219.html>; Stephen Dinan, *Trump Presses More Countries Take Back U.S. Deportees in Immigration Success*, *Washington Times*, May 16, 2017 available at <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/may/16/countries-refusing-us-deportees-cut-from-20-to-12/>.

¹⁹ *Recalcitrant Countries: Denying Visas to Countries that Refuse to Take Back Their Deported Nationals Before the House Comm. On Oversight and Government Reform*, 114th Cong. 2nd Session (2016) (statement of Michelle Bond, Asst. Secretary for Consular Affairs, Department of State) (describing active negotiations with China)

²⁰ See *Enforcement of the Immigration Laws to Serve the National Interest* (DHS memo from Sec. John Kelly to Kevin McAleenan, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, et al., Feb. 20, 2017), available at www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/17_0220_S1_Enforcement-of-the-Immigration-Laws-to-Serve-the-National-Interest.pdf

²¹ 8 U.S.C. § 1227(a)(2)(A)(vi).

further documentation, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at my office number [REDACTED] or on my cell phone at [REDACTED]

Respectfully submitted,



Anoop Prasad
Senior Staff Attorney
Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Anthony Paul Maiorana

Anthony Paul Maiorana, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 10, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Maiorana stole \$500 and a buck knife from an individual's home. He served two years, ten months probation, and 169 days jail. He was discharged on March 5, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Paul Maiorana has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated October 6, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Maiorana is active in his church and his local chamber of commerce. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Anthony Paul Maiorana has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Paul Maiorana a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

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In the Matter of the Application of

ANTHONY PAUL MAIORANA

Case Number: 16FE020261

CII No:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case No. SC027884A

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For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

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By Lindsay Anderson, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of ANTHONY PAUL MAIORANA, presently residing at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 6th day of October, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or probation on March 5, 1995, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 6th day of October


Jack Sapunor
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Kirk Marchetti

Kirk Marchetti, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 25, 1981, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served two years probation. He was discharged on October 25, 1983, having completed his sentence.

Kirk Marchetti has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated October 11, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Kirk Marchetti has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kirk Marchetti a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

In the Matter of the Application of }
KIRK PAUL MARCHETTI }
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Case Number: 18FE013177
CII No: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Criminal Case No. C10324

For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

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By Lindsay Anderson, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of KIRK PAUL MARCHETTI, presently residing at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 11th day of October, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or probation on October 5, 1983, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 11th day of October



Jack Sapunov,
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Edward Ismael Martinez

Edward Ismael Martinez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 4, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of robbery. He served one year, eight months prison, and two years, nine months parole. He was discharged on June 30, 1996, having completed his sentence.

Edward Ismael Martinez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated July 13, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Martinez obtained his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University at Dominguez, and he reports that he volunteers with a free legal clinic and acts as a mediator at a local middle school. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Edward Ismael Martinez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Edward Ismael Martinez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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In the Matter of the Application of

Edward Ismael Martinez

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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JUL 13 2017

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By Stan Kadohata Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Edward Ismael Martinez presently residing at

[REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on July 13, 2017

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled April 1, 1990

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 13 day of JULY
Day of the Month Month, Year

SCOTT M GORDON

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED
SIGNATURE

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Christopher Taylor Maschal

Christopher Taylor Maschal, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 15, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda for the crimes of possession of controlled substances for sale. He served three years probation, and nine months jail. He was discharged on January 15, 1991, having completed his sentence.

Christopher Taylor Maschal has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Calaveras, an order dated March 10, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Christopher Taylor Maschal has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Christopher Taylor Maschal a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Juan Manuel Mata

Juan Manuel Mata, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 1, 1985, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation, and six months jail. He was discharged on November 1, 1988, having completed his sentence.

Juan Manuel Mata has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated September 12, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Juan Manuel Mata has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Juan Manuel Mata a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Applicant's County of Residence

CH-2245-17
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In the Matter of the Application of

Juan Manuel Mata

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

CII Number: _____

Criminal Case Number(s) C56170

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
VICTORVILLE DISTRICT
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BY Lolanda Ford
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Juan Manuel Mata, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 23rd day

of May 2017 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 11/1/1988 that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, it is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 12th day of September, 2017

JOHN M. TOMBERLIN

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED OR PRINTED

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Judge of said Superior Court



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Benjamin Karel Maulis

Benjamin Karel Maulis, a resident of Nevada, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 24, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Colusa, for the crime of felon in possession of a firearm. He served three years probation, and 30 days jail. He was discharged on March 27, 2000 having completed his sentence.

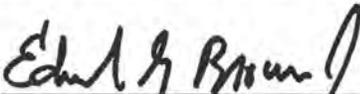
Benjamin Karel Maulis has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Maulis reports that he is a Sunday school teacher and works with children's, youth, and men's discipleship groups.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Benjamin Karel Maulis, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

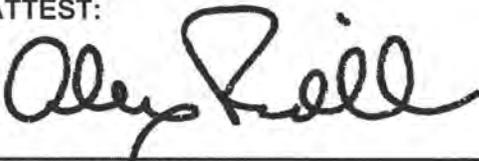
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Benjamin Karel Maulis a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Benjamin Karel Maulis Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
12021(A) (1)	10/20/1996	Colusa	30d + 30d

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary): I had been convicted of a violation of PC496(a) in 1995, in Stanislaus case 3291. Then, in the early morning of the first day of duck season in October 1996, I was driving near the town of Colusa, California. I had a valid California hunting license, and access to a field in Colusa through my membership in Wilderness Unlimited. I was stopped for a broken license plate light. A hunting shotgun was found in my vehicle. In February 1997, I pled no contest to the charge of PC12021(A) (1), in Colusa case CR33723.

The 1995 conviction of PC496(a) was later reduced to a misdemeanor under PC17(B) and dismissed under PC1203.4. Now, only the 1997 conviction for PC12021(A) (1) remains.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I would appreciate if the people of the State of California would be officially reconciled with me. The governor can use the power vested in him to grant me a full and unconditional pardon for my transgression of the peoples' law. I believe the governing authorities acted as the ministers of God in convicting me of my transgression. I also believe that God has reconciled me through Christ, having made peace through the blood of his cross. The restoration of rights to me would complete this reconciliation by taking away the persisting repercussion of my past transgression, and affirm the sureness of the rehabilitation I have demonstrated.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I served the sentence imposed, completed probation, and have not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor for more than 15 years. The 1995 felony conviction for which I originally qualified for PC12021(A) (1) has since been reduced to a misdemeanor and dismissed. Now I am asking the transgression of PC12021(A) (1) be pardoned.

I am not justified by the character of my offenses as minor. Neither am I justified by amendment or the compensation of the sentence served. I would remain guilty were it not that God demonstrated his love in sending his Son to be the propitiation for my transgressions. Seeing as how God showed mercy toward me, I ask the Governor to consider the example of Christ and to temper justice with mercy.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Roger W. May

Roger W. May, a resident of Washington, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 16, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey, for the crimes of manufacturing a controlled substance, money laundering, and violating monetary transaction regulations. He served one year, seven months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on December 18, 2000 having completed his sentence.

Roger W. May has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, after leaving prison, Mr. May went to college and was selected for the All-USA Academic Team. In addition to actively volunteering for a number of organizations in his community, he ran for and was elected to the Colville City Council.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Roger W. May, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Roger W. May a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Roger W. May Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
MANUFACTURING A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	2/17/1994	MONTEREY	36 MONTHS

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

(SEE ATTACHED PAGE, PLEASE)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

MY HEALTH IS FAILING AND I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO BE PARDONED BEFORE I DIE

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

(SEE ATTACHED PAGES, PLEASE)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

1. I looked online and called the District Attorney's office in Monterey County where I pled guilty to find out exactly what I was charged with. I believe that Manufacturing a Controlled Substance is what I was charged with but if there is anything else, I apologize, I cannot remember much because right now I am having trouble with a mild case of dementia.
2. I was a licensed Real Estate agent. I had also put a down payment on a home in Big Sur with acreage and an ocean view. It was a very private place. One of my possible Real Estate buyers put down earnest money two times on property similar to what I was trying to buy. I mentioned my place and they said they wanted to rent it from me for what my monthly payments were until they could get a place of their own. I lived 20 miles away where I had electricity and phone for my business. I rented to the culprits who put in a meth lab and two weeks later they got busted. I helped the sheriff's department locate the people via contact info I had from their previous offers and the sheriffs in turn were able to bust almost 40 people in San Luis Obispo County in two different meth labs is what I was told. The Deputy District Attorney who was handling this case stayed after me for three years after the property was busted. I finally agreed to what amounted to a verbal contract that if I pled guilty, I would get 90 days with probation or just probation according to my lawyer, [REDACTED]. I was broke and my daughter had just been born and I wanted this mess behind me. When we went before the judge, I pled guilty and got 3 years and a felony on my record. Because I stood up in court and pled guilty, I am guilty.
3. My health is now very bad because of a past cancer and Chemo, my liver is going to fail soon, my heart and right lung are also in bad shape. I would consider it a great honor to be granted a Gubernatorial Pardon before I die.
4. I wanted to share some good things that I have accomplished after my release from prison. Hopefully, this will help you see that I am a good person and an asset to my community.

I have a daughter who just turned 21. When I returned from California after prison, my daughter's mother took herself out of our lives so I raised my daughter as a single parent from when she was in diapers. She is exceptionally bright and does know from what I have told her about street drugs to never do them.

After prison I started college at our local Spokane Falls Community College. There is a copy of how I was one of 53 two year college students in Washington State to be awarded The All Washington Academic Team then the All American Academic Team. I was flown to Olympia and was given the award by the then governor, Gary Locke where he puts a long ribbon with a medal on it around my neck. This was done for 53 students out of a quarter million students. I

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was President of my college Spokane Falls Community College's Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two year colleges. Went on to get my B.S. and Masters Degrees.

I ran for public office and was elected to Colville City Council, a 4 year term. I did not run for a second term.

Next is a letter from my Probation Officer about me while I was under his supervision.

As a Vietnam era Veteran, I have been active over the years in our local American Legion Post having been elected to three terms the Adjutant and Financial Officer and one time elected to the Commander's position all positions had me on the check signing for our Post. Under my stewardship, we set up a winter warming center to help keep homeless people from being killed by our very cold harsh winters. It has since been partnered by the Stevens County and a local State funded Rural Resources who help with costs associated with running a warming center. Copy of my Past Commander award included.

History has always been a hobby, almost entirely genealogy. Locally, here in Colville, Washington where my dad and grandpa are from, I joined the local Northeast Washington Genealogy Society (NeWGS). Through trusted history websites I was able to find and document some of my ancestors who fought in the American Revolution, 14 documented, War of 1812 – one ancestor, Civil War I was able to locate a diary at Cornell University from one of my ancestors that was killed second day of The Battle of Gettysburg. I traded my knowledge of who everyone was in the diary, what unit it was and when the original owner was killed, transcribed the entire diary for them in trade for an excellent scanned copy for my records. Locally, I was asked by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to find graves of veterans of that war. All the information I was able to gather was put into a book that is being sold by the local NeWGS; <http://www.newgs.org/cpage.php?pt=33> During my search for Civil War Veterans, I found 14 here in Stevens County Washington that had broken, unreadable or missing grave markers. VA made me new grave stones that were Civil War era style for free and shipped them to me for free. I used a boy working on his Eagle Badge for one of the local Boy Scout Troops to dig and mix the concrete so he was able to get what he needed to get that high ranking badge and planted the history bug in this boy. Newspaper articles included.

The NeWGS put me in charge of our local pioneer cemetery to head up all the cleaning of trash, trees that fall and keep the place mowed. There was nobody that officially ran the abandoned cemetery called Evergreen Cemetery. I got high school students who needed community service for their senior project for several years to help with all my projects in the cemetery like digitally record all grave markers and also to replace the sign over the entrance. The old sign had been knocked down by a drunk driver. Photo included. We also had people who claimed their family owned lots with no deeds to back it up and had one time a back hoe dug up a soldier's grave that was unmarked because of time and a wooden grave marker from the 1850's from Fort Colville. I approached the Washington State Department of Archology and Historic Preservation

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<http://www.dahp.wa.gov/> with data showing nobody owned or took care of the cemetery officially and they helped me get a designation of a Historical Site for our Evergreen Cemetery so no more people just digging holes that may be already occupied and the NeWGS was designated as the official keeper of that cemetery. I also used a special fund designated to standing up fallen stones.

I volunteered at head start and the local elementary schools as a teacher's aide, taught a geography class to 2nd and 3rd graders called "Passport" while my daughter was going to that school. Later, when my daughter was in middle school, I volunteered as a librarian. Both the Librarian and Geography classes did not have people to do those jobs because of cut backs. I filled in for free. I volunteered at my church's food bank until my health got to bad. At my college I volunteered with the Adult Literacy Program, tutored people studying to get their GED and was part of a free book give away for preschoolers.

Before I was arrested, I had been a volunteer fireman for 23 years. I was credited with saving lives, homes and spent over 400 hours on a fire in 1985 where my own home was burned to the ground along with 18 others. I was able to find for \$1 a fast attack fire truck from CDF. I was a Captain, EMT and trained in high angle rescue (hanging by a rope hundreds of feet over the side of Big Sur Hwy #1) and did back country rescue for lost hikers. Firefighter of the Year 1990.

Before I was arrested, I helped an aunt who lived in Santa Barbara, take care of my Uncle [REDACTED] who was suffering from Alzheimer's. 14 months later, he died. My uncle, [REDACTED] had been head of the music department at UCSB and was one of the nicest people you would ever meet.

One reason I strongly disagree with hard drugs is my nephew, [REDACTED] was killed while on duty as a police officer in East Palo Alto on January 7, 2006. He was shot and killed by a gang member who was selling crack on a street corner. [REDACTED] was also a Gulf War Veteran with the Marine Corp. [REDACTED] left a wife and 3 daughters

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Respectfully,


Roger W. May
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PS: All material included in this packet are copies so I do not need anything returned. - RWM

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Poppy Beltrand McCready

Poppy Beltrand McCready, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about October 29, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served three years probation. She was discharged on October 29, 1995, having completed her sentence.

Poppy Beltrand McCready has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Mariposa, an order dated May 4, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Poppy Beltrand McCready has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Poppy Beltrand McCready a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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1 RICHARD GLEN BOIRE, Calif. State Bar # 148189
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3 216 F Street, No. 9
4 Davis, CA 95616
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Attorney For: Poppy Beltrand McCready

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
For The County Of Mariposa**

8 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
9 CALIFORNIA,

Case No: 14262

(Monterey County Case No.
CR17903)

10 Plaintiff,

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12 Poppy Beltrand McCready,
13 Defendant and Petitioner.

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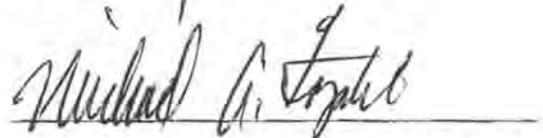
14 The Petition of Poppy Beltrand McCready, heretofore filed, praying for a
15 Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5,
16 Title 6 or Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on
17 regularly for hearing on this day, and proof having been made to the
18 satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been
19 regularly given as required by the law; and from satisfactory proof taken
20 at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are
21 true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since
22 petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the
23 term to which petitioner was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or

1 probation that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief
2 pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has
3 demonstrated by her course of conduct her rehabilitation and fitness to
4 exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship except as provided
5 in Penal Code Section 4852.15.

6 WHEREFORE, it is Ordered that this Court does hereby find that
7 petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and
8 political rights of citizenship except as provided in Penal Code Section
9 4852.15, and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor
10 of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

11 The clerk of the court shall immediately transmit certified copies of
12 this Certificate of Rehabilitation to the Governor, to the Board of Prison
13 Terms, and to the Department of Justice.

14 Done in open court this 17th day of May, 2017.

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17 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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21 The foregoing instrument is a correct
22 copy of the original on file in this
23 office.

ATTEST: MAY 19 2017

By: 
Court Clerk

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Quent Mccullough

Quent Mccullough, a resident of Nevada, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 19, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, when he was 20 years old and homeless, he burglarized his mom's boyfriend's apartment. He served three years probation, and 295 days jail. He was discharged on February 19, 1989 having completed his sentence.

Quent Mccullough has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Quent Mccullough, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

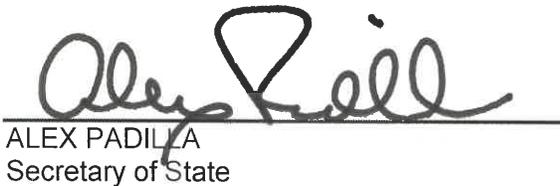
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Quent Mccullough a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Quent Mccullough

Date of [redacted] Address: [redacted]

Phone Number: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
First degree burglary case no 5-031384-1	2/19/1986	Contra Costa County	probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

in 1986 i burglerized my moms boyfreind apt i was homeless i was trying to keep warm but i have not been in trouble in 33+years

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

im requesting a pardon because i have completed all fulfillment of all probation for what i was charged i was in bad place back then and i have been a moticed citizen for three decades

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

martinez Court has already dismissed the charge but it has conditions that im not conferable

5. If you have ^{with} paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Angela Novas McGill

Angela Novas McGill, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about April 7, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. She served two years, nine months probation. She was discharged on January 12, 1994, having completed her sentence.

Angela Novas McGill has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated June 10, 2005, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Angela Novas McGill has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Angela Novas McGill a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jason Colvin McHann

Jason Colvin McHann, a resident of Utah, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 2, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crimes of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale, and possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on February 1, 2007 having completed his sentence.

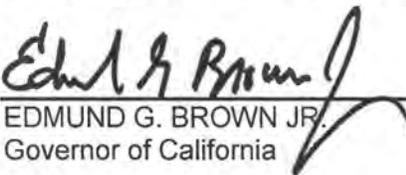
Jason Colvin McHann has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jason Colvin McHann, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jason Colvin McHann a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jason Colvin McHann Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
HS 11377(a) & 11315 Case 03HF1210	09/01/2003	Orange County	4 Months, Theo Lacy Cor

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached pages

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached pages

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached pages

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

Briefly describe the circumstances of the crimes for which you are requesting a pardon.

The car I was riding in was pulled over on suspicion of DUI and subsequent search found controlled substances in a backpack with identifying personal items and there was also controlled substance on my person. I had loaned the backpack to a passenger in the vehicle and was of aware how it was being used. So even if the larger felony amount of drugs were not mine, I was involved in enough elicit behavior during that time period that an argument cannot be made against the arrest and conviction.

Explain why you are requesting a pardon.

I have lived in Utah and Montana since 2010. Compared to California, these areas have ridged, black & white thinking regarding felons. My case has been dismissed, but the word "pardon" just sounds more official and I would like to push this process as far as possible to prevent past transgressions from having last consequences. Recently I was lucky to be hired as a civilian engineer to the [REDACTED] but that career will be limited without a security clearance which would be made much easier to obtain with a gubernatorial pardon. With continued US involvement in the middle east, the skill set that I'm developing in my current job is perfect for being a facilities engineer for the [REDACTED] abroad. I'm not sure if I'll ever be able to get a security clearance, but I would like to believe it is possible.

Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon.

Since leaving California in 2008 I have worked internationally, counseled youth on substance addiction, obtained a degree in chemical engineering, served as a wildland firefighter, and now work for the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It would be fair to say that I'm "rehabilitated" and doing good things in the world, but advancing my civil service career into management or roles requiring security clearance is unlikely even with an expungement.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Bradley James McKinney

Bradley James McKinney, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 9, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. McKinney and his crime partners stole ATMs from two gas stations. He served five years probation, and 210 days jail. He was discharged on August 9, 2004, having completed his sentence.

Bradley James McKinney has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta, an order dated September 8, 2014, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. McKinney volunteers his time at his local church and with little league. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

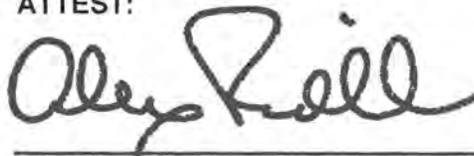
By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Bradley James McKinney has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Bradley James McKinney a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SHASTA

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

BRADLEY JAMES MCKINNEY

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

CR-F-99-0001081-004

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

FILED SEP 08 2014 CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT BY: T. EMERALD, DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Bradley James McKinney, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [redacted] heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 4th day

of August 2014 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on April 2007, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 2

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge,

and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of

citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court

recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 8th day of September, 2014

Day of the Month

Month, Year

James Ruggiero

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED OR PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

THIS INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE

This form was prepared by the Investigator, Department of the State, pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

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Melissa Bradley, Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta By: [Signature] Deputy

SHASTA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL DIVISION

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

William J. McKinney

William J. McKinney, a resident of Florida, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 26, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the crime of driving under the influence causing bodily injury with a prior. He served five years probation. He was discharged on July 26, 1999 having completed his sentence.

William J. McKinney has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, William J. McKinney, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to William J. McKinney a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. **If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: William J. McKinney Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Inmate ID: _____

Address: [REDACTED] Facility: _____

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Felony DUI	1995 (do not know date)	Sacramento	6 months halfway house

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Consisted of felony DUI with minor bodily injury (accident)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am retired, widowed, and living alone. I do not abuse alcohol since my conviction (felony). I would like to purchase a firearm for self protection.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Because I live a very quiet and responsible life. I have fulfilled all of my legal obligations and have not had any other problems (legal or otherwise) since my conviction in 1995.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Todd Donovan McNaughton

Todd Donovan McNaughton, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 3, 1982, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma for the crime of selling or furnishing marijuana. He served three years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on September 3, 1985, having completed his sentence.

Todd Donovan McNaughton has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma, an order dated March 29, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Todd Donovan McNaughton has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Todd Donovan McNaughton a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Sonoma

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Applicant's County of Residence - APR 07 2016

In the Matter of the Application of

Todd Donovan McNaughton
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Clerk of the Superior Court of California
County of Sonoma
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Deputy Clerk

Certificate Number _____

Date of Birth _____
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CII Number _____

Criminal Case Number(s) 1171-C
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Todd Donovan McNaughton, presently residing
at _____, before filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 29th day
of March, 2016 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;
and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are
true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from
custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-
ole or probation on 9/3/85, that, where appropriate, petitioner has
obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the
course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship
(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1
Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge,
and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of
citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court
recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 29th day of March 2016

Robert M. LaForge
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Joel Medina

Joel Medina, a resident of Mexico, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 15, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of attempted robbery with the use of a firearm, and assault with firearm on a person. He served eleven years prison, and 26 days parole. He was discharged on August 3, 2009 having completed his sentence.

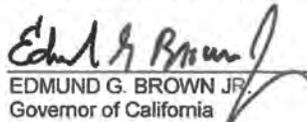
Joel Medina has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Medina has received his medical degree and received a fellowship to help deportees to Mexico adjust to life there. He reports that he provides free medical care to vulnerable populations and delivers food and clothing to the less fortunate who live in Tijuana.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Joel Medina, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

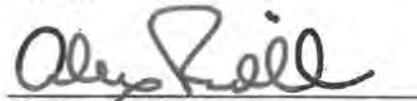
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Joel Medina a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Joel Medina Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Cal. Penal Code 664/211	February 1, 1997	Los Angeles County	3 years + 10 year enhancement
Cal Penal Code 245(a)(1)	February 1, 1997	Los Angeles County	1 year + 4 month enhancement

Note: The Abstract of Judgment is attached. Although there are 2 convictions, they arose in the same course of conduct.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

On February 1, 1997, when I was 16 years old, I attempted to rob [REDACTED] along with two other teenagers when he arrived to work with a thousands of dollars of cash. We demanded his cash and I threatened him with a gun. He was bigger and stronger than us, and we were unable to wrestle the money from him. We ran away when he called for help. As I was running away, I fired 3 shots towards the van he was seated inside of, jeopardizing his life. (cont'd on additional page)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a pardon because I was deported in 2009 on the basis of this incident. I have lived in Mexico since that time. Violence has escalated to the point that I no longer feel comfortable living in Mexico with my family, which includes my wife and two young children, all of whom are U.S. citizens. I have investigated the possibility of moving to Canada and have been informed by a Canadian immigration attorney that a pardon would help me to qualify to migrate. (cont'd on additional page)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

When I committed this crime, I was an immature, self-absorbed, impulsive teenager who was still struggling to work through the wounds of a traumatic childhood. Now, I am a medical doctor, a family man, and a law-abiding, contributing member of my community. (continued on additional page)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

- Dr. Elizabeth Cauffman, expert consultant to author report re. adolescent brain development research (\$3000).
UC Irvine, 4308 Social & Behavioral Sciences Gateway, Irvine, CA 92697
- Dr. Martin Williams, clinical psychologist hired to conduct psychological examination and write report (\$3000).
2033 Gateway Place, Suite 500, San Jose, CA 95110

Joel Medina

July 14, 2018

Governor's Office
State Capital
Attention: Legal Affairs
Sacramento, CA 95814

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Re: Joel Medina's Application for Gubernatorial Pardon

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find my application for a gubernatorial pardon. I have made significant positive changes in my life since I was sentenced over twenty years ago at the age of sixteen. Now, at the age of thirty-seven, nine years after my release from prison, I am a law-abiding husband, father, and medical doctor. I am deeply engaged in community service, have graduated from medical school, am pursuing a Master's in Public Health, and was recognized for my commitment to social justice with a prestigious Soros Justice Media Fellowship.

Although I fall just short of the ten years that are normally required for a direct pardon application, I believe my case warrants consideration before the full ten years have elapsed because: (1) my behavior and accomplishments since my conviction have been exemplary, and (2) a pardon would allow me to move forward with relocating to a safer location with my family and becoming fully licensed as a physician by eliminating a barrier that is currently preventing me from migrating to Canada, or returning to the United States, since I was deported upon my release from prison.

Exemplary Behavior

I served twelve years in prison for a violent crime I committed at the age of sixteen, but I have worked hard to transcend my troubled past. While in prison, I earned an Associate of Arts degree *magna cum laude*. When I was released and was deported to Mexico, I continued my education. I was certified to teach English as a second language and worked as an English teacher in Oaxaca and Rosarito, Mexico. I was accepted into medical school and enrolled in January 2012. I graduated four years later, in December 2016, completed a full-time internship in a public hospital in Tijuana in 2017, and am now a medical doctor. I am currently pursuing a Master's in Public Health, as I have a passion for understanding the social causes and consequences of poor health. My success has been recognized by a scholarship from my medical school and a Soros Justice Media Fellowship. I serve my community as a volunteer by providing free medical services to vulnerable populations, and by collecting and delivering food and clothing to people who live surrounded by trash at the Tijuana dump.

Numerous experts who have submitted letters in support of my application agree that my accomplishments are exemplary. According to Dr. Alexandra Cox, who holds a Ph.D. from Cambridge, "Joel Medina is an extraordinary man with a strong moral character and a passion for helping others that has fueled him." Dr. Judy Matthews, a clinical psychologist who has worked extensively in the California prison system, writes that it is "exceptional to see an individual go from that environment [prison] and eventually become a successful physician..." Dr. Ana Muñiz, an Assistant Professor of Criminology at UC Irvine, writes, "Joel has accomplished an extraordinary correction of trajectory. I believe that Joel is the ideal candidate for a pardon, as he has worked his way from poverty, abuse, and incarceration to a life as a loving father, husband, mentor, and healer."

Need for a Pardon

Having graduated from medical school, a pardon is an essential step towards becoming licensed as a physician. Further, my status as an educated professional in Mexico who is largely identified as an American (with an American wife) has placed my family in danger. My wife and two young children, who are all U.S. citizens, live with me in Rosarito, Mexico. Over the past year, we have received two kidnapping threats against our children, and six corpses have been found in the area immediately adjacent to our home, victims of the drug war that is terrorizing Mexico and has increasingly spread to our area.¹ I have consulted with both American and Canadian immigration attorneys who have informed me that a pardon is essential in order to qualify to migrate to Canada,² or to eventually return to the United States.³ I am asking for this pardon not only for myself but also for my family.

Procedural Issues

Timing: Due to the crucial importance of this pardon for my family's safety, and in order to become a fully licensed physician, I humbly ask you to consider my application despite the fact that I completed my sentence nine years ago rather than ten. Colleagues have expressed to me that I have accomplished more in this nine years than many people accomplish in their lifetimes.

Direct Application: I have been living in Mexico since my release from prison nine years ago in July 2009, when I was immediately deported to Mexico. I have attached proof that I have no criminal record in Mexico.⁴

Both Convictions Arose from Same Incident: Although I was convicted of two felonies, they arose out of the same course of conduct—at the same time, location, and involving the same victim. Therefore, I do not believe that review by the California Supreme Court is required in my case. I do not have any other criminal convictions, aside from a juvenile petition for theft of a vehicle that was handled entirely in the juvenile court system.

¹ See Exhibit I, Violence in Mexico.

² See Exhibit G, Plans for Moving to Canada.

³ See Exhibit H, Plans for Returning to the United States.

⁴ See Exhibit B, Proof of No Criminal History in Mexico.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Sergio Mena

Sergio Mena, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 3, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on January 3, 2006 having completed his sentence.

Sergio Mena has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Sergio Mena, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sergio Mena a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Sergio Mena Date of Birth: [Redacted] E-mail Address: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: Please see attached. Additionally, Live Scan results are attached as Exhibit C.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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**APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON FOR SERGIO MENA
SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS**

1. Describe your involvement in the circumstances for the crime for which you are requesting pardon.

In 2002, I pled no contest to one felony count of possession for sale of ketamine. In 2003, the court suspended my sentence and I was sentenced to one day in jail, 36 months of probation, and fifty hours of community service. The court also imposed fines and fees. I completed my community service by working at a halfway house in Boyle Heights helping the counselors with paperwork and cleaning around the house.

After I successfully completed my probation on February 2, 2006, I had this felony conviction reduced to a misdemeanor. On January 7, 2009, I filed a Petition for Dismissal under California Penal Code Section 17(b). On February 26, 2009, a judge at the Los Angeles Superior Court granted the petition and the conviction was reduced to a misdemeanor for all purposes.

When I was arrested for this offense on April 26, 2001, I was very confused about my charges and I wanted to take my case to trial. However, my attorney advised me to take a plea instead of going to trial. Although I was very worried about the effect a conviction would have on my immigration status, the attorney told me that the conviction would not affect my immigration status. I believed him and went along with my life, until 2016 when I was taken into immigration custody when I returned with my wife and son from a family vacation in Mexico. For the first time, I learned that this mistake I made long ago could result in my deportation.

I regret my past conduct. I was young and immature, and I now realize that my actions were wrong and harmed society. I know that I hurt my family and I let them down. I feel so bad that my past actions are now hurting the people I love through no fault of their own. My son could be left without a father to raise him and my wife could be left without her husband. It is because of this that I am committed to living a law-abiding life and applying for a pardon would give me a chance to continue living an honest life in this country.

2. Explain why you want a pardon.

I have no connection to Mexico, other than it being the country where I was born. My parents brought me to this great country when I was a few months old. I love this country and I see myself as a proud American. I was raised in Los Angeles, and I have built my entire life in this country. Because my parents received amnesty, I became a lawful permanent resident in 1989, when I was just twelve years old.

The most important people in my life, my wife, [REDACTED] and my son, [REDACTED], are here. I am a dedicated father and husband and provide emotional and financial support to my wife and son. I do not want my son to grow up in a single-parent household when he has a father who loves him and takes care of him. I want to remain in this country to help raise and guide my son to be a good and productive member of the community. Additionally, my entire family, including my wife, son, parents, and siblings are all U.S. citizens.

A pardon would help me win my case in immigration court and stop the deportation process. Because of my misdemeanor conviction, I am currently facing deportation to Mexico, where I was born. Because I was previously told by my defense attorney that my conviction would not affect my immigration status, I decided to take my family on vacation to Mexico in 2016. When we attempted to enter the U.S., immigration officials came across my 2003 conviction and I was placed in removal proceedings. I had no idea that the conviction would make me inadmissible and cause me to be placed in removal proceedings. I have spent practically my entire life in this country. My wife and son were very scared.

A pardon would help me work in the U.S. so that I can continue taking care of my family. I made mistakes when I was younger but I am trying very hard to make amends. Since marrying my wife and the birth of my son, I have strived to be a devoted husband and father and work hard to support my family. I have worked for two decades as a construction worker, and in 2017 I began studying to become a powerline mechanic. Unfortunately, I was seriously injured at work and had to stop working. Thankfully, I had surgery in late 2017. I am still healing, but with physical therapy I will soon get strong enough to return to my dream of being a powerline mechanic. A pardon would allow me the chance to continue my job training so that I can work and be a good provider to my family.

A pardon would also allow me to continue being a good father and role model to my son. My son, [REDACTED] was born on Father's Day [REDACTED] and it was the best day of my life. His birth gave my life a sense of purpose—to always be by his side and guide him in all walks of life. I want [REDACTED] to have a father he can look up to. I don't want [REDACTED] to see me as a criminal, but instead as someone who turned his life around. Receiving a pardon would be a testament of my rehabilitation, showing my son I was able to turn my life around. I want my story to serve as an example for him if he ever encounters struggles in his life.

Without a pardon I will be separated from [REDACTED] depriving him of growing up with his father, something he doesn't deserve. As a father, I have learned how important my presence is in his life. He talks like me and observes my every move. I want to always be there for him. I want [REDACTED] to see me as a mentor and know that he can always come to me if he needs me. I want to be a good role model for my son and show him that, although I've made mistakes, I am dedicated to fixing them.

I also want to be granted a pardon to not be separated from my wife. My wife, [REDACTED] and I met when we were just kids. Years later, we reconnected after working together doing terrazzo tile and began dating shortly after. My wife and I studied together to become powerline mechanics. My wife finished and graduated at the top of her class and is currently working while I take care of [REDACTED]. I am always inspired by her strength and work ethic. Our marriage revolves around supporting each other in every way we can. For example, we make it a priority to work together as much as possible. I don't want our family to be separated. We both work as a team to juggle working and taking care of [REDACTED]. A pardon would allow me to continue taking care of my son and continue working to support him and my wife. Without my financial and emotional support, my wife would struggle to take care of our son and provide him with the life he deserves.

I also want to be granted a pardon so that I can take care of my ailing parents and my brother, who suffers from a mental illness. My parents worked tirelessly to provide for me and my four siblings. Growing up, there was always food on the table and whenever I wanted something my parents found a way to make it happen, despite being a low-income family. After my parents came to this country, my dad worked for Kern's nectar juice company, but was laid off because of his immigration status. After he was granted amnesty in the late 1980s he worked in construction. My mom was a stay-at-home mom and she always looked after me. As I see my parents age, I want to be able to provide for them as they did for me. My parents have struggled with their health. My dad has heart failure and has undergone several heart surgeries. He had his first surgery when I was 14 years old and his most recent surgery was in 2017. My mom has diabetes. I take them to the doctor and financially support them. I worry about them every single day. I want to keep repaying them for all they did for me.

My parents also struggle looking after my younger brother [REDACTED], who has schizophrenia [REDACTED] requires constant supervision, especially when he doesn't take his medication which can lead to outbursts [REDACTED] has physically assaulted my dad creating a lot of stress for him, something we all avoid doing given his heart complications. I want to be there to protect my parents and assist in getting [REDACTED] the help he needs. Because I am the oldest sibling [REDACTED] looks up to me and I want to be there for him and help him treat his mental illness.

3. Explain why you should be granted a pardon.

I should be granted a pardon because I have lived an honest and law-abiding life for more than fifteen years and have worked hard to rehabilitate myself. I have lived an honest life since my conviction in 2003, and I think I deserve a second chance. My relationship with my wife and the birth of my son [REDACTED] inspired me to work hard on rehabilitating myself. I am now a dedicated father; a committed husband; and a devoted son, brother, and uncle. I have also contributed to the U.S. through my two decades as a construction worker; my volunteer work; and as a caretaker to my son, elderly and ailing parents, my brother who suffers from a mental illness, and my nephews.

I have dedicated myself to the construction field for over two decades, and been part of teams building Los Angeles monuments. I have been a construction worker for over 20 years. My first construction job was with an Italian construction company, Corradini Corp., installing terrazzo tile. During the same time I worked for Corradini, I also worked painting road surface markings throughout Los Angeles, including some of the road surface markings at UCLA. I painted the letters on the street and the red curbs. When I walk around the UCLA campus, I feel very proud of the road surface markings I did. I also helped paint freeways, like the California 60. When the construction work was slow, I worked for American Apparel and volunteered with Homeboy Industries mentoring at-risk youth and doing clerical work around the office.

Around 2008, I left Corradini and began working for the Local 18 union. As a construction worker for Local 18, I prepped floors to install tiles. I am especially proud of this work because I got the chance to help install flooring for many of California's most notable landmarks, including the Staples Center, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, LAX,

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SFO, San Diego International Airport, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame. My job as a construction worker makes me feel like I helped build the city of Los Angeles, and I'm very proud that I positively contributed to helping build the community I grew up in. At these places, I would install terrazzo tile, which involved mixing the cement, installing the tile, and then smoothing it out. Throughout my years in construction, I sought to improve and become a highly-skilled construction worker. I earned various certificates in tile finishing, logistics, and solar panels from Los Angeles City College and Homeboy Industries.

I have a passion for helping my community, and I have served as a mentor and counselor to at-risk youth and young men at Homeboy Industries under the mentorship of Father Gregory J. Boyle. I was one of the earliest members and volunteers of Homeboy Industries, which was founded by a Jesuit Priest, Father Gregory J. Boyle. I first met Father Boyle in the early 1990s when I was around thirteen years old in Boyle Heights, where Father Boyle first began to mentor at-risk youth and others affected by gang violence. He invited me to join a tutoring program he was getting started in the community. After I joined, I told my friends about this new program and soon they and others joined.

Father Boyle took me under his wings and began to mentor me because I was exactly the type of teen that he was attempting to reach. I had grown up in Boyle Heights, which was a gang-heavy neighborhood. When I'd walk to school with my siblings, I would have to change my routes often so that I would not have to face the gangs around the neighborhood. When I did run into gang members, they would pressure me to join their gang even though I did not want to. Because it was so difficult to avoid getting involved with gangs in Boyle Heights, some of my friends eventually joined gangs. However, because they knew me and knew that I did not want to join, they left me alone and did not bother me.

I learned from Father Boyle to stay away from gangs and I tried to impart this advice to my brother by telling him not to join a gang. I continued being a part of Homeboy Industries because I saw how much of an impact Father Boyle was making in the community. As a volunteer at Homeboy Industries, I got the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent Homeboy Industries at a rap/hip hop convention in Italy around 1994. At the convention, I got the chance to share my love of art and music. I helped paint a mural, attended programming where I learned about different world cultures, and I met various prominent musicians and rappers, like Common and Craig Mack. The convention taught me how rap and music in general is universal and that my love for music was shared by others around the world.

In 1999, there was a devastating fire at the Homeboy Bakery that helped to fund Father Boyle's work. By this time, I was working in construction doing terrazzo tiling. However, I saw how much the fire impacted the community. Some people could not find work because Homeboy Bakery was the only place that gave them a job. Father Boyle was able to raise money and rebuild, and he founded what would become Homeboy Industries.

Even after my conviction in 2003, my work with Father Boyle and my community always brought me back to doing what was right. After my conviction, I was determined to use this past mistake as a lesson to at-risk youth to make good choices, stay in school, and keep away from

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gangs and criminal activity. It is with this foundation that I continue to do good for my family and community.

At Homeboy Industries, I've volunteered as a mentor and counselor to youth who were affected by gangs. I decided to volunteer at Homeboy Industries because it was a place where young people like me who were not accepted at other places could be accepted. The organization gave me so much growing up, so I felt I needed to use my past experiences to help other young people. By the time I joined Homeboy Industries, I had more experience on how to navigate dangerous situations and avoid gangs in my neighborhood, so I wanted to help kids who found themselves in similar situations. I've focused my mentorship on kids in danger of joining a gang. Many of these kids had families who were gang members and were now at a crossroad between a life in the gangs or a life free from them. I've counseled these kids and tried to guide them in the right direction. I encouraged them to join the programs offered by Homeboy Industries. If the kids got in trouble, I'd tell them to go back to school. Although I am now a busy father and family man, I still like to visit Homeboy Industries when I can to talk to my friends and help clean up the office.

I have volunteered at the Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club too. I joined the Boys & Girls Club when I was seven years old and I continued to spend time there as a teenager. It was there where I first learned to swim and I remember having so much fun there when I was younger. During my 20s, I'd volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club by talking to kids about not joining gangs. I tried to tell them to not get caught up with the gang life of Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles. I'd tell them to stay in school because that was what was important, and that gang life was only a distraction. Talking to these kids made me feel like I was paying back the community and the Boys & Girls Club for everything they did for me. I can't wait until my son starts going there.

I have worked hard to be a devoted father. I am a proud father to my three-year-old son, [REDACTED]. My son changed my life for the better. He was born on Father's Day [REDACTED]. From the moment I saw him being born, I realized that everything I did had to be for my son, and that my job as a father was to guide him in the right way. Being a father is the best feeling in the world. I take my son to the park, I play with him, I ride the bike with him, and I take him to the doctor. Although I am not the best cook, I enjoy looking through kids' recipes to cook for him. My life revolves around making sure that he has everything he needs and that he's comfortable.

I have matured into a committed husband. My wife, [REDACTED] and I were childhood friends, but lost touch as we grew older. Years later, we bumped into each other while we both worked doing terrazzo tile. She was my boss at that time, and I was so impressed by her strength and passion for her work. At work, I sometimes watched as she experienced sexual harassment because she was the only woman in our male-dominated construction work. Whenever I saw her experience this harassment, I would step in and tell the men who were bothering her to stop. We began dating around 2012, and we have been together ever since. We often worked together in construction, and we have made it a priority to try to work together as much as possible. I love working with my wife during the day and then going home with her to our son.

I am the primary caretaker to my elderly, ailing parents and my brother, who suffers from a mental illness. My dad suffers from heart failure, and has undergone several heart surgeries.

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His most recent surgery was in the summer of 2017. My mom suffers from diabetes. I take my parents to the doctor and financially support them by paying for groceries, gas, and anything else they need.

I also help take care of my brother. My brother has struggled with schizophrenia for a decade, and his mental illness has been very difficult for my family. His illness sometimes makes my brother act out violently. Early this year, he physically hurt my dad. The police had to be called, and we had to commit my brother for a few days to help him get better. I try to help my brother the best way I can. I encourage him to take his medication. I help pay for his food. I also know how to calm my brother down, so my parents call on me for help when he's having an episode.

Although I have two other sisters, they cannot take primary responsibility for taking care of my family like I can. One of my sisters cannot be the primary caretaker because her family and job demands do not let her. My other sister is a single mother, so she also cannot take on this responsibility. In fact, I help take care of her son by babysitting him often. Luckily, my wife is very supportive of me and she understands that taking care of my parents and brother falls primarily to me. If I was to be deported, it would be catastrophic to my family, and my sisters would struggle to take care of my parents and brother.

I continue to have a close relationship with my parents, siblings, and nephews. I am very close to my family, and I try to spend as much time as I can with them. We have a lot of barbecues during the holidays, and we like to all get together at my parents' house because my dad is very sick and he can't travel. At the barbecues, my mom likes to make traditional Mexican food like tamales. My parents also have a greenhouse in their home, so I like spending time there planting and cleaning up. We love going to Dodgers baseball games together.

I am also a father figure to my nephews. My youngest sister has a young son and his father is not present in his life. I was there for my sister when he was born by being in the hospital and helping change his diapers and feeding him. Because my sister often works overtime, I help babysit my nephew along with my son. I like taking them to Griffith Park and Echo Park Lake. I also enjoy taking them to the zoo and the beach, like the Malibu beaches. Even though my son and nephew are still very young I like to take them to museums, like the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles. I also take another one of my nephews to school sometimes.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Johnny Al Miller

Johnny Al Miller, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 12, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside for the crimes of attempted vehicle theft, and carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle. On the same date, but with a different case number, he was sentenced for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. He served eight months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on November 5, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Johnny Al Miller has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated March 28, 2014, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Miller reports that he sponsors numerous charitable events supporting law enforcement and a sports organization for individuals with developmental disabilities. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Miller's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on March 17, 2017. Mr. Miller also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on January 18, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Johnny Al Miller has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.



THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Johnny Al Miller a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

In the Matter of the Application of Johnny Al Miller

Certificate Number RIC1402589

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

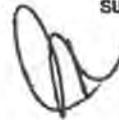
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Johnny Al Miller, residence located at [REDACTED]
Herefore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this March 27, 2014, and Proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on October 6, 1994, that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, And that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil And political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 3 time(s) convicted of a felony

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: 3-28-14

Edward Webster



Edward Webster

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

List of Convictions: CR49639-11378 HS
PEF931877-11378 HS
PEF941032-664/10851 VC

[REDACTED]

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Rafael Ortega Mora

Rafael Ortega Mora, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 16, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the misdemeanor crime of possession of a drivers license or identification with the intent to commit forgery. Specifically, Mr. Mora obtained a forged identification in an attempt to recover money he alleged was owed to him by a former business partner. He served three years probation. He was discharged on July 16, 1999, having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about April 13, 2006 in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the misdemeanor crime of possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He served three years probation. He was discharged on April 13, 2009, having completed his sentence.

Rafael Ortega Mora has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Mora reports that he has been clean and sober for over a decade.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Rafael Ortega Mora, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rafael Ortega Mora a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Mora last name

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: RAFAEL MORA ORTEGA Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
H&S 11377(A) MISD	07/14/2005	LOS ANGELES	3 YEARS PROBATION
PC 470(B) FEL	06/06/1996	LOS ANGELES	3 YEARS PROBATION

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

IN 2005 THE POLICE FOUND IN MY POSSESSION A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. I WAS CHARGED AND LATER PLEAD GUILTY TO H&S 11377(A) AND RECEIVED 3 YEARS SUMMARY PROBATION AS MY SENTENCE.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I AM FACING DEPORTATION FROM THIS COUNTRY AND SEPARATION FROM MY FAMILY BECAUSE OF CRIMINAL RECORD. RECEIVING AN EXECUTIVE PARDON IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND MYSELF AGAINST DEPORTATION AND LONGTERM SEPARATION FROM CHILDREN AND REMAINING FAMILY MEMBERS.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I AM A LAW ABIDING CITIZEN AND HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT SINCE MY CONVICTION. IMMIGRATION OFFICERS EXCLUDED FOR A SHORT TIME BEGAN MY OWN BUSINESS, I HAVE RAISED 2 INTELLIGENT AND PRODUCTIVE YOUNG ADULTS AND HAVE ANOTHER TWO (2) KIDS TO HELP RAISE. I HAVE BEEN A LONG TIME EMPLOYEE OF [REDACTED] SERVICES. I AM AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF MY COMMUNITY AND FAMILY. GRANTING MY PARDON WILL NOT BE AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY OR POSE A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY OR PUBLIC SAFETY. IN FACT, GRANTING MY PARDON WILL BE IN LINE WITH FAMILY UNITY AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

ZULEIMA CHAVARRIA, CHAVARRIA LAW FIRM, 127 S. BRAND BLVD., #327, GLENDALE CA 91204; \$500

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Aaron Morales

Aaron Morales, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 30, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of carjacking. He served five years probation, and twelve months jail. He was discharged on December 30, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Aaron Morales has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated August 17, 2010, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Morales reports that he volunteers with a local youth sports organization. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Aaron Morales has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Aaron Morales a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

In the Matter of the Application of

AARON MORALES,

For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

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Case Number: 09F06263

CII No: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CDC No.: [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of AARON MORALES, presently residing at [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 17th day of August 2010, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to {his/her} completion of the term to which {he/she} was sentenced, or upon {his/her} release on parole or probation on 2001, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by {his/her} course of conduct {his/her} rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been convicted of 3 felonies.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this August 17, 2010

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[REDACTED]
This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.
[Signature]

[Signature]

RONALD W. TOCHTERMAN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Graylyn Rufus Morris

Graylyn Rufus Morris, a resident of Minnesota, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 22, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of robbery. He served three years probation. He was discharged on April 22, 1989 having completed his sentence.

Graylyn Rufus Morris has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Morris is a professional magician, and performs for children at local libraries.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Graylyn Rufus Morris, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Graylyn Rufus Morris a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) **If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Granlan Rufus Morris Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Email Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
Robbery	1985	LA County	1 yr.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Robbed a former employer with a toy gun.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

To restore my civil rights

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Since conviction I have been a model citizen. I have created and maintained a successful small business educating children and working in libraries for the past 27 years. I have also been granted global entry.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Robin Lee Morris

Robin Lee Morris, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about March 14, 1980, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of robbery. Specifically, Ms. Morris stole a pizza from a delivery person. She served two years, one month probation. She was discharged on April 29, 1982, having completed her sentence.

Robin Lee Morris has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Yolo, an order dated January 26, 2018, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Morris has received numerous awards and recognition for her work at CalEPA, and volunteers with numerous animal rescue organizations. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Robin Lee Morris has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robin Lee Morris a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

CR-2558-18

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of
ROBIN LEE MORRIS

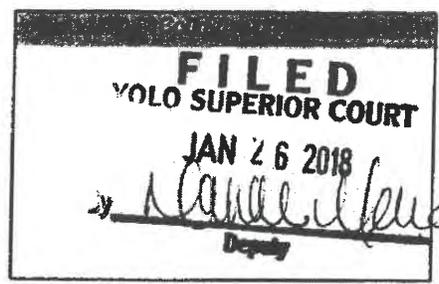
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number _____

Date of Birth _____
Month Day, Year

CII Number _____

Criminal Case Number(s) CR17-7684 (Yolo); A-447944 (Los Angeles)
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of ROBIN LEE MORRIS, presently residing at _____, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 26 day of January, 2018 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on unknown, 1982, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant the full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 26th day of January, 2018

DAVID ROSENBERG



[Signature]

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Scott Andrew Mosier

Scott Andrew Mosier, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 11, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served eleven months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on March 23, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Scott Andrew Mosier has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated April 28, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Scott Andrew Mosier has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Scott Andrew Mosier a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Paul Muro

Paul Muro, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 18, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and one year, three months jail. He was discharged on November 18, 1994, having completed his sentence.

Paul Muro has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Stanislaus, an order dated November 8, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Paul Muro has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Paul Muro a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

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In the Matter of the Application of

Paul Muro

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle Last and Suffix, If Applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number(s)

Criminal Case Number(s) 150954

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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

BY *[Signature]*

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Paul Muro presently residing at:

Paul Muro

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for a hearing on Nov. 8, 2016

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on:

that, where appropriate, the petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code 1203.4, and that the petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon of said petitioner. If petitioner was required to register as a sex offender, petitioner is no longer required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code section 290.5.

Done in open court this 8th day of Nov, 2016.

MARIE S. SILVEIRA

Judge of Said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED



[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

MARIE SOVEY SILVEIRA

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Janice Nel (Pegueros)

Janice Nel, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about September 27, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of burglary. She served one year, eight months probation, four months prison, and three years, eleven months parole. She was discharged on March 24, 2007, having completed her sentence.

Janice Nel has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated April 28, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Nel reports that she is active in her church and several ladies' social groups. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Janice Nel has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Janice Nel a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Kimberly Michele Nettleton

Kimberly Michele Nettleton, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about February 14, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta for the misdemeanor crimes of vehicle theft, presenting false checks, and possession of a controlled substance. She served five years probation. She was discharged on February 14, 2007, having completed her sentence.

Kimberly Michele Nettleton has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Cruz, an order dated February 26, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Nettleton graduated from the Shasta County Addicted Offender Program and reports being clean and sober for 15 years. She also obtained certification to become a paramedic. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Kimberly Michele Nettleton has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kimberly Michele Nettleton a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

CR - 1485 - 17

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEC 28 2016

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Santa Cruz

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

KIMBERLY MICHELE NETTLETON
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number CRP - 15-102

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month Day, Year

CII Number _____

Criminal Case Number(s) 02F428/00F430/00F3866
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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BY SHERI HILES
DEPUTY, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Kimberly Michele Nettleton, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

[REDACTED]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 26th day of February, 2016

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Month, Year

and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on August, 2005, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been three

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

I hereby certify the foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Done in open court this 26th day of February, 2016

Day of the Month

Month, Year

John Salazar

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

DATED 12/23/16
ALEX CALVO, CLERK
BY [Signature] Deputy

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Hai Trong Nguyen

Hai Trong Nguyen, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Nguyen lawfully entered the United States at the age of 2 as a refugee from Vietnam.

He was sentenced on or about June 22, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of robbery with the use of a firearm, and attempted robbery with the use of a firearm. Mr. Nguyen, who was 16 years old at the time of the crime, served fifteen years, eight months prison, and two years parole. He was discharged on August 18, 2017 having completed his sentence.

Hai Trong Nguyen has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Nguyen helped found Asian and Pacific Islanders Re-entry of Orange County and has volunteered with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Hai Trong Nguyen has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Hai Trong Nguyen a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) **If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Hai Nguyen Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
CA Penal Code §§ 211, 12022.5(a)(1)	January 9, 1999	Los Angeles	35 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

**APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON FOR HAI NGUYEN
SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS**

1. Describe your involvement in the circumstances for which you are requesting a pardon.

On January 9, 1999, when I was sixteen years old, I committed a robbery along with four others. I was hanging out with a group of friends that day when a 21-year old guy, who was known for getting younger kids to steal for him, said, "We are gonna make some money today." I agreed to go along. In the car on the way to what I later learned was the Perfect Fashion Store, this older guy told the rest of us his plan. "We are gonna rob this place." I had never been involved in a robbery before and I was immediately intimidated. Yet at the same time I thought that if I didn't go along with the plan my friends would reject me.

When we got to the store, four of us ran inside and told everyone to get down. We demanded that everyone give us their belongings. It was at this time that one of the older guys who was with us handed me a gun and told me to point it at people. I held the gun while they gathered people's money and possessions. Within minutes, the police showed up. I never shot the gun and nobody was physically hurt.

My decision to participate in this robbery was a choice I made and is a decision I have dwelled on every day since, both during my incarceration and after my release. I have accepted full responsibility for my actions from the very beginning. As soon as the police showed up, I immediately told them what we did. I never once denied participating in this crime and am deeply ashamed of what I did. It was a thoughtless decision with devastating consequences that continues to haunt me each and everyday.

I am especially ashamed when I think about the victims and the emotional pain they suffered because of my actions. I am deeply remorseful for the pain I caused and would do anything to make up for what I did.

I am also embarrassed when I think about the shame I brought to my family. My dad fought for the South Vietnamese Army and was captured and tortured after the war by the oppressive communist government. After he escaped, he brought our family to a new country that accepted us as immigrants. I realize now how selfish my actions were in light of the sacrifices that my parents made for me. But it is because of the guilt and shame I feel that I wake up every day motivated to do something to make amends for my past—to help somebody or make a difference in somebody else's life.

The first time I felt hope about the possibility of regaining my freedom was the day that SB 260 passed. But I also knew that the Board of Parole Commissioners had high standards and that most people weren't granted parole on their first try. So during my hearing when Commissioner Ali Zarrinam told me that I should be proud and noted that this incident was an "anomaly" in my life and that I had "exhibited growth and maturity."

I did feel proud. But I also felt reflective because I knew this was only the beginning of my journey towards full redemption.

Growing up, I didn't have much. In 1982, the year I was born, my family fled an oppressive communist Vietnamese government. I was born on a boat traveling to the Philippines as my family escaped. We spent a year and a half in a refugee camp in Palawan before coming to the United States as refugees in 1984. When we arrived in the U.S., we lived in Long Beach, California with my uncle, his wife, and their four children. In all, there were fourteen people living in a two-bedroom apartment.

As refugees, it was difficult to integrate into our new community and we faced tremendous culture shock. My parents struggled to obtain work in a new country where they didn't speak the language. But they needed to support their six children. My dad found work as a landscaper and my mom made money selling home-cooked food. Their work required them to be out of the house for long hours every day, and it was rare that we spent any significant amount of time together as a family.

This sense of abandonment led me to act out in order to get the attention of my parents, who I felt had neglected me. This resulted in harsh discipline from my father, which came in the form of beatings. Although I knew that my misbehavior would result in this punishment, the beatings were at least some form of attention, which I so desperately craved. This turned into a daily routine of picking fights, stealing, and coming home late, only to be physically abused by my father.

When I was seven years old my older brother [REDACTED] was killed in a hit-and-run while riding his bike in front of our house. [REDACTED] death was a devastating loss for my family, and it hit me harder than I could have ever expected at the time. Without my brother, I felt even more alone at home. By the time I was ten years old, the resentment I felt toward my parents led me to spend more time with other kids in the community. I soon began spending more time with my friends and less time at home. With my friends I felt a sense of belonging. They were the family I always wanted. At the time I would have done anything for this family.

Looking back on my life today, I see where I went wrong and why. Growing up in a household where the memories of the war haunted my parents and two older siblings, living in poverty, and suffering from physical abuse only pushed me away. But this pushed me towards negative influences. At sixteen, I did not fully comprehend the consequences of my actions and how they would affect both the victims that day and my family—also victims. I also didn't realize how lucky I was to have a family that loved and cared for me enough to sacrifice as much as they had. My parents always worked hard to provide for me. I realized this every time they came to visit me in prison, as they stood by me through the parole process, and welcomed me home with open arms.

I do not resent the time I spent in prison. In fact, I have an appreciation for it. Being forced to endure harsh conditions from a young age taught me to find positivity within myself. This helped me reevaluate every aspect of my life and consider what it is that is

important to me. I am now committed to continuing to right the wrongs of my past by giving back to others, building community, and being there for my family just as they have been there for me.

Almost twenty years since I committed the worst act of my life, I am able to fully reflect on where I went wrong. Although I realize now that the circumstances surrounding my childhood directly led to my involvement in this crime, that does not take away from the sense of guilt, shame, and remorse that I continue to feel every day. I take full responsibility for my actions and want to work now to keep other kids from making the same mistakes that I made.

2. Why do you want a pardon?

I want a pardon so I can remain in this country—my country—and work towards restoring what my actions took away from both my family and my community. After spending sixteen years in prison, I changed a lot. Today I am committed to doing everything I can to make amends for my past and prove I am a different person than I was at the age of sixteen. There are four main reasons why I want a pardon—why I want the opportunity to fully redeem myself.

I want a pardon so I will not be deported. I will never be able to fulfill my obligations to those who I hurt if I am not allowed to stay here in the United States where I can continue the long process of healing the wounds I created. I originally came to the U.S. when I was just two years old as a refugee from Vietnam, a country that my parents fled before I was even born. I have never known a country other than the United States.

Throughout my childhood, I was always trying to play two roles: I was Vietnamese at home, but I was American out in the world. It's strange to feel so entirely American but know that at the same time, I could be deported to a country that I have only ever heard stories of. Although I was raised to be proud of my roots, all of the stories I have heard about my parents' country growing up related to violence, death, and oppression. My family fled a brutal regime that imprisoned my father in a concentration camp and shot a bullet through my mother's chest. Luckily she survived. The thought of being sent back to a country that has done such awful things to my family haunts me constantly.

Now that the U.S. is beginning to deport Vietnamese refugees like me, I see the fear everywhere in the community. Those who still remember the brutal oppression of the communist government are afraid for those of us with final removal orders. Until recently, I thought I was safe from ever having to return to the country that my parents risked their lives to save me from. Now, for the first time in my life, my parents are revealing to me some of their most deeply traumatic experiences living in Vietnam; stories they had kept hidden away from me for so long. I don't think this is meant to scare me, but rather to prepare me for what might come next.

Despite my parents' attempts at preparing me for the worst-case scenario, I am preparing for the best-case scenario. Since my release from prison I have focused every day on

what I can do to give back to the community and to my family. I work full time, am an active volunteer with many organizations, and spend a lot of time with my family. Because of this, I find it almost impossible to even think about going back to Vietnam. There is too much I hope to accomplish here. My whole life is here. For this reason, I have a responsibility to try as hard as I can to remain here. A pardon will allow me to stay and honor that responsibility.

I want a pardon so I can give back to my family. The most important thing I realized during the many years I was separated from my family, was how much I took away from them. Prison gave me the chance to reflect on the harm that my actions caused and allowed me to concentrate on my own rehabilitation. Now, having been granted parole, I have a chance to make up for what my actions took away.

In Vietnamese culture, family is the strongest bond that we have in life. They are our support system; they guide us and protect us. And more than anything, they are always there for us, no matter what. While I believed this to be true, because that was what I was told as a kid, it was never something I actually felt growing up. When I was younger, I was always looking for that sense of family I had been told about, but I never felt like my own family loved or treated me in the way that I thought families were supposed to. Once I found other people who I thought understood me, I became dependent on them. I would have done anything for them.

The first time I realized how much my family meant to me was on the day of my arrest in 1999. Sitting in the back of the police car that day, the first thing I thought was that I would never see my family again—my mom, dad, brothers, and sister. Or if I did, what would I say to them? Despite years of pushing my family away, I was now scared of losing them forever.

Once in prison I realized how much my family was there for me. Throughout my time in prison, my parents would visit me as often as they could and my brothers and sisters would write me letters, telling me all about their lives. On the day of my release, my whole family came to pick me up, including my brothers who flew in from Washington and Texas just to be there for me. Coming out after sixteen years, I had a lot to catch up on—everything from how to use a smart phone to how to apply for a driver's license—but they have all been there every day to walk me through it, step-by-step.

Since my release I have worked to establish the types of relationships with my family members that I felt I lacked growing up. My oldest brother, [REDACTED] was never around much when I was a kid, but now, even though he lives in Seattle, he always calls me to check in on how I'm doing and to offer his advice. [REDACTED] who used to reprimand me as a kid, has become the family protector. While he can still be blunt in how he talks to me, I know now that he's looking out for me. My little brother, [REDACTED] is the sibling who I'm most compatible with. Even though he also lives in Seattle now, every time we get together, all we do is laugh. I see my younger sister [REDACTED] the most often. She still lives in Orange County and we get together almost every day. Sometimes we just get boba tea and talk. She has made it her mission to help us all improve the bond we share as a family.

When I first went away to prison, I had reserved the most amount of anger for my parents. I felt like they had abandoned me as a kid and of course, I still resented my dad for physically abusing me throughout most of my childhood. Although it took years and didn't come easily, eventually my dad and I were able to work through our feelings of disappointment and anger toward one another. Today, I see my parents as often as I can. Whether it's just going for morning coffee or planning a fishing trip with my dad, we're always working to make up for the time we missed together. It means a lot for me to be able to be there for my parents, especially as they get older. They need me now more than ever.

I want a pardon so I can give back to my community. I feel a sense of responsibility to my community here in California. While my sentence helped to rehabilitate me, I now want to use all of the skills that I learned while in prison to serve the community that I affected.

Just two weeks after my release, when I was still living in transitional housing, I began volunteering with the Get on the Bus program. I knew about this program from my time in prison, as I would always see the kids coming visit their parents. I could tell how much it meant to the kids and their dads to have that time together. So I knew right away when I got out, that would be a worthwhile program to volunteer with. The Center for Restorative Justice Works, which runs the Get on the Bus Program, was far away from the transition home where I was living and I had to take three buses to get there. But that didn't stop me. For the first seven months after my release, I volunteered with the Get on the Bus program five days a week. I still volunteer with Get on the Bus at least once a month because it is important to me to mentor younger kids.

In 2016, I also became actively involved with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC), which helps formerly incarcerated individuals reenter society with the skills they need to succeed. After going through the program myself after I was released, I began mentoring others who were newly released. Most of my experiences mentoring others have been inspiring, such as when a woman who I was working with turned her life around and got her college education while also raising two children. But others have been sobering. I was saddened to learn that a young kid who I had mentored was recently killed. While I know that this work cannot change every life, experiences like this make me even more committed to doing as much as I can to change even a single life.

I know what it's like to grow up caught between two worlds without any guide, to be angry and lost, and to make a mistake. In a way, it is a privilege to have had these experiences because I can now use them to help at-risk youth make different decisions than I did. By sharing my experiences, I believe that I can help others from going down the same road of criminality and instead find a positive outlet for their hopes and dreams.

Other than my work with the Get on the Bus Program and the Anti-Recidivism Coalition, I also volunteer with Asian Pacific Islander Reentry and Inclusion Through Support and

Empowerment (API RISE), Project Kinship, and helped found a new organization in Orange County called Asian & Pacific Islander Re-Entry of Orange County (APIROC).

I want a pardon so I can fulfill my dreams. It is my dream to become a counselor and work with youth who have gotten caught up in the juvenile justice system. Given my own life experiences, I am especially drawn to work with youth who face similar circumstances to my own. I strongly believe that in order to convey a message—any message—to others, you need to have walked in their footsteps. While we can read things in books or see things on TV, we cannot understand the true meaning or appreciate the full capacity of something without experiencing it ourselves. This is why I see my role as a mentor to at-risk youth as being so important. When I see a young person living a life of crime, I feel a sense of responsibility. I know what they are going through, that they are in need of help and guidance. If we can help guide these young people, we can prevent crimes from happening.

When I talk to at-risk youth, or kids living in poverty and gang-ridden communities just like I did, I know I can connect to them in a way that others cannot. I am able to tell my story, to share in what they are going through, and to honestly say, “I know exactly what you’re going through; I was that kid too.”

A pardon will therefore allow me to regain my legal status so that I can finally begin to fulfill this dream without the constant fear of deportation hanging over me. While I have been focused on my rehabilitation, reentry, and finding ways to get involved in the community since my release, there is so much more I hope to accomplish in the future building on the work I have already begun. Having lost sixteen years of my life already, I want the chance to make up for that time so that I can continue to give back to others. It is my hope to become a counselor and work in a juvenile facility, where I believe my experience and insight will be especially valuable.

3. Why do you deserve a pardon?

There is so much I hope to accomplish in the future as a loving son, brother, uncle, community member, and mentor to at-risk youth and formerly incarcerated individuals. With this in mind, I believe there are five main reasons why I deserve a pardon.

I give back to the community. When I went before the Board of Commissioners in 2015, I was one of the first non-lifers to be granted parole and I was granted on my first try. During the hearing, Commissioner Zarrinnam asked me a question that still plays in my mind today. He asked me, “If a thirty-two-year-old Mr. Nguyen were to go back and talk to a sixteen-year-old Mr. Nguyen, what would he tell him?” I responded by saying that, “through all the years of my incarceration, I come to realize that it’s not worth it. It’s not worth it one bit. You have a family that you thought didn’t care for you, but sixteen years later, they’re still here. If I can just plant this seed into this little kid’s head and one day he sees the light, I’ve done my job.”

I didn't know it then, but those words would come to define my life. While I don't have the power to go back in time and warn my sixteen-year-old self not to make this mistake, I do have the power to help other lost and angry kids see the light.

One day while I was volunteering with Get on the Bus, one of the children came up to me and expressed how much he hated his father for being locked up. It was a sad reminder of all of the hurt that my own absence must have caused for my family, but I also felt, as someone who had been through the same situation as this boy's father, that I could offer some insight. So, I bought this kid a soda, and we talked for a while. I told him that sometimes people make mistakes but that didn't mean his dad didn't love him. It felt good to cheer him up and I knew then that this was my calling. I wanted to do more to help others who are going through tough times.

Throughout my time in prison, I learned so much from the lifers who lived their lives knowing that they may never see freedom again. Although I wasn't technically a lifer, since I was sentenced to thirty-five years, the lifers accepted me. They taught me that even though I had many years ahead of me in prison, I could still do things now to improve myself, to become a better person. This is a lesson I have carried with me beyond the prison walls and have since shared with others.

ARC has helped me continue this work on the outside. After going through their program in 2016, I am now a seasoned veteran. I still return as often as I can to mentor others just getting out of prison and pass on what the lifers taught me. When I am mentoring a newly released guy, I try to update him on all that he has missed since he has been away, but more than anything, I just want to be a friend—someone he can rely on when he's feeling lost or scared or angry. Being a part of this community is very important to me. It's where I have made many friends. We can all relate to what each other are going through, and that is such a special bond. I enjoy sharing my own story with others, especially the younger guys, and being able to offer advice, knowing exactly what it is they are going through. Doing this work with such inspiring people, like my mentor Sam Lewis—a former lifer himself—has shown me how much we as formerly incarcerated individuals have to offer.

In addition to my work with ARC, I have also become involved with the Asian and Pacific Islander Community in both Los Angeles and Orange County. My work with Tung Nguyen has given me the opportunity to play a large role in the founding of a new organization, Asian & Pacific Islander Re-Entry of Orange County (APIROC). My work with APIROC has since become one of the most important parts of my life. There are very few reentry services available to the Asian community in Orange County. This makes it very hard for individuals to find the support they need when going through a challenging time after their release from prison. Because of this, the mission of APIROC is to provide these much needed reentry services to this community. Although we are just starting out, we have already established a core group of people committed to the cause.

Given everything that is going on right now with changing immigration policies, APIROC and the services we provide is needed now more than ever to help support

individuals who are living every day on the edge, not knowing whether they will be deported. Being able to support others through these tough times—others who I can relate to because I am experiencing the same thing—is extremely meaningful to me. All of the work that I have done since getting out has helped remind me that I am not alone, and even more than that, it feels good to be able to be there for others.

I have proved my rehabilitation. At sixteen years old, the idea of spending thirty-five years in prison felt like eternity. I thought that I would die in prison. I have come a long way from that point in my life. I still remember the day when SB 260 passed. One of my friends in prison told me to watch the news at 5 o'clock. He said that there was some change regarding juvenile offenders. So, at 5 o'clock everybody gathered around to watch the news and we saw that SB 260 passed. The news segment said that they would be giving relief to individuals who were convicted as juveniles. Right away, something hit me: I could go home.

Although I had already spent many years at this point focused on my own rehabilitation and self-improvement, there was a lot to learn about the parole process. Because I was working in the prison library at that time and didn't know much about the legislation, I asked Valerie Schultz, the Library Assistant, about it. She would print out information for me and we would post it around the yard so other inmates, who this might help, could also be informed.

I was also a member of the lifers group and realized that all I was learning as a part of their group I could now apply to my own case. Before I was in the group based on my own personal desire to better myself. But now I realized that I would have the chance to demonstrate to the Board of Parole commissioners how much I had changed over the past fifteen years. I wanted them to be able to see all that I had accomplished—that I was not the same person I was when I was sixteen. It was also important to me that other juvenile offenders would also be able to benefit from the lifer's group because they would now need to prepare for similar parole hearings. So I went to the head of the group and pushed to include other youth sentenced as adults in these groups. This change didn't come easily, but eventually they agreed.

While SB 260 provided me with the opportunity to gain my freedom, my own rehabilitation and desire to change began long before. In 2002, when I was just seventeen years old, I spent sixteen months in solitary confinement. It was during this time that the man in the cell next to me asked me where I was from. When I told him that I was Vietnamese, he asked me about Vietnam. Realizing that I didn't know as much as I should about Vietnam, but also aware of the fact that because I was illiterate, I could not read about this in a book, I decided I wanted to learn to read and write. I then checked out a dictionary from the library and taught myself to read starting with the letter "A." This was the beginning of my desire to change, to learn more, and become better informed.

My transformation from an immature and resentful teenager to a thoughtful and giving person took time. It was a process. But a major turning point for me came in 2008. My parents used to come and visit me in prison once a week. But during the first few years,

whenever my dad would come, he was always negative and would focus on my failings. He would tell me how he was right all along and that if I only listened to him I wouldn't be in prison. Finally I told him to stop coming. If he wasn't willing to face reality and accept that I had made a mistake, I didn't want to see him. He didn't come the next week. But when he came two weeks later, he asked me for the first time how I was doing. He said I was still his kid.

In the coming months and years my dad and I developed a much stronger bond. We got to know each other better and came to understand what we were both going through all those years before. Making amends with my father helped heal other wounds I had as well. It helped me come to appreciate my own family more, which was one of the biggest factors that led me to run away and seek the comfort of others in the first place. Knowing that I had the love and support of my family changed everything for me. After years of feeling abandoned and neglected by my family, I realized that I did have a family who loved and cared for me, and that it was me who let them down. I now needed to prove to them that I could change. I had something to live for.

Around this same time I became friends with a lifer who introduced me to self-help programs. I started with Toastmasters and Alcoholics Anonymous. Soon I was participating in Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, and Celebrate Recovery. I also began thinking more about the circumstances that led to the commission of the crime and wrote essays on causative factors, pre-commitment factors, remorse, empathy, apology, and responsibility. I also wrote letters of apology to my victims and to the community.

The self-help groups really helped me turn my life around. I was now more focused on my future rather than my past. In 2013 I received my GED and began working in the library. I began taking college courses, including a class on child growth and development, and wrote poetry, some of which was published. All of this helped me develop a new way of thinking based on positivity, selflessness, and reflection. Although I had a lot to show the Board of Parole Commissioners to demonstrate my rehabilitation, remorse, and transformation, people were saying that only three out of every ten people were getting approved. So, when I was granted parole on my very first try, I knew it was a big deal. Being granted parole meant that people saw potential in me. I had potential and that was motivating.

I was convicted as a juvenile and served my time. Growing up in prison was not easy. Three out of five kids become victims in adult prisons. They are raped, beaten, and used as pawns in gang wars. Right away you are taught the rules. You are either tougher than the guy next to you or you become his victim. I still remember my first day in prison. An older guy said to me, "you don't need to rehabilitate in here, you just need to survive." I heard the sounds of other kids my age being raped and saw how prison changed people. During my first few years in prison, I did everything I could just to survive. I would fight with people, just so I could go to solitary confinement and escape the violence in the general population. At least in solitary, I felt safe.

Because I made it through those sixteen years without being broken, however, I now want help prevent other young people from experiencing those same conditions. I want to send a message to young people, that they don't have to die in prison. That they can go on to live a life after prison, thanks to recent reforms like SB 260. Your support of me will help send a strong message to other youth offenders, who were sentenced as adults, that you were right to support juvenile justice reforms like SB 260. I want to validate your belief in young people and prove to any skeptics that youth have the capacity to change. I want to be the proof that change is possible.

I can support my family. In Vietnamese culture, burying a parent who passes away is one of the most important things a son or daughter to do. It is not only a sign of respect, but it is also an act of love on behalf of the people who raised you. When I got out of prison, I realized for the first time in sixteen years that I would actually be able to be there when my parents died—something I had thought I might miss before I was paroled. However, now that I might be deported on account of my past, I am afraid I won't be able to be there for them in their old age.

I have already missed out on almost two decades of a life with my family. Now that I am an adult, my parents are in their old age, and they're weaker. It makes me aware of the limited window of time I might have left with them. My mom, for instance, has high blood pressure and takes three to four medications a day. And my dad has been a heavy smoker since the age of ten—he's sixty-seven now. I can see them deteriorating, and I want to be there to make them happy in their final years, however long that is.

This is especially important to me because I know that I have placed a lot of stress on them over the years. They have told me how hard it was for them as parents to see their child go through what I did. This is why I am so determined now to spend as much time as I can with them and help alleviate any burden.

My parents live alone. Although I visit them three to four days a week, I realize that as they get older they will need help and support. Because I missed out on many years of being there for them, I want to be there for them in the years to come. Today I still feel at times like my parents have to help me. That I am still a kid. At thirty-five years old they had to teach me how to pay my taxes, get a driver's license, and open a bank account. For this reason, as they get older, I want to prove to them that I am self-sufficient and able to take care of them.

In addition, I have established a strong bond with my father that is very important to me. Shortly after my release from prison my dad called me one day and asked if I wanted to go fishing with him. He was raised in a fishing village in Vietnam and taught me how to fish when I was a kid. But we hadn't been fishing together in years. It is moments like this when I am reminded that my time with him is limited. I now want to make every moment count. I want to be there for my family in all of the ways I could not be there for them before. I want to make up for lost time.

I have successfully reentered. Although it has been less than three years since I was granted parole, I have made every effort during this time to become a productive member of society. Today I am employed full time as the head chef at [REDACTED], spend as much time with my family as possible, and am an active volunteer in the community. The gratitude I feel towards Commissioner Zarrinnam and towards those who demonstrated their belief in me has instilled in me a strong duty to give back to others and to never take my freedom for granted.

This sense of duty to be there for my family, to serve the community, and never take my freedom for granted helped me with my reentry. I knew coming out of prison what was important to me and have never been distracted by negative thinking or negative people. Since starting on this journey towards giving back, I have made many friends and met many others similarly committed to this work. It would be devastating not to be able to continue on this important journey with them towards reforming broken communities, helping individuals who are hurting, and bringing clarity to those who lack a clear vision for their futures. There is so much work that needs to be done. I want to be part of these continued efforts and believe my voice is needed, especially in Orange County where there is a lack of support services for the Asian community.

This pardon is not just about me. It is about all of the people who I am committed to working with and working on behalf of. A pardon will provide me with the opportunity to continue to do this work, and will validate your belief in providing youth like me, who were sentenced as adults, a true shot at a second chance.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Tung Thanh Nguyen

Tung Thanh Nguyen, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Nguyen lawfully entered the United States at the age of 15 as a refugee from Vietnam.

He was sentenced on or about August 19, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crimes of murder and robbery. Specifically, Mr. Nguyen brandished a knife and acted as a lookout while his crime partners stabbed the victim, causing him to bleed to death. Mr. Nguyen, who was 16 years old at the time of the crime, served sixteen years, seven months prison, and seven years parole. He was discharged on April 13, 2018 having completed his sentence.

Tung Thanh Nguyen has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Nguyen risked his life to protect civilians during a riot while in prison. Since his release, Mr. Nguyen has become a tireless advocate for juvenile justice reform, and was actively involved in efforts to pass Senate Bill 260 (2013), which established a separate parole hearing process for individuals who committed crimes as juveniles. He helped found Asian and Pacific Islanders Re-entry of Orange County, and has received numerous awards for his efforts. In recognizing that a pardon may permit Mr. Nguyen to remain in the country, a volunteer Catholic chaplain at San Quentin Prison wrote that a pardon would give Mr. Nguyen the opportunity to continue his advocacy and re-integration work with recently paroled individuals.

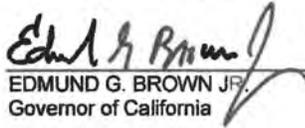
By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Tung Thanh Nguyen, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.



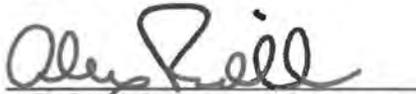
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tung Thanh Nguyen a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto ~~set~~ my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Tung Nguyen Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
P187 (Murder in the first degree), P212.5(A)(Robbery in the first degree)	04/13/1993	Orange County	25 years to life with the possibility of parole

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached pages.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached pages.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached pages.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Not applicable.

Tung Nguyen's Pardon Statement

1. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CRIMES FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING A PARDON

On April 13, 1993, when I was 16 years old, I was involved in a crime resulting in the death of Mr. Tuan Truong and injuries to Mr. Hiep Hoang, Nhan Tran, and Ms. Kim Tran. There is nothing I regret more in my life than my actions and decisions that night.

I had immigrated from Vietnam two years earlier, and I had a very hard time adjusting. The kids in my neighborhood would make fun of me and my brothers because we looked different than them and couldn't speak English very well. They would bully me and pick on me, and there were times where they would physically beat me up. I didn't have any friends, other than my brothers, for a long time. In hindsight, I realize I was looking for a place to belong. Eventually, I found that acceptance in a bad group of friends, people who were older than me and were doing things that were not appropriate. I felt pressured to go along with them so that they would like me and think I was "cool." I didn't care about the consequences of my behavior as long as I got to be with my new friends.

On the night of the crime one of my friends at the time got into a fight over the phone with Mr. Truong. My friends said they wanted to go confront him, and I went along. I didn't stop to think about why we were going to see Mr. Truong or what could happen if we confronted him. I didn't stop to think about the potential consequences of my actions. When we arrived at Mr. Truong's hotel room he was there with a few other people. One of my co-defendants stated that he wanted to "teach him a lesson" by leaving him a scar. The scar that my co-defendant inflicted on Mr. Truong resulted in a lethal wound. I did not know or anticipate that this attack on Mr. Truong was going to happen, but regardless of that fact, I take full responsibility for my actions and my role that night. I should have never agreed to accompany my friends that night. More than that, I should have tried to convince them not to go. When I found out that Mr. Truong had passed away I was in complete shock. I will be forever sorry for the pain I inflicted on Mr. Truong, his family, and the other victims. Regardless whether I was young and stupid, I had a choice. I made a stupid and wrong choice. Every day, I live my life owning up to that wrong and continue doing my best to make amends.

I was charged as an adult in Orange County Superior Court under the Felony Murder rule for one count of First Degree murder and four counts of first degree robbery. I was convicted and sentenced to a 25 years to life in state prison.

2. WHY YOU ARE REQUESTING A PARDON

On April 13, 2011, I was released from San Quentin State Prison to Immigration Custom and Enforcement (ICE) for deportation proceedings and received a final removal order from the immigration judge. However, because of the US-Vietnam Repatriation Agreement, which protects refugees/immigrants who arrived to the US prior to 1995, Vietnam refused to accept me. Therefore, ICE granted my release under an Order of Supervision. The basis of ICE's decision to release me relied heavily on the Governor's Executive Decision releasing me from prison.

Since 2011, I have been in immigration limbo. I do not have the same protections or opportunities as a citizen, and I do not qualify for legal status due to my criminal conviction. I have lived a supervised life under both state and federal restrictions. Rebuilding my life as a person with a past criminal conviction was hard, but it was even harder being a person with Final Removal Order status. Because of this, I do not qualify for benefits from local and federal support, including health services or financial aid for higher education. I also have to pay fees in order to obtain employment, like a work permit. I do want to seem like I am complaining. I am eternally grateful that the Governor commuted my sentence and that I have been given a second chance at life to be with my family. In the past seven years since I have been home, I've had the opportunity to get married to my wonderful wife, and to be a father for my stepson. I will always be grateful for that. However, my life is still in limbo.

With the 2017 election of President Donald Trump my life changed dramatically, and I have been living in constant fear. On January 25th, 2017, the President issued an Executive Order – Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements. The President has stated that if he cannot proceed with deportation, he will re-incarcerate 'criminal aliens'. The United States began applying pressure on Vietnam to accept repatriated Vietnamese. Since March 2017, Vietnamese individuals across the nation have been detained. These are individuals who have a similar, if not identical, immigration status as me.

I live a life of uncertainty and fear. Uncertain because I don't know what my future will become, whether in the US or in Vietnam. Fearful because I do not know if ICE will come and take me away from my family at any moment. Even if ICE can't deport me, ICE can still subject me to indefinite detention.

Since 2017, I have been actively involved in the anti-deportation movement and helped launch a national support network and led Vietnamese and Southeast Asian organizations in responding to ICE. In February 2018, we organized a deportation conference in Washington D.C., hosted by the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, where I and approximately 45 Southeast Asian organizers across the nation spent two days discussing efforts to help those affected by President Trump's policies. Since March 2017, I voluntarily spend a minimum of 4-7 hours a day producing resource materials, translating documents, drafting guides, and taking calls from impacted individuals. I wake up at 4 a.m. in order to fit in this work on top of my other employment. During the ICE raids in March and September of 2017, the community needs were so dire that I had to sacrifice my day job for weeks.

Since California became the first sanctuary state for immigrants, ICE has increased their efforts to conduct raids and detain people, especially those with criminal backgrounds such as myself. On February 16, 2018, ICE raided and arrested about 212 people in Southern California. The recent ICE roundups near my home, demonstrate that I, along with thousands of others, are no longer safe.

As a result of my advocacy work and public media appearances speaking out on these issues, I fear that I have made myself a target for ICE. This threat is more imminent because our anti deportation network has recently filed a class action lawsuit against ICE for acting in violation of the Repatriation Agreement and has refused to release people. I was the main spokesperson and I fear this publicity has made me a high target. If I was deported, I would be taken away from my entire immediate family and from my wife and step son. I have not been to Vietnam in 25 years and I no family ties there that would help me readjust. Because I am an

outspoken human rights advocate, I also fear that if I was deported to Vietnam I would be immediately detained. If I was deported or detained, I worry about my wife and step son dearly. They rely on me for financial support, and without me, my wife will be unable to make our mortgage payments and we would lose our home. The fear of deportation, of losing my family, and the terrible collateral consequences they would face have made me feel scared and hopeless at times. But at the end of each day, I choose to share my story and I choose to be an advocate because I want to help others.

If I am given the honor of a pardon, I will be able to ask to open my immigration case and apply for legal status. I am requesting a pardon so that I don't have to live a life of uncertainty and fear, and so that I can be given the chance to continue my advocacy work.

3. WHY YOU SHOULD BE GRANTED A PARDON

In 2010, after serving 18 years in prison, I was found suitable for parole by the Board of Parole Hearings. The Board set a future release date of 2023 and forwarded my case to the Governor's office for review. On April 1, 2011, after carefully reviewing my case, the Governor modified the Board's decision and issued an Executive Decision ordering my immediate release from prison.

Your Honor made a historical example out of my case. Most importantly, your kind decision charged me to become an agent of change. Since my release, I immediately became active in community activities in an effort to continue making amends for my wrongs. I participated in juvenile justice reforms which resulted in the passing of laws such as: SB260, SB261, and even your authored Proposition 57. I also participated in victim outreach hoping to bridge the gap and bring about healing. I founded the community support group named APIROC (Asians and Pacific Islanders Reentry of Orange County), whose mission is to serve incarcerated populations, including those who were recently released and those who are currently incarcerated, their families and friends, and victims of crimes. I am a finalist for the 2018 Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowship, which if granted will allow me to dedicate myself full-time to work to establish an anti-deportation support system for Vietnamese communities in Orange County while hoping to serve as a national model for support of Vietnamese and other API communities.

I have dedicated my life to serving others, and since my release from prison, I have not taken one single day for granted. My goal is to help at least one person each and every day. My contributions to the community thus far have been recognized and have earned me the title of "Unsung Hero." The lessons I learned while incarcerated, the mentors who guided me through my reentry, the classes I have taken as a part of my rehabilitation, and my faith have all played a role in my transformation. I am not the same boy I was in 1993 who made bad decisions. I am no longer a follower; I have gained the skills to realize my potential and I am now a community leader. Your honor, I ask for your mercy and that you give me a chance to live a life free from fear and uncertainty so that I can realize my full potential and continue my path of service. For all of these reasons, and the reasons outlined in the letters of support from the community, I believe I am deserving of the honor of a pardon.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jennifer L. Nice (Ungar)

Jennifer L. Nice, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about November 17, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of being an accessory. She served three years probation. She was discharged on November 17, 2007, having completed her sentence.

Jennifer L. Nice has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of El Dorado, an order dated July 18, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Jennifer L. Nice has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jennifer L. Nice a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

In the Matter of the Application of

JENNIFER L. NICE

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

Month, Day, Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

SC 057506A; San Mateo County

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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EL DORADO CO. SUPERIOR COURT
BY *[Signature]*
(DEPUTY CLERK)

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **JENNIFER L. UNGAR (formerly Jennifer L. Nice)**, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

at **[Redacted]**, heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **18th** day

Day of the Month

of **July, 2016** and proof having been given as required by law;

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and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole

or probation on **October 3, 2002**, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been **one** time(s) convicted of a felony;

Total Number of Felony Convictions

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

18th
Day of the Month

day of

July, 2016
Month, Year

C. ANDERS HOLMER

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED OR PRINTED

C. ANDERS HOLMER

Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jack Stanton Oates

Jack Stanton Oates, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 30, 1981, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served two years, two months probation. He was discharged on February 21, 1984, having completed his sentence.

Jack Stanton Oates has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated May 4, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jack Stanton Oates has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jack Stanton Oates a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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In the Matter of the Application of

Jack Stanton Oates

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Criminal Case Number(s) A148801

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County of Los Angeles
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Jack Stanton Oates presently residing at

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heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on May 4, 2017

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Granted Probation November 30, 1981

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15) and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 4 day of MAY 2017
Day of the Month Month, Year



SCOTT M. BORADON

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court -

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Joseph Patrick O'Keefe

Joseph Patrick O'Keefe, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 30, 1975, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of attempted robbery. He served nine months prison, and one year, nine months parole. He was discharged on November 16, 1979, having completed his sentence.

Joseph Patrick O'Keefe has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated January 19, 2001, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. O'Keefe is a licensed clinical social worker, and reports that he has been sober for over 30 years and that he is active in a twelve-step program. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Joseph Patrick O'Keefe has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Joseph Patrick O'Keefe a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

JOSEPH PATRICK O'KEEFE

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Name, Last and Suffix, if applicable

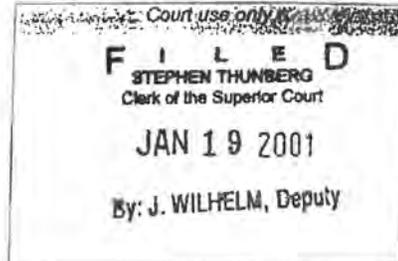
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Criminal Case Number(s) 1440319, C34741

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of JOSEPH PATRICK O'KEEFE, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 19th day

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of January, 2001 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 3-27-80, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 2

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 19th day of January, 2001

Day of the Month

Month, Year

DAVID M. GILL

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

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Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Marlon Gordon O'Keith

Marlon Gordon O'Keith, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 23, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of burglary. He served one year, eleven months probation before it was revoked for the next conviction. He was then sentenced on or about March 28, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of vehicle theft and robbery. He served three years, two months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on July 6, 1990, having completed his sentence.

Marlon Gordon O'Keith has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated September 14, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. O'Keith's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on November 20, 2018. Mr. O'Keith also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on December 19, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Marlon Gordon O'Keith has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Marlon Gordon O'Keith a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

MARLON GORDON O'KEITH

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

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Criminal Case Number(s)

A394740; A761108

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of MARLON GORDON O'KEITH, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 14th day

Day of the Month

of September, 2018 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on June 6, 1989, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 2

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

14th Day of the Month

day of

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Michael A. Knish

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

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Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Melissa Jean Olsgard

Melissa Jean Olsgard, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about December 7, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, in separate cases. In the first case, she was convicted of the crimes of committing fraud to obtain aid and possession a controlled substance for sale. In the second case, she was convicted of possession of a controlled for sale. She served eleven months prison, and one year, six months parole; the sentences ran concurrently. She was discharged on June 25, 1997, having completed her sentence. Specifically, Ms. Olsgard submitted false information in an application to receive public assistance, and was in possession of a controlled substance with an intent to sell it.

Melissa Jean Olsgard has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated December 19, 2012, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Olsgard is active with her church and community events. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Ms. Olsgard's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended her for a pardon on February 19, 2014. Ms. Olsgard also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on October 17, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Melissa Jean Olsgard has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Melissa Jean Olsgard a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Butte

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Melissa Jean Olsgard

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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Criminal Case Number(s) CM005105, CM004306

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County of Butte

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Member: Fisher, Clark
By: [Signature] Deputy

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Melissa Jean Olsgard, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 19th day of December, 2012 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 12/21/1995, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been three

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 19th day of December 2012

Day of the Month

Month, Year

JAMES C. RILEY

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Maria Ovidia Orellana

Maria Ovidia Orellana, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about January 28, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. She served eight years, one month probation. She was discharged on March 5, 2001, having completed her sentence.

Maria Ovidia Orellana has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated September 21, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Maria Ovidia Orellana has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Maria Ovidia Orellana a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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In the Matter of the Application of

Maria Ovidia Orellana *aka* MARIA OVIDIA MENDOZA ; MARIA OREJANA
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Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number BA067477

Criminal Case Number(s) BA067477-02



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of MariaOvidiaOrellana presently residing at [REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on September 21, 2017

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Granted Probation January 28, 1993

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 21 day of Sept
Day of the Month Month, Year



[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

Judge of said Superior Court -

SCOTT M. GORDON

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Paul Valen Orosco

Paul Valen Orosco, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 1, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of King for the crime of grand theft. Specifically, Mr. Orosco stole \$1800 from a drug store. He served one year, eight months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on May 5, 2002, having completed his sentence.

Paul Valen Orosco has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare, an order dated September 22, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Orosco is active in his local church and in his community. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Paul Valen Orosco has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Paul Valen Orosco a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Tulare

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Paul Valen Orosco

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

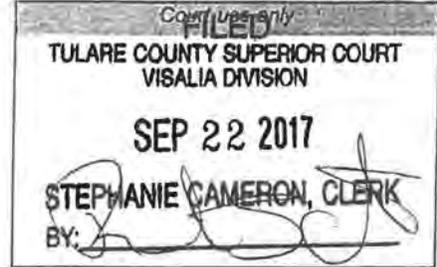
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Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Paul Valen Orosco, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 9/22/17 day

Day of the Month

of [redacted] and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 01/25/2002, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one (1)

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 22

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Gary Paden

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED



[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Rachael Ortiz

Rachael Ortiz, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about February 18, 1965, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served eleven months prison, and three years, eleven months parole. She was discharged on April 14, 1970, having completed her sentence.

Rachael Ortiz has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated September 20, 1991, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Ortiz helped establish Barrio Station, a San Diego based non-profit that has provided services and resources for thousands of at-risk youth in the region. She has received numerous awards and commendations, including from the California State Senate, State Assembly, and the City of San Diego. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Rachael Ortiz has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rachael Ortiz a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Clerk of the Superior Court

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By: J. TROIANO, Deputy

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

In the Matter of the Application of

RACHAEL ORTIZ

(Print or write your name legibly)

For a Certification of Rehabilitation
and Pardon

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NO.: _____

CII No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

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The petition of RACHAEL ORTIZ, presently residing

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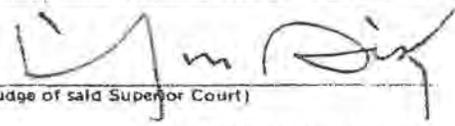
, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 20TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1991, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his

release on parole or probation on FEBRUARY 16, 1966, 19 , that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been (once) (twice)(thrice) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this _____ day of SEP 20 1991, 19


(Judge of said Superior Court)

DAVIE M. GITT

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jessica Osborne

Jessica Osborne, a resident of Washington, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about May 21, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta, for the crimes of transporting a controlled substance under special circumstances, and possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. She served two years, nine months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on April 30, 2002 having completed her sentence.

Jessica Osborne has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Jessica Osborne, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jessica Osborne a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) **If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jessica (Wunsch) Osborne Date of Birth: [Redacted] Social Security Number: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Narcotics Trafficking	1997	Shasta County	7 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was in a vehicle traveling through California. The vehicle had drugs in it when we got pulled over the police searched the car and found them

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see additional page

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

see additional page

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

[Redacted]

Jessica Osborne – Maiden Name: Jessica Ann Wunsch

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3. I am requesting a pardon be granted so that I can have my rights restored. After 15 years, I would like to be able to vote, serve on a jury, and have my firearm rights restored.
4. I was sentenced to 7 years and was released for good behavior after 3 years. Immediately following my release, I was allowed to transfer to [REDACTED] Washington, where I was born and raised. I was on parole for 1 year and let off parole early for also having good behavior on parole.

I feel I should be granted a pardon because since being released from prison and off parole, I have made an amazing life for myself. I got married in 2003 and we have 3 children. In 2013, I graduated from Eastern Washington University with my Bachelor's degree. In 2016, I earned my Certified Veterinary Practice Manager's certificate. I have worked at the same job for 15 years.

I have not had any legal problems since being released from prison in 2001.

5. No one assisted me in preparing this document.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Alison Margaret Overzet

Alison Margaret Overzet, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about March 13, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served three years probation, and one year, 219 days jail. She was discharged on March 13, 2000, having completed her sentence.

Alison Margaret Overzet has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa, an order dated August 19, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Alison Margaret Overzet has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Alison Margaret Overzet a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

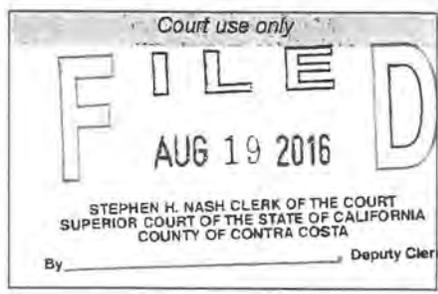
Alison Margaret Overzet
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number _____

Date of Birth _____
Month Day, Year

CII Number _____

Criminal Case Number(s) 129445
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Alison Margaret Overzet, presently residing at _____, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 19th day of August, 2016 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on March 13, 2000, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 19 day of August 2016

PATRICIA M. SCANLON
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Patricia M Scanlon
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michael Robert Pace

Michael Robert Pace, a resident of North Carolina, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 4, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served seven months prison, and five months parole. He was discharged on December 16, 1995 having completed his sentence.

Michael Robert Pace has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Robert Pace, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Robert Pace a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) **If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: MICHAEL ROBERT PACE Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary: SEEKING PARDON FOR 1993, HS 11378, ORANGE COUNTY 93CF0552

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
See attached copy of DOJ criminal history transcript. All convictions were between 1992-1994.			
With the exception of 93CF0552, defendant's felony convictions have been reduced to misdemeanors. (Orders Attached.)			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached declaration of applicant, incorporated herein by reference.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached declaration of applicant, incorporated herein by reference.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached declaration of applicant, incorporated herein by reference. Also, see the 12 attached letters of support and other supporting documents, incorporated herein by reference.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

My attorney: Richard Glen Boire

RICHARD GLEN BOIRE, #148189
Law Firm of Richard Glen Boire
216 F Street # 9
Davis, CA 95616
Tel: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]

Attorney For: MICHAEL ROBERT PACE

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL ROBERT PACE
IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR TRADITIONAL GOVERNOR'S PARDON
(Penal Code, §§ 4800-4813)

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff, (Orange County Case No.
93CF0552)

v.

MICHAEL ROBERT PACE,

Defendant.

I, MICHAEL ROBERT PACE, hereby declare:

1. I was born on [REDACTED] and currently reside in [REDACTED] North Carolina.
2. Twenty-four years ago, on March 4, 1993, I was sentenced to 16 months in state prison.
3. My conviction occurred during a terrible period in my life when I was addicted to cocaine and methamphetamine and living on and off the streets. My addiction lasted from the age of 18 (1980) to December 24, 1994. During that period, my entire life fell

apart. My wife and young son left me, I had no job, no home, and was feeling hopeless and depressed.

4. From 1992-1994, I would sell drugs and steal things to feed my drug habit and to obtain food. During those two years, I was convicted of various drug offenses in Orange County (see attached DOJ Criminal History Transcript). The instant case is the only felony on my record that has not been reduced to a misdemeanor.
5. My conviction in the instant case occurred while I was already on probation and, as a result, I was sent to prison. I was in prison for approximately 7 months (April 1993 - November 1993). During that time I did not receive any drug treatment nor any therapy or counseling related to my serious drug addiction. Thus, when I was paroled in November 1993, I was still suffering from addiction and I returned to using drugs and committing crimes to feed my habit as soon as I was released. I was arrested again and returned to prison for 7 more months (April 1994-November 1994.)
6. On Christmas Eve 1994, I had a life-changing religious experience in which the Lord completely opened my heart and turned my life around in an instant. I was driving in my car when it occurred. I pulled over and immediately called my estranged wife, asking to see her and my son. I told them of my transformation. For good reason, she was skeptical.

7. Two years later, however, we remarried, with my son, [REDACTED] serving as my Best Man. (See attached letter of my son [REDACTED] Pace and my spouse [REDACTED] Pace, both supporting my application for a pardon.) My son, [REDACTED] is now 29 years old and is an officer in the U.S. Marines. (See attached letter of [REDACTED] Pace, supporting my application for a pardon.) My brother [REDACTED] Pace has also witnessed the profound changes in my life and he supports my request for relief. (See attached letter of [REDACTED] Pace, supporting my application for a pardon.)
8. I am very happy to say that I have been clean and sober since Christmas Eve 1994. In the twenty-three years since I overcame my addiction, I have worked hard to rebuild my life. I am very happy to say that I have succeeded. I am the owner and president of [REDACTED] We create the layout for circuit boards, and work with electronic engineers all across North America. My wife and I are also active real-estate investors.
9. I deeply regret the years I lost to my addiction and the frustration and worry that I caused to my loved ones. I feel fortunate that I have overcome my addiction, rebuilt my relationships, and I am still a relatively young man. I am absolutely committed to remaining clean and sober, and I hope to serve as a model that it is possible to turn your life around from the depths of addiction, homelessness, and despair.

10. In addition to my family's support, I have the support of my community. (See attached letters from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] all supporting my application for a governor's pardon.) I deeply regret the pain and heartache that I caused all those who loved me so dearly. I will not let them down again.

11. I have fulfilled all the terms and conditions of parole. I am not serving a sentence for any offense. I have paid all fines, fees, and restitution ordered by the court. I am not on probation for any offense. I am not charged with the commission of any offense.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed on MARCH 8, 2017, in [REDACTED] North Carolina.



MICHAEL ROBERT PACE, Defendant

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jose Padilla

Jose Padilla, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 15, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of receiving stolen property. He served ten months probation before he was convicted for the next offense. He was sentenced on or about March 10, 1997 in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of receiving stolen property. He was discharged on February 13, 1998, having completed his sentence. Specifically, in both instances Mr. Padilla permitted individuals to store stolen property in warehouses he owned.

Jose Padilla has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Padilla enlisted in the U.S. Army and voluntarily served in the Vietnam War, and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal in addition to other commendations.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Padilla's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on August 21, 2018. Mr. Padilla also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 14, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jose Padilla, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jose Padilla a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



D-2974-18

Same attachments for app & PAC

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jose Padilla Date of Birth: 11/18/1950 E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include CA PC 496(a) with 16 months sentences and CA PC 166(a)(4) with 90 days sentence.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary): See attached statement (Exhibit C, Section 1.)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary): See attached statement (Exhibit C, Section 2.)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached statement (Exhibit C, Section 3.)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Applicant is represented by attorneys Anthony Pullara and Stacy Tolchin on a pro bono basis. No money or gift has been paid.

1. Describe your involvement in the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon:

Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. VA 033618. In this case it was alleged that between July 1, 1995 through July 27, 1995 I had received or possessed stolen property. During this time, I had a storage business with two warehouses in Whittier, California. I rented storage space to an individual who stored stolen merchandise in my warehouses. I did not initially know the merchandise was stolen but I became suspicious (and should have known it was stolen) when I saw that the contents included electronic goods. The individual I rented to was an informant. On February 14, 1996 I pleaded guilty to violating Penal Code section 496(a), receiving stolen property. On April 15, 1996 I was placed on probation for a period of three years and ordered to serve 180 days in Los Angeles County jail. Then on February 25, 1997, based upon my conviction in Case No. KA034925, my probation was violated and I was sentenced to 16 months in state prison.

Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. KA 034925. In this case, it was alleged that on January 25, 1997 I was in receipt of stolen property and that the value of the property exceeded \$50,000. At that time I had a business storing refrigerated goods for distribution. I entered into an agreement to store cheese and dairy products in a portion of our warehouse. These goods were stolen and I was arrested and charged in this matter. I was on probation at this time. On February 11, 1997 I pleaded guilty to violating Penal Code section 496(a) receiving stolen property; and on February 25, 1997 was sentenced to 16 months in state prison.

The prison sentence on these two cases was ordered to run concurrently; I was not ordered to pay restitution in either case. While I was serving my sentence, I qualified for a special rehabilitation program, which combined education with a physical regimen. I was one of four tutors for other inmates, some of whom were completely illiterate. I was permitted to mentor other inmates and assist them in learning to read and write, I even helped a few of them earn their G.E.D. I was released from state prison on October 16, 1997.

At the time of my arrests in 1995 and 1997, my wife only worked part time and we were struggling to raise our four children based on my income. My three youngest children had all been diagnosed with disabilities, and my mother-in-law, who was born without legs, lived with us as well. I deeply regret my conduct; it is without justification or excuse, it was wrong. My mistakes have hurt the people I care about the most. They took me away from my wife and children when they desperately needed me.

My pardon request is only for the above discussed cases. I do have two other criminal matters in my past which are discussed more fully in other sections of my pardon application. I was arrested in Kentucky on a marijuana case which went to the U.S. Supreme Court and was ultimately dismissed. I also have a 2002 misdemeanor conviction from Los Angeles that relates to child support.

2. I want a pardon because:

I have been ordered removed from the United States because of the two felony convictions for which I am requesting a pardon. I am requesting this pardon so that I will not be deported.

The United States is my home. This is where my family is. I was born on [REDACTED] in Tegucigalpa, Honduras but I don't have anybody close to me back in Honduras. I left in 1965 and entered the U.S. as a permanent resident when I was 14 years old, to reunite with my family who had been living in Los Angeles since the early 1960s. I have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 50 years. I have only been back to Honduras one time, for a total of twelve days, since I first left. My parents were U.S. citizens who lived in San Diego until they passed away. I have four siblings who live in the U.S. My wife of almost 40 years and my U.S. citizen children and grandchildren all live in the U.S. as well. I have four children with [REDACTED] and four other children (one of whom passed away in 2011).

I want to stay in the U.S primarily for my wife, [REDACTED] and our children who depend on me to take care of them. My three youngest children are all adults who have been diagnosed with extreme disabilities and cannot care for themselves. Although I am 67 years old and retired, I work full-time caring for my children in our home. They are technically adults now (ages 27 – 37), but they still have the mentality of children and thus require significant physical, mental and emotional support. I provide this for them. My presence is calming. I am their anchor. Being with my children every day as their parent and caregiver has enabled me to develop the skills necessary to meet their unique needs. I understand them.

My son [REDACTED] is 27 years old, 6'9" and is still growing. He is diagnosed with Mitochondrial Myopathy, Marfan Syndrome, Mild Intellectual Disability, Unspecified Delay in Development, and Gigantism. He has the mental age of a pre-teenager. When I was incarcerated in 1997, [REDACTED] stopped talking completely because I was no longer there. He began talking again when I returned home. When [REDACTED] has tantrums, he is not aware of his own strength. He can easily hurt my wife or anyone else unintentionally. [REDACTED] cannot effectively communicate his needs; we are always on the lookout for any changes in his body and behavior. I am there to make sure he calms down in a safe manner and that he is safe from harm.

Our son [REDACTED] is 32 years old, is diagnosed with Mitochondrial Myopathy, Marfan Syndrome and Moderate Intellectual Disability. He also has an enlarged heart and high blood pressure. Even though he has a speech impediment, drools, and has the mental age of a young teenager, he is able to attend the Disabled Student Program at Citrus College. I take him to college, to the gym, and to his doctor appointments, [REDACTED] is naïve and lacks awareness of his surroundings. He has had experiences where people take advantage of him because of his lack of common sense. For example, when he purchases something he does not always ask for his change back. I give him fatherly advice to prepare him for different scenarios he could face in everyday life.

Our daughter [REDACTED] is 37 years old and is diagnosed with Mitochondrial Myopathy, Marfan Syndrome, Severe Intellectual Disability, and has autistic behaviors. She is the most severely disabled of our three children. She is non-verbal, has the mental age of a three-year-old, requires 24/7 supervision, and needs help with basic activities such as grooming, changing, and bathing. I

take her to doctor visits, supervise her while she eats, and make sure she is comfortable and safe. Over time I have reached the point that I can now read her body language and know what is upsetting her. I can calm her down when she is angry and upset.

I am completely devoted to my children; they are kind and loving. I cannot imagine being separated from them and then unable to teach, guide, and support them through life. They have given me many gifts. I have learned from them to be patient and considerate. They are the focus of my life. We spend time playing board games, joking around, and just talking. I build things for them, like toys I make out of wood and play structures they can use in our yard. We are all so close that we know when we are sad, angry, happy, or depressed just by looking at each other. I am very protective of them, especially of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] because they lack good judgment and are vulnerable to being exploited. I worry that they will put themselves in unsafe situations without them even knowing. I try to teach them awareness of their surroundings and expose them to different environments to stimulate their senses and so that they can be somewhat independent. I want them to be able groom themselves, have good etiquette, and know how to take care of their bodies. Being the over protective parent that I am, I pre-plan our outings and events. I make sure to supervise them and make sure that wherever we are going is a safe place where I can keep my eyes on them.

I do not know what my wife [REDACTED] would do without me. She has no one to help her with taking care of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. If I am deported, I am concerned that my children's health would deteriorate. I fear that [REDACTED] would be unable to take care of herself because she would have sole responsibility to take care of our children.

If I had to return to Honduras I would not want my wife, children and grandchildren to move to Honduras with me because they will become targets for local gangs. My children could not get the same medical assistance in Honduras as they do in the U.S. I do not know how we would support ourselves in Honduras.

I am requesting this pardon to protect [REDACTED] and ensure I will be able to continue to care for our children.

3. I think I should be granted a pardon because:

I am a humble person, and it is contrary to my personality to say that I am *deserving* of the extraordinary relief of a governor's pardon. These are the facts of my life that support me being granted a pardon: I honorably and voluntarily served our country in a time of war; the litigation in my U.S. Supreme Court case, *Padilla vs. Kentucky* has helped ensure non-citizens are properly advised with the ultimate result being families remaining intact by avoiding immigration consequences; and most importantly, my current life is dedicated to the care and support of my children who depend on me for comfort, security, and basic needs.

I honorably served my country in the Vietnam War and I still suffer PTSD from the trauma of military service in a theater of combat. On June 30, 1970 I enlisted in the Army and volunteered to go to Vietnam. After my service in Vietnam, I was stationed in Fort Benning, Georgia. In 1973, I re-enlisted in the Army Reserve. For my service, I was awarded with the National

Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device, 2 Overseas Service Bars, and Sharpshooter (M-16).

After returning from Vietnam, I felt something was wrong with my head. I felt numb and disengaged, I didn't care about anything. I sought and received psychiatric counseling through the Veterans Administration for a few years. Eventually through spiritual guidance, I was able to find happiness again.

Over the last couple of years, my flashbacks from the Vietnam War have increased. I resumed therapy at the end of 2016, and am now part of a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder program at the CalVet Center. I currently go to counseling twice a week. With the help of my counselor at the VA, I began to realize that I was suffering from PTSD. I still suffer from PTSD, but therapy has helped me understand my self and taught me ways to manage my emotions when I am having an episode.

Before I went back to counseling, I thought that my way of thinking was normal, I didn't realize I had this disorder. It took me more than 40 years to understand what I had been experiencing all this time. For example, I feel numb and disconnected from my experiences, sometimes my emotions will vary quickly, I have a hard time sleeping and can't remember my dreams, I will sweat heavily for no reason, and I enjoy being by myself rather than being in groups. It's hard for me to relax. I have to avoid triggering situations. Memorial Day is a terrible day for me. I don't like to remember my time in Vietnam. Two of my friends from the service committed suicide soon after we returned from Vietnam, in the 1970s. I feel very sad when I remember my friends that I've lost.

I am proud that because of my Supreme Court case, my name is synonymous with an immigrant's right to effective counsel in criminal proceedings. In 2002 in Kentucky, I was convicted of a felony for interstate trafficking marijuana that was later vacated and dismissed. My Kentucky case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, *Padilla v. Kentucky*, 559 U.S. 356. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that criminal defense attorneys must advise noncitizen clients about the risks of deportation when they plead guilty. I am proud that my case gives hope to immigrants in the U.S. who may be facing deportation. After the Supreme Court vacated and dismissed my case, I began to donate my time, and continue to do so, to talk at legal events about my case with the hope that it will inspire others with their own legal cases.

I am spending the twilight of my life as a homebody, taking care of my three children. I feel a great responsibility to them and my life is devoted to their care. Caring for them is hard work, but is not a burden. I get so much love and affection, and I learn daily from my children. Our home is warm, comfortable and loving.

Please grant my pardon application so I can become a U.S. citizen and continue to take care of my wife and children.

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

ADDENDUM

Jose Padilla, DOB 11/18/1950

1. Conviction Summary (continued):

Mr. Padilla had sustained a conviction in Hardin County, Kentucky on October 4, 2002, related to marijuana. This conviction no longer exists, as it was ultimately vacated and dismissed following the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Padilla v. Kentucky (559 U.S. 356), decided March 31, 2010.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michelle Lynn Palacios

Michelle Lynn Palacios, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about April 6, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served eight months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on January 29, 1995, having completed her sentence.

Michelle Lynn Palacios has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated September 8, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Michelle Lynn Palacios has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michelle Lynn Palacios a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

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In the Matter of the Application of
MICHELLE LYNN PALACIOS

Case Number: 17FE010915
CII No: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Criminal Case No. 115622

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

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By Lindsay Anderson, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of MICHELLE LYNN PALACIOS, presently residing at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 8th day of September, 2017, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to her completion of the term to which she was sentenced, or upon her release on parole or probation on January 29, 1995, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by her course of conduct her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this September 8, 2017



Gary E. Ransom
Gary Ransom,
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Robert Thomas Paquette

Robert Thomas Paquette, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 19, 2001, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of robbery. He served three years probation. He was discharged on January 19, 2004, having completed his sentence.

Robert Thomas Paquette has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated August 10, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Thomas Paquette has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Thomas Paquette a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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In the Matter of the Application of **ROBERT THOMAS PAQUETTE**

Certificate Number RIC1711149

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) BA202720-04 –Los Angeles County

FILED
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of residence **Robert Thomas Paquette** at [REDACTED]

Herefore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **August 10, 2017**

Proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **August 23, 2010** that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4,

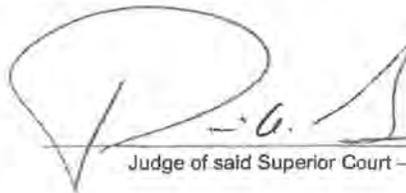
And that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a **felony**

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: 8/10/17

David A. Gunn

Judge of said Superior Court – TYPED or PRINTED



Judge of said Superior Court – SIGNATURE

List of Convictions: 211 PC (2nd degree)



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Billy Clavell Parham

Billy Clavell Parham, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 11, 1976, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Parham appears to have stolen some items from a packing shed. He served two years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on February 11, 1978, having completed his sentence.

Billy Clavell Parham has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated January 7, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, the president of a local construction company describes him as reliable, ethical, and hardworking, while a fellow church member describes him as one of the most honest and helpful individuals he knows. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Billy Clavell Parham has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Billy Clavell Parham a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CR-556-16

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

In the Matter of the Application of **Billy Clavell Parham**

Certificate Number PSC1505389

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) C58147 Riverside County

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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[Handwritten Signature]

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **Billy Clavell Parham**, residence located at [REDACTED]

Herefore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **January 7, 2016**

Proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **unknown** that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4,

And that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil

And political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

1 time(s) convicted of a **felony**

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: 01/07/16

Becky L. Dugan

Judge of said Superior Court – TYPED or PRINTED

[Handwritten Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court – SIGNATURE



List of Convictions: 459 PC

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Rebecca Parks (Chiesa)

Rebecca Parks, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about June 7, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crimes of receiving known stolen property and possession of a hypodermic needle or syringe. She served four years, three months probation, three months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on February 24, 2000, having completed her sentence.

Rebecca Parks has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated November 10, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Parks volunteers her time with a twelve-step program, and is employed in the mental health field. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Rebecca Parks has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rebecca Parks a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

Placer County

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Applicant's County of Residence

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS

In the Matter of the Application of

Rebecca L Parks (Chiesa)

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

FILED on Superior Court of California County of Placer NOV 10 2016 Jake Chatters Executive Officer & Clerk By: M. Taylor Deputy

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

102-146832

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of

Rebecca L Parks (Chiesa)

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

, presently residing

at

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 10 day

Day of the Month

of November, 2016 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on February 24, 2000, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

10 Day of the Month

day of

November, 2016

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Garen Hoost

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

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Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Carlos Patino

Carlos Patino, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 18, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. He served five years probation, and 120 days jail. He was discharged on June 18, 2004, having completed his sentence.

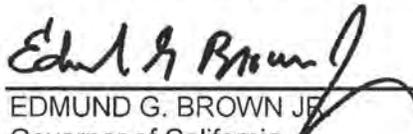
Carlos Patino has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated November 16, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Carlos Patino has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Carlos Patino a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

In the Matter of the Application of

CARLOS PATINO

Case Number: 16FE015521
CII No: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Criminal Case No. 98F05521

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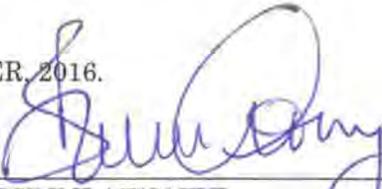
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of CARLOS PATINO, presently residing at [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 16th day of NOVEMBER, 2016, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to {his/her} completion of the term to which {he/she} was sentenced, or upon {his/her} release on parole or probation in MAY 31, 2016, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by {his/her} course of conduct {his/her} rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 16th day of NOVEMBER, 2016.


BUNMI AWONIYI,
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Timothy P. Patterson

Timothy P. Patterson, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 6, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin, for the crime of selling or converting a firearm to a machine gun. Specifically, he illegally converted a pistol into a machine gun. He served five years probation, and six months jail. He was discharged on March 6, 2005 having completed his sentence.

Timothy P. Patterson has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Patterson actively volunteers in his community and reports serving as the acting chairperson of his local Neighborhood Property Owner's Association board.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Timothy P. Patterson, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Timothy P. Patterson a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Timothy P. Patterson Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
P.C. 122220(b)	03/06/2000	San Joaquin	180 days in county jail & 5 years of probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

In February 1999, I was in possession of an AR15 registered to me and also a sear device that, in itself was considered possession of a machine gun. After my arrest, I was informed that it was necessary to have filed specific paperwork, paid a tax stamp and received proper licensing from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which, due to my failure of proper research, I did not have in my possession. On March 3, 2000, I was charged with PC12220 (b) Converting a firearm into a machinegun. (continued on attached page)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am seeking restoration of my civil rights as I have determined that I am not eligible under the following programs: (continued on attached page)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have paid all restitution to the courts. I have completed both 180 days of incarceration in San Joaquin County Jail and completed two years of domestic violence classes due to my son being in our home at the time of my arrest. (continued on attached page)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2): Not Applicable

**Application for Gubernatorial Pardon
Applicant Information**

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I served 180 days in San Joaquin County Jail (the latter of which was served in a work furlough program) and placed on five years felony probation.

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1. Proposition 47 – None of the listed offenses apply to my charge.
2. Application for Restoration of Firearm Privileges, Form 3210.1 – This application is no longer accepted by the B.A.T.F. and they do not offer any alternatives.
3. Expungement under P.C. 1203.4(b) – Although granted this expungement in July 2005, I was not eligible for a reduction under P.C.17(b), as my charge was not considered a "wobbler".

4 Continued

I abided by the terms of and completed five years of felony probation. In July 2005, I applied for and was awarded an expungement under P.C.1203.4(b) (see attached). I had lived a productive life prior to and following my conviction. I have spent the last 16 years reflecting on the impact of my decision, how it has affected my family, friends and my ability to take accountability for my actions. One of the people I had let down the most was my son, [REDACTED], then almost ten years old. It was sad and unfortunate that a 15 year marriage had dissolved, and a career with the San Lorenzo School District was over. But the trust as a father was compromised because I had made a bad decision. Through this ordeal, I continued to maintain a healthy relationship with my son, always being available to him and spending every possible moment being supportive. Now 26 and a parent himself, he has long since forgiven me for making that decision.

In retrospect, reflecting back on my days in the military, I was field stripping and firing an M16. At the time of my arrest, I had been studying some of the mechanical differences between what I had learned in the military and the civilian version, an AR15. My curiosity and mechanical background were my culpability. Regardless that my firearms were legally registered in my name, it was clear that I had broken the law. I had to be accountable for what I had done.

In 2002, I attended several courses through Landmark Education in San Francisco, CA. What I received from that training were the tools to understand why we make the decisions that we do and that we must be committed to the outcome of those decisions. Those courses grounded me even further to be committed to my word. Those courses changed my life forever.

I have worked for the same company, [REDACTED], for the past 14 years. In 2007, a separate division was created and they purchased a commercial office property in Scottsdale, AZ. I continue to serve as a Project Manager of this 200,000 square foot property. I am responsible for overseeing all tenant improvements and day to day operations relating to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, etc. I am also overseeing a 10,000 square foot residential remodel for the same company in Paradise Valley, AZ.

I am an active committee member on both the Neighborhood Property Owners Association and Neighborhood Committee of Architecture in Fountain Hills, AZ.

Patterson

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Kenneth Payne

Kenneth Payne, a resident of Texas, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 19, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on January 19, 1992 having completed his sentence.

Kenneth Payne has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Kenneth Payne, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kenneth Payne a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) **If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: **KENNETH PAYNE** Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Possession of Drug for Sale	01/19/1989	Santa Clara No. 126437	3 Years Probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached declaration of applicant, incorporated herein by reference.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached declaration of applicant, incorporated herein by reference.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached declaration of applicant, incorporated herein by reference. Also, see attached letters of support and other supporting documents, incorporated herein by reference.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

My attorney: Richard Glen Boire

RICHARD GLEN BOIRE, #148189
Law Firm of Richard Glen Boire
216 F Street, No.9
Davis, CA 95616
Tel: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]

Attorney For: KENNETH PAYNE

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff,

v.

KENNETH PAYNE

Defendant and Petitioner.

Santa Clara County
Case No. 126437

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT
OF DIRECT APPLICATION
FOR GOVERNOR'S PARDON

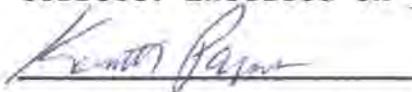
I, KENNETH PAYNE, hereby declare:

1. I was born on [REDACTED] and I reside in [REDACTED] Texas.
2. I was born in California, and lived in California until 1990, when I moved to Texas.
3. On or about January 19, 1989, I was convicted of felony possession of a controlled substance for sale (Pen. Code, § 11351). I was placed on three years probation.
4. My offense occurred in 1988, when I was just 18 years old. At that time in my life, I was very immature and had poor judgment. My arrest in this case was a wakeup call. I realized that my use of drugs was not just harming myself, but also causing harm to those who cared about me. I resolved to get my life back on track.
5. I completed my probation without incident of any kind and paid all fines, fees and restitution. With the exception of a marijuana possession conviction (under two ounces) in Texas in

2000, my life has been entirely crime free and very productive in the 27 years since my offense.

6. I completed a university education, obtaining my Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in 2003 at the University of Texas, El Paso. I worked as a laboratory assistant at a physics research lab and have published journal articles on semiconductor crystal growth.
7. Currently, I am lead programmer and co-owner of a video game company. I am also owner of [REDACTED] a guitar electronics company.
8. I have been married for ten years, and my wife and I are raising three wonderful children.
9. On May 26, 2016, my conviction was dismissed pursuant to Penal Code, § 1203.4.
10. In 2012, I was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. The diagnosis was another wakeup call of sorts. I realized that life is a gift and that I must use every minute to make things better for my family, and to do whatever I can to make the world a better place.
11. I am seeking this pardon to make amends for the bad decisions that I made as a young man. My conviction in this case does not reflect who I am today, and I want to do everything possible to re-establish my good name and to show my children that their father did his best to clean up any messes that he made.
12. I pray that the Governor grants me a full pardon.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on 7/13, 2016, in [REDACTED] Texas.



KENNETH PAYNE, Defendant

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Ramon Perez

Ramon Perez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 29, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and accessory after the fact. He served two years, nine months prison. He was discharged on December 4, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Ramon Perez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated August 25, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ramon Perez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ramon Perez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

San Bernardino
Applicant's County of Residence
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In the Matter of the Application of

Ramon Perez

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number Ramon Perez

Date of Birth [Redacted]

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CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) BA 156 928

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
RANCHO CUCAMONGA DISTRICT
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BY Ramon Mendez
CARMEN MENDOZA

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of RAMON PEREZ, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's County of Residence, City, State, and Zip Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 25th day of AUGUST, 2017 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on DECEMBER 4, 2000, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

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Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 25th day of August, 2017

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Katrina West, Judge

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED

Katrina West, Judge Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

William Travis Pershall

William Travis Pershall, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 20, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served two years, four months probation, four months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on January 17, 2000, having completed his sentence.

William Travis Pershall has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta, an order dated August 5, 2013, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, William Travis Pershall has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to William Travis Pershall a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Shasta

Applicant's County of Residence

AUG 13 2013

In the Matter of the Application of

William Travis Pershall

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

Cooper Case 01/01/13

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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
BY: D. GUMBIE, DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of William Travis Pershall, presently residing

[Redacted Address], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 5th day of August, 2013 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law, and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 7/28/98, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 5 day of August 2013

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Ashley Peters

Ashley Peters, a resident of Missouri, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about December 30, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of grand theft. Specifically, Ms. Peters stole \$700 in gift cards from a department store with which she was employed. She served seven months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on September 19, 2007 having completed her sentence.

Ashley Peters has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Ashley Peters, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ashley Peters a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ASHLEY PETERS Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary.

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
487(A)	12/30/05	L.A. COUNTY	16 MONTHS
470(A)	09/23/05	L.A. COUNTY	6 DAYS
475(C)	09/23/05	L.A. COUNTY	6 DAYS
470(D)	09/23/05	L.A. COUNTY	6 DAYS

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

2. I WAS INCARCERATED ON TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS IN THE YEAR OF 2005. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2005, I COMMITTED THE CRIME OF FRAUD. I RECEIVED THREE YEARS PROBATION FOR THE CRIME. THEN DECEMBER OF 2005, I VIOLATED PROBATION BY COMMITTING A NEW CRIME, GRAND THEFT MONEY. I RECEIVED SIXTEEN MONTHS WITH HALF TIME. I PAROLED SEPTEMBER 2006 AND STAYED OUT OF TROUBLE AND HAVE A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON MY LIFE EVER SINCE. I WAS FOLLOWING THE WRONG INDIVIDUALS AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME: AS OF 2006, I NO LONGER HAVE THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN MY LIFE.

3. I AM ~~FOR~~ REQUESTING FOR A PARDON OF ALL MY CRIMES BECAUSE I HAVE MOVED ON IN MY LIFE. ITS BEEN A LITTLE OVER A DECADE AND I KNOW THAT I AM A BETTER PERSON NOW. MY SPOUSE AND I ~~HAVE~~^{ARE} IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP FOR A DECADE AND WE ~~DO~~ HAVE A FIVE YEAR OLD CHILD TOGETHER. WE MOVED OUT OF STATE TO MISSOURI AND I CURRENTLY ATTEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE (PENN VALLEY). I'M GOING TO SCHOOL TO BECOME A REGISTERED NURSE SO I CAN PROVIDE A BETTER LIFE FOR MYSELF AND CHILD. I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A CAREER, NOT A JOB, AND I DON'T WANT MY PAST TO HOLD ME BACK FROM MY FUTURE.

4. I SHOULD BE GRANTED A PARDON BECAUSE I'M A MOTHER WANTING TO PROVIDE FOR MY CHILD. I WOULD LOVE TO BE PART OF THE WORK FIELD AGAIN. I'M NO LONGER NINETEEN YEARS OLD. I'M GOING TO BE THIRTY ONE AT THE END OF JULY. I ALSO DON'T WANT TO GET REJECTED BY THE NURSING BOARD WHEN I APPLY FOR THE LICENSE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO STAND ON MY OWN TWO FEET. I FEEL THAT BEING INCARCERATED HELPED ME UNDERSTAND THAT I NEEDED TO STRAIGHTEN OUT. DOING TIME FOR THE CRIME I COMMITTED WAS THE TOUGH LOVE AND LESSON I NEEDED TO MAKE ME WHOM I AM TODAY. I JUST

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DON'T WANT TO CONTINUE ~~TO~~ PAYING THE PRICE FOR IT.
I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE ON AND ADVANCE IN LIFE.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING
THE TIME TO ~~TO~~ READ THIS.
HAVE A NICE DAY.

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Peters

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Phann Pheach

Phann Pheach, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 19, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and obstructing a public officer. He served six months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on June 21, 2007 having completed his sentence.

Phann Pheach has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Phann Pheach, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

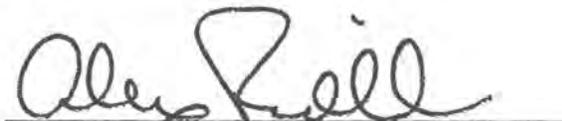
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Phann Pheach a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: PHANN PHEACH Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary: *Below conviction is the main one we are requesting pardoned. Please see attached pages for ALL prior convictions.

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: 11378 HS, 9/7/2005, ORANGE, 16 MONTHS/STATE PRISON

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary): MY HUSBAND WAS CONVICTED IN 2005 FOR THE INTENT TO SELL OR DISTRIBUTE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS NO ACTUAL INVOLVMENT OR SELLING TAKEN PLACE, THE COURTS STILL FOUND HIM GUILTY FOR DRUG SALE. TO THIS DAY, MY SOBER HUSBAND CLAIMS IT WAS FOR PERSONAL USE AND THAT THE COURTS MADE A JUDGEMENT ERROR. DUE TO THIS CONVICTION, IT IS NOW TRIGGERING HIS DEPORTATION ORDER.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary): I AM REQUESTING A PARDON ON BEHALF OF MY HUSBAND BECAUSE THIS UNJUST CONVICTION HAS FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO HIM. IT HAD REVOKED HIS PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS AND NOW HE IS CURRENTLY BEING DETAINED. HE HAS JUST RECENTLY BEEN ISSUED A TRAVEL DOCUMENT TO BE DEPORTED TO CAMBODIA. IF THIS PARDON WAS GRANTED, HE WILL BE ABLE TO FIGHT HIS DEPORTATION ORDER.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary): MY HUSBAND SHOULD BE GRANTED A PARDON BECAUSE HE WAS CONVICTED FOR A CRIME THAT HE DID NOT COMMIT. SINCE HIS LAST CONVICTION IN 2005, HE HAS LIVED AN UPRIGHT LIFE. HE HAS COMPLETED HIS DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND STAYED SOBER EVER SINCE. HE HAS A STEADY JOB AND IS THE MAIN FINANCIAL PROVIDER FOR HIS MOTHER, MYSELF AND OUR SON. OUR SON HAS 2 HEART CONDITIONS AND MAY REQUIRE HEART SURGERY IN THE FUTURE.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NOT APPLICABLE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Douglas Keith Phillips

Douglas Keith Phillips, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 2, 1981, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon. He served three years probation, and 100 days jail. He was discharged on March 7, 1984 having completed his sentence.

Douglas Keith Phillips has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Douglas Keith Phillips, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Douglas Keith Phillips a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: DOUGLAS KEITH PHILLIPS Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: None

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
See attachment 1			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment 2

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment 3 and the included exhibits

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attachment 3 and the included exhibits

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Not applicable

ATTACHMENT 1 – CONVICTION SUMMARY

Offense	Date of offense	County	Sentence
1. Sale of Barbituates	August 31, 1976	Federal/Minneapolis	3 years probation
2. Assault w/DW	April 14, 1981	San Diego	100 days jail and 3 years probation

I was arrested in 1983 or 1984 for driving under the influence of alcohol. This occurred in San Diego. I completed a first offender's program. I'm not sure if this is a actual conviction or not. It does not appear on my background checks.

I was arrested for misdemeanor battery in San Diego in 1995. I don't believe this resulted in a conviction.

Phillips

ATTACHMENT 2 – DESCRIPTION OF CRIME

In 1981 I attended a company picnic sponsored by the company I was working for at the time. Everyone at the picnic was drinking alcohol, including myself. I attended with my fiancé. During the picnic, I got into an argument with a man who was accusing me of something I did not do. I was explaining to him that he had mistaken me for someone else. During this argument, he punched me in the face and we began to fight. Several other men came to the aid of the man I was fighting with as he was a supervisor for the company. During the fight, I was punching and kicking people. One of the men involved in the fight pushed my fiancé as she was trying to stop the fight. I punched this man in the face in response to his pushing my fiancé. He was holding a camera in front of his face and the camera injured him when I hit him. I take full responsibility for my actions and regret this incident very much. I believe this incident would not have occurred if everyone had not been drinking. I also believe that I would have had a more tempered response to the situation if I personally had not been drinking. As a younger man, I suffered from a substance abuse problem. I dealt with this problem many years ago and have stayed free of contact with the criminal justice system as a result.

Phillips

ATTACHMENT 3 – REASON FOR PARDON

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about me. I realize that I am asking you to take a chance on me and I want you to understand my background and who I am. I was born in 1956. I am 60 years old. I am asking for a pardon for a crime I committed thirty-five years ago.

I was born in San Diego, CA and grew up in San Diego. I was the youngest of three children. My parents, [REDACTED] Phillips were married during most of my childhood but divorced when I was thirteen years old. At the time of their divorce my older brother left home and got married. I stayed living with my mother and my older sister lived with my father. My sister joined the navy and later relocated to Monte Rio, CA. She committed suicide in 2011.

I saw my father occasionally after the divorce but didn't really develop a good relationship with him until I was an adult. My father was very harsh and strict when I was a child and I had difficulty understanding and identifying with him. My father was originally from a cattle ranching family from New Mexico.

I had a good childhood. My father worked as a machine parts inspector for airplanes and nuclear reactors and my mother worked as a secretary for a surgeon. My parents instilled a good work ethic in me. This is something I have benefitted from throughout my life. My parents were not abusive to me and did not suffer from any serious substance abuse problems. After I was an adult, and a convicted felon, I had a

better understanding of my father and his strict parenting style. He and I became close during my adulthood until his passing in 2011. I have always had a positive relationship with my mother. She is still alive and living in San Diego. She is eighty-seven years old.

I attended public schools throughout my childhood. I dropped out of high school during my senior year because I got a good job and didn't fully understand the importance of completing high school and earning my diploma. I never received my GED. I went straight into the work force and began working in the construction industry. During my senior year of high school, I attended some construction classes at the junior college that gave me high school credits. I took classes in blue print reading, estimating and construction. During the construction class, myself and my class mates built a house that was then auctioned off to help pay for the high school/college trade program. I have worked in the construction industry ever since.

I began a relationship with my only wife, [REDACTED], when I was twenty-two years old. We met in high school but didn't begin a romantic relationship until after high school. We married when I was twenty-five years old and we divorced after approximately two years of marriage. [REDACTED] and I had one child together, [REDACTED] Phillips. I never remarried and never had any other children. [REDACTED] got primary custody of our son upon our divorce. My criminal history definitely played a role in me being unable to keep custody of my son. This was the first moment that I realized the

far-reaching effects of a felony conviction, in particular for a crime of violence. I had visitation with my son every other weekend until he graduated from high school. I never gave up exercising this visitation. Having a relationship with my son was the most important thing to me.

Due to my felony convictions, I began having difficulty finding and keeping good jobs and I also suffered from a substance abuse problem as a young man. As a result of this I was unable to fully comply with my child support obligation. Ultimately I was arrested on a warrant for child support arrears. The Judge who handled the child support matter gave me a chance and released me from jail. It was at this time that I got serious about no longer abusing alcohol and drugs and was able to find some decent, stable employment. I was never able to get long term employment with a company that offered benefits due to my felony conviction. I was ordered to pay child support, past child support and repay the government for the aid that was provided to my wife and child. I completed making all of these payments and fulfilled my child support obligation. It took fifteen years to pay off these debts. My son was already an adult by the time I was able to complete the payments. I am very proud of this accomplishment.

I ultimately left San Diego and moved to Washington State. I was unable to get permanent work with the ferry system due to my 1981 conviction for the Assault with the Deadly Weapon. While I have a federal felony conviction from 1976 for controlled substances, it is the 1981 offense that has mostly been the obstacle in terms of my

finding and keeping good jobs. I assume that is because it is for a crime of violence. I then moved to Guerneville, CA to be near my sister until her death in 2011. For the last ten years I have worked as a maintenance worker for the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], CA. This is a seasonal position as the [REDACTED] is not open during the winter months. When I am not working at the [REDACTED] I am self-employed as a handy many and maintenance worker. I have always struggled to maintain good, steady employment due to my felony conviction and I have never been able to be a part of a company that has benefits and retirement. I am not eligible for many construction jobs that require security clearances as a result of my felony conviction.

I am now faced with the reality at sixty years old that I have no retirement. I believe I have many good years of hard work left in me and I would like to find a job with a stable company that offers benefits.

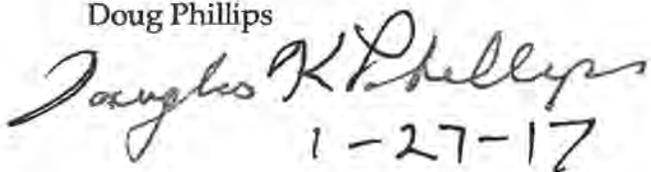
I am requesting a pardon because I am a changed person. The crime I committed took place thirty-five years ago. I don't even recognize the person I was when I committed this crime. In addition to missing employment opportunities as a result of my felony conviction, I have missed opportunities to better serve my community because I cannot pass background checks and security checks for constructions jobs and volunteer work. I am a hard-working man with many carpentry skills. I have an adult son and a three-year old grandson that I want to be a role model to and show them that no one should ever give up trying to better himself. I want to continue to work hard

and be a successful person in my community and earn the respect of my neighbors and peers. I have suffered the stigma of "felon" for more than thirty-five years and believe that I have paid the debt associated with my wrongdoing. During the past thirty years, I have demonstrated my commitment to being a productive and honest member of my community by working to support myself and to better my community by donating my time and skills to local charitable organizations. In this regard, I have helped clean up abandoned homeless camps along the Russian River, I have donated my time assembling children's toys for Santa Tim's charitable organization (See attached exhibit 8) and I donated a week of my time doing construction work for the Hume Lake Christian Camp (See attached exhibit 4). I have continued to abide by and demonstrate respect for the laws of my community.

For the last thirty-five years through hard work, being a loyal, honest and capable employee and donating my time and skills to my community I believe I have earned the right to have the chance to be the best man I can be. My felony conviction has always prevented me from achieving my full potential for myself, my family and my community.

Sincerely,

Doug Phillips


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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Salvador Oswaldo Pineda

Salvador Oswaldo Pineda, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 22, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of assault with a firearm on a person, and shoot at an occupied dwelling. He served three years, four months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on July 20, 1992, having completed his sentence.

Salvador Oswaldo Pineda has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated November 3, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Salvador Oswaldo Pineda has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Salvador Oswaldo Pineda a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

Salvador Oswaldo Pineda

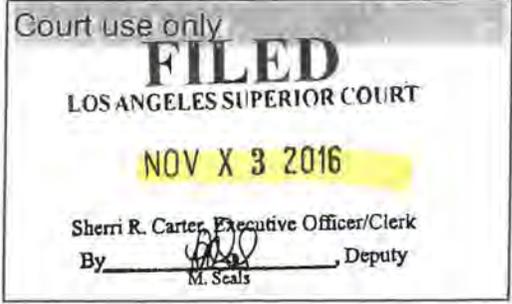
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Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number A920630

Criminal Case Number(s) A920630



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Salvador Oswaldo Pineda presently residing at

[REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on November 3, 2016

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled June 20, 1991

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 3 day of NOVEMBER Day of the Month Month, Year

James R. Brandlin

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

[Handwritten Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Billy Jay Prell

Billy Jay Prell, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 18, 1974, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Ventura for the crime of robbery. He served two years, eight months probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on May 25, 1977, having completed his sentence.

Billy Jay Prell has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated May 25, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Billy Jay Prell has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Billy Jay Prell a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

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Billy Jay Prell

Date of Birth: [Redacted]
CII Number: [Redacted]

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By Stan Kadohata Deputy

Certificate Case Number: BA 452840

Criminal Case Number(s): CR 10392

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:

[Redacted]

Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on 5/25/2017

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 6/10/1974

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 25th day of MAY, 2017

SCOTT M. GORDON

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed


Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Henry Price

Henry Price, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 3, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of voluntary manslaughter. He served two years, six months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on April 24, 1996, having completed his sentence.

Henry Price has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated May 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Price, who was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army after his service in the Vietnam War, belongs to the American Legion, attends church, and reports that he has lived a drug-free life for the past 30 years. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Henry Price has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Henry Price a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

In the Matter of the Application of

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Case Number: 17FE004009

CII No: N/A

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case No. C-23908-01

HENRY PRICE

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For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

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By Lindsay Anderson, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of HENRY PRICE, presently residing [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 3rd day of May, 2017, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or probation in 07/23/1993, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 3rd day of MAY, 2017.

JAIME R. ROMAN,
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Vonya Kay Quarles (Sanders)

Vonya Kay Quarles, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about October 8, 1985, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served three years probation. She was discharged on October 8, 1988, having completed her sentence. She was sentenced on or about December 10, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served three years probation. She was discharged on December 10, 1989, having completed her sentence. She was sentenced on or about June 12, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served three years, two months probation, eight months prison, and one year, one month parole. She was discharged on April 15, 1991, having completed her sentence.

Vonya Kay Quarles has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated February 16, 2006, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Quarles is the Executive Director and co-founder of Starting Over, Inc., which provides emergency and transitional housing and assists the homeless, formerly incarcerated individuals, and those with substance abuse and mental health issues in their transitions back to an independent lifestyle. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Ms. Quarles' pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended her for a pardon on July 17, 2018. Ms. Sanders also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 1, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Vonya Kay Quarles has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Vonya Kay Quarles a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

Vonya Kay Sanders

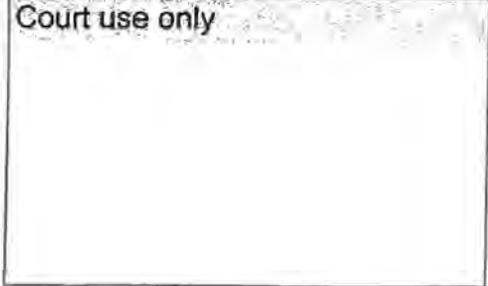
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Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

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Criminal Case Number(s) A042303 A034799 A028584



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of VonyaKaySanders presently residing at [REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on February 16, 2006

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled March 8, 1990
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that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 3 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 16th day of February 2006
Day of the Month Month, Year

David S. Wesley
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE



[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court -

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Angelo Calvario Quirino

Angelo Calvario Quirino, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 29, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of vehicle theft. He served one year, one month prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on June 23, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Angelo Calvario Quirino has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated March 30, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Quirino reports that he remains drug-free. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Angelo Calvario Quirino has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Angelo Calvario Quirino a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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In the Matter of the Application of

Angelo Calvario Quirino AKA: Demetrio Calvario Quirino

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Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number NA055448

Criminal Case Number(s) NA055448-03

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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles
MAR 30 2017
Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By: *[Signature]* Deputy
S. Cerda

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Angelo Calvario Quirino presently residing at

[REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on March 30, 2017

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled June 23, 2004

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 30 day of MARCH 2017
Day of the Month Month, Year



SCOTT M. GORDON

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

Judge of said Superior Court -

Scott M. Gordon

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Tamisha Randolph

Tamisha Randolph, a resident of Nevada, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about May 23, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm. Specifically, during an argument Ms. Randolph threw a glass of water in the victim's face and the glass broke, causing lacerations to the victim. She served two years, ten months probation, and ten days jail. She was discharged on April 21, 2003 having completed her sentence.

Tamisha Randolph has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Randolph reports that she is active in her local church and volunteers with a food bank.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Tamisha Randolph, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tamisha Randolph a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Tamasha Randolph

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Assault w/Contact	1/2000	Torrance, CA	10 day jail; Community Service; Anger Management; Probation; Expungement

Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):
I am requesting a pardon because according to my records after I satisfied the courts the charges were dismissed. However it is still on my record.
(Provided copies of court documents)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):
I am requesting a pardon because I have been turned down, passed up and overlooked for job opportunities. This is due to a mistake dating back over 10 years ago. — Although I am able to seek some employment this is stopping me from further progression.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):
I should be granted a pardon, because I have paid my debts to society. Since this experience, I have learned my lesson, I am a law abiding citizen; that goes to work and pays her taxes.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):
-NO ONE.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Wayne Vincent Raymond

Wayne Vincent Raymond, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 19, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino for the crime of endangering the health of a child. Specifically, while addicted to methamphetamine, he failed to maintain sanitary conditions for the children residing in his home. He served seven month probation, eight months prison, and three years, one month parole. He was discharged on December 22, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Wayne Vincent Raymond has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated October 10, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Raymond completed a church-based rehabilitation program and then helped supervise the church's food bank. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Wayne Vincent Raymond has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Wayne Vincent Raymond a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

WAYNE VINCENT RAYMOND

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number _____

Date of Birth _____

Month Day Year

CII Number _____

Criminal Case Number(s) FSB08551

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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BY SUSAN VERDUZCO, DEPUTY

CURRENT CASE NO.

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.15

The petition of WAYNE VINCENT RAYMOND, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at _____, heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 10th day

Day of the Month

of October 2017 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on

parole or probation on 2000, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been ONE

Total No. of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 10th day of October 2017

Day of the Month

Month Year

WILLIAM J. POWELL, IV

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Donald Luther Reighard

Donald Luther Reighard, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 10, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of burglary. Specifically, while under the influence of alcohol, Mr. Reighard appears to have stolen a video game system from a fraternity house. He served three years probation. He was discharged on October 10, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Donald Luther Reighard has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma, an order dated August 27, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Donald Luther Reighard has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Donald Luther Reighard a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



CR-260-15

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Sonoma

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Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Donald Luther Reighard

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last, and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) BB257224

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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COUNTY OF SONOMA

AUG 27 2015

BY [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Donald Luther Reighard, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this August 27 day of 2015 and proof having been made to the

Day of the Month

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 10/10/2005, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 27-15 day of August 2015

Day of the Month

Month, Year

PATRICK M. BRODERICK

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED OR PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

James Lee Reina

James Lee Reina, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 2, 2012, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of driving under the influence of alcohol. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 2, 2015 having completed his sentence.

James Lee Reina has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Reina has volunteered with a group that helps mentor children as well as with a group that supports individuals who are blind.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, James Lee Reina, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to James Lee Reina a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: James Lee Parker Date of Birth: [Redacted] E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Burglary 459 PC	05/07/05	Los Angeles	Probation & House Arrest
Burglary 459 PC	04/09/05	Los Angeles	Probation & Community Service
Assault with Deadly Weapon (No Alarm) 245(A)(1) P.C.	09/19/02	Los Angeles	Probation & Community Service

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

2.

The following is not an excuse for my actions, but only serves to contextualize the circumstances surrounding my crimes. By the time I committed my last crime in 2005, my family and I had gone through several chaotic years that included severe financial setbacks, several moves, and changes of school. These events also led to the deterioration of my family for a time.

My parents invested and lost nearly all of our savings during the technology and Dot-com bubble. The following 9/11 attacks and stock market downturns exacerbated matters further financially and emotionally. The financial stress and uncertainty gave way to my parents fighting constantly, usually prompting me to act as a mediator between them. My mother spoke limited English and was unable to find steady work in California. My father, who was entering his 60's, found a series of odd jobs, but the income wasn't enough to pay rent and feed our family. Naturally, he chose the latter and was served our first eviction notice in 2002. We moved from a modest size home we were leasing into a very small apartment, which further worsened my parent's marriage and my own relationship with them.

As the fighting increased at home I did my best to avoid the situation. I would stay out late with kids I met at school going through similar problems creating bonds that turned into close friendships. We had no guidance and little respect for anyone who was not associated with our group. I developed a false sense of pride as I grew closer with my group of friends. Anything perceived as disrespect towards us would be countered with threats or intimidation. Eventually, fighting with other groups or individuals became common. In 2002, as a freshman in high school, I was involved in a misunderstanding with a classmate that quickly escalated into a fight after he slapped me on the side of my head. Whether or not my classmate struck me as a joke, I interpreted it as disrespectful and began to throw punches. During the fight, I held onto my belt and the buckle struck him on the side of the head, which resulted in my classmate getting stitches and my arrest. As punishment I received probation, Juvenile Alternative Work Service (JAWS) and had to transfer to another high school in the district.

From 2002 to 2005, my parent's marriage deteriorated to the point that my mother returned to South Korea. She would visit sporadically but it was unclear if she would return to us permanently in the future. I did my best to stay clear from law enforcement, but that only lasted about 3 years. In 2005, as a junior in high school, my friends and I were returning tools we borrowed (hammer, screwdriver, and duct tape) to fix my garage from a friend who lived down the street from me after curfew. We were stopped by Sheriffs, arrested and initially charged with burglary. However, after detectives searched the cars and buildings in the area and found no signs of burglary, the charges were later reduced to possession of burglary tools. This is when I realized the importance of a person's character and reputation. My friends who had no criminal records were released to their parents, but because I was on probation, I was transferred from the Sheriff's department to juvenile hall for booking. Before being processed, however, the warden summoned me into his office, reviewed my charges and let me go. Rather than view this as an act of kindness, my behavior worsened. I felt judged and labeled before having an opportunity to plead my case. I did not comprehend that being out after curfew was a violation of my probation or the optics of walking around late with a backpack of tools. Instead, the bitterness over my

arrest warped my thought process leading me to lash out further. Like a self-fulfilling prophecy, if I was to be perceived as a burglar, I will behave as such.

My resentment would eventually culminate into a plan to steal alcohol as well as my third arrest. Within a month after my second arrest, my group of friends and I ran into a local liquor store, I stole two bottles of Vodka and we dashed into a waiting vehicle behind the store. The driver and I were pulled over later that night and arrested for burglary. Thankfully, this would become the best thing that could happen to me as that event was a significant turning point in my life. As the arresting officer drove me to the police station, he spoke to me about his life. He talked about the mistakes he made, how he redeemed himself and put his life back on track. He made me believe I could do that too.

3.

Serving my nation by enlisting in the military is how I plan to give back to the country that has provided me with opportunities to succeed despite my criminal record. My ambition is to take the experience I gain from serving in the military and turn it into a career in law enforcement with a focus on mentoring at-risk youths. However, my troubled past prevents me from achieving this goal; therefore, I am seeking a pardon.

My past interactions with law enforcement were a deciding factor that led to the disqualification of my application for the Los Angeles Police Department. Although my LAPD Mentor encourages me to pursue the one chance to appeal my disqualification, I feel it's best to wait until I can prove I am capable of serving with honor and distinction by enlisting in the military. However, I was confronted with a similar roadblock after applying for enlistment in the U.S. Army after my recruiter explained my chances are bleak due to my criminal record. Regardless, my recruiter still submitted several waivers on my behalf because he believes my mistakes may be outweighed by my positive attributes and community service thereafter. This demonstrates to me that despite my checkered history, there are still those who believe in me and the goals I aim to achieve. Unfortunately, my criminal past continues to hold me back from a career in the military and law enforcement. No matter how much time or goodwill exists between who I was before and who I am now, it seems I continue to be defined by my crimes.

In the hopes that I can be afforded one more opportunity to overcome my troubled past so I can move towards a life focused on giving back to my community and country, I humbly request to be pardoned. If granted this honor, it will demonstrate to my military recruiters and future employers in law enforcement that I have turned my life around, changed for the better and committed to being a force for good. I would be recognized as a man forgiven of his delinquencies as a youth, who rose above his faults to contribute to the betterment of his community. I hope to be an example for kids going through similar socio-economic hardships as I have experienced to not let a criminal history define you, that it is possible to learn from your mistakes and move forward to be a blessing for those around you. If I have the chance to overcome these barriers, I will serve my nation, my community and resolve a nagging suspicion that my history has already defined my future.

4.

I hold myself accountable for my actions. What I did was wrong, foolish and immature and I am filled with shame and remorse. However, my history underscores a difficult period in my life; it does not define who I am. My achievements demonstrate the man I have become and the progress I have made.

My last conviction was a wake-up call. I was puzzled by why I was having strong urges to do things I knew were wrong. Tired of making stupid decisions that would hurt others and cause me to feel regret, remorse and suffering, I reflected on my behavior. I looked at why I acted out the negative feelings I had about myself in a self-punitive way. I realized I was miserable because at some point in my life I strayed from what always made me truly happy-- helping others. I decided to become a man my community can look up to and drew inspirations from the people in my life that I respected and provided me guidance. Whether from family members, police officers, teachers, school counselors or resource officers, I found traits in them I valued and wanted to embody. Upon reevaluating my life, I finally had a path to follow.

Thanks to the help of my teachers and school counselor, I went from becoming a potential high school dropout to completing enough credits at summer school and community college programs to graduate early. After high school, I enrolled in several community colleges in order to complete the classes needed to transfer to a four-year University. Taking the suggestion of my history professor, I applied and was selected to join the Ralph Bunche Scholars honors program, where I needed to maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher while completing supplemental research assignments for select courses. During community college, I looked for ways to be involved in my community. I brought my passion to help and love of baseball to the Los Angeles Boys and Girls Club where I volunteered as a tutor and assistant baseball coach. In between my classes and during lunch breaks, I also volunteered at the Los Angeles Braille Institute as a guide and teaching assistant for the vision-impaired.

After community college, I transferred to the University of Southern California majoring in Psychology with a focus in Criminology, Law and Forensics. My time at USC was pivotal in confirming my decision to join the military and pursue a future career in law enforcement. As an undergrad, I applied to be an intern at the Institute for Creative Technology (ICT) due to the work and research they conduct to help Veterans. ICT is a Department of Defense sponsored research facility and works in collaboration with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. At ICT, I worked on a program to detect early markers of depression, PTSD and suicide risk in our Veteran community. I consider my time at ICT to be one of the most fulfilling experiences because I had the opportunity to witness firsthand how technology and researchers can help save the lives of Veterans suffering from psychological trauma.

In 2013, I graduated from USC with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Minor in Forensics and Criminality. At that point, I was not confident enough time existed between me and my criminal record to enlist in law enforcement or military service. However, I still wanted to serve my community in any way possible so I began working on political campaigns while pursuing a job in public service. In 2014, I was hired as Deputy Campaign Manager for Ben Allen's State Senate race to represent California's 26th Senate District. I currently have the honor of serving as Senator Allen's District Representative where I primarily manage his

Constituent Services and Internship Program in his District Office. Whether it's advocating on the behalf of constituents, resolving an issue with a state agency, supplying resources or referrals, I am fortunate to have a job where my main goal is helping others. It's a great feeling to hear from a constituent how they can rely on our office in their moment of need. As an added bonus, each card or message of gratitude I receive from those I've helped encourages me to continue my work in public service and serves as a reminder that I can make a positive contribution to my community.

I owe my success to the professors, police officers, employers and counselors who took the time to offer me guidance and wanted to give back what they gave me. In recognition of the impact mentors had on turning my life around, I joined the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Los Angeles Program as a 'Big'. Although history does not define who I am, it is a part of me that can work to try and achieve a greater good. Sharing my experiences and life lessons in a constructive way offers direction and insight as well as a cautionary tale, but also an example of hope and perseverance.

I should be granted a pardon because I have come a long way since committing my crimes. I changed for the better, sought forgiveness from those I have wronged and work each day to be a force for good. However, there is so much more I want contribute but my criminal record continues to hold me back. If granted a pardon, I hope to enlist in the military and eventually apply the skills and experience from my service to a career in law enforcement and continue to work with at-risk youths in my community.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Rafael Maldonado Reyes

Rafael Maldonado Reyes, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 20, 2008, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crimes of assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm, and battery with serious bodily injury. Specifically, Mr. Reyes threw a glass at the victim, fracturing her arm. He served three years probation, and 280 days jail. He was discharged on March 20, 2011 having completed his sentence.

Rafael Maldonado Reyes has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Reyes is an award-winning artist and musician, and is credited with creating the "cholo-goth" genre of music. Mr. Reyes has been clean and sober for over a decade, and created the non-profit Diamond Dogs, a group of retired gang members with an interest in art and music that serves as an outlet for young men looking for an alternative to gang life.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Rafael Maldonado Reyes, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rafael Maldonado Reyes a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

Rafael Maldonado Reyes

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number BA464551

Criminal Case Number(s) SCD201638

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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer of District Court
By Stan Kadohata, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Rafael Maldonado Reyes presently residing at

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heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5 Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on October 10, 2018

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law, and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Granted Probation March 20, 2008

that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 10 day of OCTOBER 2018
Day of the Month Month, Year

SCOTT H. GORDON

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE



Judge of said Superior Court -

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Eduardo Reyes (Reyes-Martinez)

Eduardo Reyes, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 8, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Marin for the crimes of transporting or selling a controlled substance, possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale, altering forging or falsifying a drivers license or identification, and presenting false citizenship documents. He served two years, ten months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on July 20, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Eduardo Reyes has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Marin, an order dated September 20, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Eduardo Reyes has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Eduardo Reyes a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State



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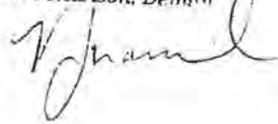
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9 COUNTY OF MARIN

10 In the Matter of the Application of

) Marin County Case Number: SC074852-A

11 EDUARDO REYES

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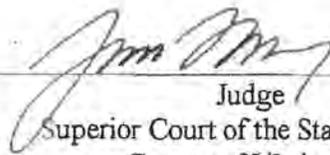
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13 THIS COURT HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING: Pursuant to Cal. Pen. Code sec. 4852.01
14 et seq., and based on the evidence presented in the petition and supporting documents and in a
15 hearing on the matter, this court finds that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his
16 rehabilitation and his fitness to exercise all of the civil and political rights of citizenship and
17 declares petitioner has been rehabilitated. According, this court recommends the Governor of the
18 State of California grant a full pardon to petitioner.

19 This order shall be filed with the clerk of this court and shall be known as a Certificate of
20 Rehabilitation pursuant to Pen. Code sec. 4852.13. The court further orders the clerk of this court
21 to immediately transmit certified copies of this certificate to the Governor, the Board of Prison
22 Terms, and the Department of Justice pursuant to Pen. Code sec. 4852.14.

23 THE FOREGOING IS SO ORDERED.

24 09/20/16
25 Date

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27 Judge
28 Superior Court of the State of California
County of Marin

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Charles Franklin Reynolds

Charles Franklin Reynolds, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 4, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the misdemeanor crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years, six months prison, and six months parole. He was sentenced on or about September 11, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crime of possession of ephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine. He served one year, ten months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on October 12, 1999, having completed his sentence.

Charles Franklin Reynolds has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Charles Franklin Reynolds, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Charles Franklin Reynolds a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Charles Franklin REYNOLDS Date of Birth: [Redacted] E-mail Address: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
HS 11383(c)	07/26/1996	Butte	4 years SP
HS 11377(a)	11/24/1991	Butte	[Pending 1170.18 reduction]

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary): I had some of the precursors necessary to manufacture methamphetamine and I was attempting to manufacture same.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have recently been elected the mayor of my hometown, as well as, a husband, father and business owner. I would like my record to reflect my new life, not the one I left behind.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have radically changed my life and I have not committed any crimes since 1996. I am proof that the systems works. I pray that we can complete the last step.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Gilbert Reynoso Jr.

Gilbert Reynoso Jr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 6, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside for the crime of robbery. He served three years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on August 6, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Gilbert Reynoso Jr. has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated May 2, 2014, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Reynoso reports that he is active in his church and volunteers for an organization that provides reconstructive surgery and support to children with physical deformities. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Gilbert Reynoso Jr. has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Gilbert Reynoso Jr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

GILBERT REYNOSO JR

Type Applicant's Full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

CA-18332-14

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Certificate Number

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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By: K. CERSOSIMO, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of GILBERT REYNOSO JR

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

presently residing

at

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

heretofore filed, praying

for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal

Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 2ND day

Day of the Month

of MAY, 2014 and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the

Month, Year

Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory

proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the

required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to

completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation

on AUGUST 6, 2004, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provide in Penal Code Section 4852.15). and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

2nd

Day of the Month

day of

May, 2014

Month, Year

DAVID M. GILL

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Dennis Joseph Richie

Dennis Joseph Richie, a resident of Texas, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 6, 1985, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 360 days jail. He was discharged on August 6, 1988, having completed his sentence.

Dennis Joseph Richie has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated August 31, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Dennis Joseph Richie has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Dennis Joseph Richie a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PLACER

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In the Matter of the Application of

DENNIS JOSEPH RICHIE

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number 62-153638

Date of Birth [Redacted]

CII Number [Redacted]

Criminal Case Number(s) 100431

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of DENNIS JOSEPH RICHIE, presently residing

at [Redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this THIRTY-FIRST day of AUGUST, 2017

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on AUGUST 6, 1988

, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been TWO Total Number of Felony Convictions time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 31st day of August 2017

Michael W. Jones Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature] Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Michael W. Jones

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Kevin John Riley

Kevin John Riley, a resident of North Carolina, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 27, 1971, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of possession of dangerous drugs for sale. He served two years, seven months probation. He was discharged on December 20, 1973 having completed his sentence.

Kevin John Riley has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Kevin John Riley, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kevin John Riley a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: KEVIN JOHN RILEY Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<u>POSSESS DANGEROUS DRUG FOR SALE</u>	<u>10 DEC 1970</u>	<u>LOS ANGELES</u>	<u>003 YEARS PROBATION, 365 DAYS JAIL SS, FINE</u>

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I WAS PULLED OVER BY A L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF FOR DRIVING ERRATICALLY. THE CAR WAS SEARCHED AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF BENZEDRINE TABLETS WERE FOUND

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

BECAUSE I WANT MY PAST TO REFLECT THE WAY I'VE LIVED MY LIFE SINCE MY ARREST AND CONVICTION

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

AS A RESULT OF MY BEHAVIOR IN 1970, AND THE SURETY IT ORDERED, I'VE SPENT THE LAST 47 YEARS WORKING AT CHANGING THE DIRECTION OF MY LIFE FROM THE YOUNG MAN I WAS THEN

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NOT APPLICABLE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Fernando Barba Rivas

Fernando Barba Rivas, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 27, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Rivas broke into a vehicle and stole the stereo. He served three years probation. He was discharged on October 27, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Fernando Barba Rivas has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated March 9, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Fernando Barba Rivas has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Fernando Barba Rivas a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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In the Matter of the Application of **Fernando Barba Rivas**

Certificate Number: RIC1700186

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) RIF119473 Riverside County

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **Fernando Barba Rivas**, residence located at [REDACTED]

Herefore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **March 9, 2017**

Proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **July 22, 2008** that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4,

And that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a **felony**

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: 3/9/17

David Gunn

Judge of said Superior Court – TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court – SIGNATURE

List of Convictions: PC 459 2nd



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Francisco Alonso Rizo (Rizo-Leon)

Francisco Alonso Rizo, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 13, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crimes of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a controlled substance. He served ten months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on October 13, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Francisco Alonso Rizo has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated September 8, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Francisco Alonso Rizo has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Francisco Alonso Rizo a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Kern County

FP004294A

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Francisco Alonso Rizo

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Month Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) MF007049A; MF 006162A

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **Francisco Alonso Rizo**

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

, presently residing

at [REDACTED]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this

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day

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and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **October 13, 2007**

Month Day, Year

, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been time(s) convicted of a felony;

Total Number of Felony Convictions

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

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day of September, 2017

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Michael E. DelloStrato

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

This form was prepared by the Investigations Division of the Board of Prison Terms pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.18

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Arthur W. Rodriguez

Arthur W. Rodriguez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 23, 1979, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of burglary. He served three years probation, and 120 days jail. He was discharged on October 23, 1982, having completed his sentence.

Arthur W. Rodriguez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated March 13, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Arthur W. Rodriguez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Arthur W. Rodriguez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST POST OFFICE BOX 22024 SANTA ANA, CA 92702-2024	<i>For Court Use Only</i>
In the Matter of the Application of <u>ARTHUR RODRIGUEZ, W.</u> <i>Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable</i> Date of Birth: CII Number: Criminal Case Number(s): <u>78243, 42983, 414647</u>	FILED SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER MAR 13 2015 ALAN CARLSON, Clerk of the Court BY <u>KRISTEN LADISKY</u> DEPUTY
CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Penal Code § 4852.13)	CERTIFICATE NUMBER: M - 10085

The petition of ARTHUR WAYNE RODRIGUEZ, presently residing

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, requesting a
 a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
 of the State of California, was heard on _____ Date _____
 and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as
 required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true,
 and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of
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January 28, 1980 North Day, Year, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal
 Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to
 exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that the
 that petitioner has been one (1) Total Number of Felony Convictions time(s) convicted of a felony;

The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: 3/13/15

GARY S. PAER
 Judicial Officer - TYPED NAME



[Signature]
 Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE
GARY S. PAER

This form was prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Olen Neil Rodriguez

Olen Neil Rodriguez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 4, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 4, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Olen Neil Rodriguez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated August 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Olen Neil Rodriguez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Olen Neil Rodriguez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State



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In the Matter of the Application of

Olen Neil Rodriguez

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number MA028645

Criminal Case Number(s) MA028645

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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk	
By <u>B. Perez</u>	Deputy
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of OlenNeilRodriguez presently residing at
[REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on August 3, 2017

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **Granted Probation May 4, 2004**

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 3 day of August 2017
Day of the Month Month, Year

Scott M. Gordon



Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED
SIGNATURE

Judge of said Superior Court -
Scott M. Gordon

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Rosa (Ana) Maria Rodriguez Cortez

Rosa Rodriguez Cortez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about July 6, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of attempted murder while armed with a firearm. Specifically, Ms. Cortez was driving a vehicle when one of the passengers shot at individuals outside of the vehicle. Fortunately, no one was injured. She served two years, five months prison, and two years, eleven months parole. She was discharged on January 1, 1995 having completed her sentence.

Rosa Rodriguez Cortez has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Rosa Rodriguez Cortez, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rosa Rodriguez Cortez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Mail to

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814
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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Rosa Rodriguez Carter Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: _____

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: _____

1. Conviction Summary.

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Attempted Murder 2nd degree	Sep 11, 1988	Los Angeles California	6 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

A few days before the month of Sep. 11, 1988 I had recently purchased a new car when a friend of mine asked me for ride I picked him up, he ask me if we could go pick up his brother, while I was driving on a busy street, the brother saw two of

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I request this pardon because this charge has tainted my life long enough it was an idiotic mistake I wish I had never committed its been 30 years since I was convicted. I have lived a clean life since then. I discharged my parole with out any problems.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

the reason I'm asking for this pardon is because I am daughter my mother is a senior and she's sick, she needs my care she depends on me. I want you to know that I have become

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

2. His friend he ask me if I could give them a ride home. Afeter picking them up they started having a Misunderstading with some people in another car. Thats when I realized that I was with the wrong people, wrong time and wrong place even though I had nothing to do with them I had to do some jail time for giving a ride to the wrong people. I regret it and I beg pardon for that Mistake.

3. NO New charges or Violations!
My life revolves around my family and God! above all request this pardon because it is Keeping me from proving to ICE IMMIGRATION that I am not a danger to this Country.

4. a better person since that mistake of my life. I am a Mother of 5 wonderfull childrens and a grandmother of 3. They need me we are a united family. I was also my fathers care taker he was under my care day and night until he passed away from Cancer. I thank God for making me a good member of society, ONCE MORE I have obeyed all laws ever sence then. I have faith and hope in God that he will soften your heart to be able to grant my petition? God Bless you!

Thank you Rose Rodriguez

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Stephen Sterling Runkle

Stephen Sterling Runkle, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 13, 1983, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of attempted burglary. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on October 13, 1986, having completed his sentence.

Stephen Sterling Runkle has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated December 28, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, a co-worker writes that Mr. Runkle is a positive influence on the co-worker's children, and that his family values radiate through him. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Stephen Sterling Runkle has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Stephen Sterling Runkle a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

In the Matter of the Application of

STEPHEN STERLING RUNKLE

For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

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Case Number: 16FE018712

CII No: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case No. 66969

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of STEPHEN STERLING RUNKLE, presently residing at [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 28th day of DECEMBER, 2016, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to {his/her} completion of the term to which {he/she} was sentenced, or upon {his/her} release on parole or probation in August 06, 2008, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by {his/her} course of conduct {his/her} rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 28th day of DECEMBER, 2016.



GARY E. RANSOM,
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Robert Joseph Sadlak

Robert Joseph Sadlak, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 20, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crimes of burglary, and attempted voluntary manslaughter. He served one year, one month prison, three years parole. He was discharged on April 21, 1991, having completed his sentence.

Robert Joseph Sadlak has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated March 27, 2014, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Sadlak reports that he is clean and sober. He owns his own business, has volunteered with youth organizations, Clean Extreme Lake Elsinore, and actively supports Santa Ana Soup Kitchen. He says that he is seeking a pardon so that he can pursue a teaching certificate. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Joseph Sadlak has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Joseph Sadlak a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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In the Matter of the Application of Robert Joseph Sadlak

Certificate Number RIC1401028

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) C60781 Orange County

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Robert Joseph Sadlak, residence located at [REDACTED]

Herefore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this March 27, 2014, and Proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on March 21, 1991, that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, And that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil And political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a felony

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise al the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: 3-27-14

Edward Webster



Edward Webster

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

List of Convictions: 459 PC & 192(A) PC

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Ramberto Rodrigo Salcido

Ramberto Rodrigo Salcido, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 25, 1978, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served two years, five months prison. He was discharged on November 29, 1980, having completed his sentence.

Ramberto Rodrigo Salcido has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated May 22, 2002, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ramberto Rodrigo Salcido has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ramberto Rodrigo Salcido a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

RAMBERTO RODRIGO SALCIDO

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number ~~BA 3114 199~~ A443527

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

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CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) A443527

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of RAMBERTO RODRIGO SALCIDO, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this MARCH 22ND day

Day of the Month

of MARCH, 2002 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on DECEMBER 1, 1980, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and that petitioner has been 1

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time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 22 day of March 2002

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David S. Wesley
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Ponlok Sam

Ponlok Sam, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 28, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, for the crimes of shooting at an inhabited dwelling or vehicle, assault with firearm, and possession, manufacture or sale of a dangerous weapon. He served three years, five months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on September 7, 1997 having completed his sentence.

Ponlok Sam has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ponlok Sam, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ponlok Sam a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Ponlok Sam Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 246 Shooting at occupied vehicle	11/24/1992	Santa Clara	7 years
PC 245(A)(2) Assault with a firearm (2 counts)	11/24/1992	Santa Clara	3 years per count - concurrent
PC 12020(A) Possession of dangerous weapon	11/24/1992	Santa Clara	2 years - concurrent

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attachment.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Not applicable.

**ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION FOR
GUBERNATORIAL PARDON OF PONLOK SAM**

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon.

In November 1992, at the age of 20, a friend of mine from my neighborhood asked me to join him and two of his other friends on a drive through San Jose, California to look for Luis Aguilar. Mr. Aguilar was a member of a rival gang to the gang which my friend was affiliated, and he and my friend had recently had an altercation. I rode in the passenger seat and when we found the man we were looking for, my friend handed me a sawed-off shotgun and told me to shoot at the car the man was riding in. I did what I was told and we quickly drove away. This was my first and only time participating in an event like this. I was seeking acceptance as a young man living away from his family, and mistakenly believed this was the way to gain friends. Although I did not intend to harm Mr. Aguilar, or the other person who was in the car with him, I understand how reckless and dangerous my actions and involvement were. I am fortunate that no one was physically injured as a result of my poor choices.

A few days later, I was arrested for my participation in the incident. I pleaded guilty to four felony violations of Penal Code sections 245(A)(2), 246, and 12020(A) for shooting at an occupied vehicle, assault with a firearm, and possession of a dangerous weapon. I was sentenced to seven years, and served three years in state prison and four years in an immigration detention facility.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon.

I am seeking a pardon because I face imminent deportation to Cambodia as a result of my convictions 26 years ago, and a pardon is the only way I can prevent deportation. During one of my last immigration check-in appointments in July, the agent in charge of my case informed me

that they are actively working to obtain a travel document to deport me back to Cambodia. Immigration authorities have scheduled monthly check-ins as a result. If I am forced to return to Cambodia, I would be alone. Although I was born in Cambodia, I have lived in the United States since I was about seven years old, when I entered along with my parents and four brothers and sisters as refugees. I have had no contact with anyone in Cambodia, and have not returned since my family immigrated in 1980. The United States is my only home.

But, I am more afraid for what would happen to my family if I were forced to leave. I am the sole provider for my wife and four children. I spend all my time when I am not working with my children, either outdoors going hiking, fishing, and camping, or relaxing at home where I help them with their schoolwork. Helping to raise my kids, and in particular our sons, is another chance to help make right the mistakes that I made growing up. I have been open with my children about my past and through my experiences have taught them and given them tools to learn from my mistakes and to stay on the right path. My family and I carry the weight of the uncertainty and fear about my deportation every day.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon.

My time in prison and detention separated me from those bad influences and helped to refocus me on the things that are the most important to me—family, work, and being a good role model for my young children. I worked hard while in custody to earn money to support my wife and young son. I also used the time to take classes to work toward completing my high school degree so that I would be in a better position to support my family and help my son with his schoolwork when I was released.

After I was released from immigration custody in 2000, I focused on finding a good, stable job as a manufacturing machine operator. I found that I excelled at that type of position

and took pride in being able to provide for my family. As a result of my hard work and dedication, I was able to advance quickly from being an operator, to a junior supervisor, to a production line lead. I strove to be a good and supportive manager and made a point of being proactive, researching and keeping up on FDA best practices to ensure my team excelled. More recently, I've made a switch in role to maintenance technician that allows me a bit more flexibility and time with my family. I am very proud of the work I have done, and in doing so, not only have I supported my family, but I also endeavored to repay my debt to society. I continue to work hard every day.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michael J. Sampson

Michael J. Sampson, a resident of Washington, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 1, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, he printed fraudulent checks and attempted to cash them at banks. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 1, 2006 having completed his sentence.

Michael J. Sampson has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, after leaving jail, he reports that he obtained his Airframe and Powerplant license from WyoTech Technical School, graduating with honors.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael J. Sampson, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael J. Sampson a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Michael J Sampson Date of Birth: [redacted] E-mail Address: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Phone Number: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include 11350 HS, 10/25/2003, Los Angeles, Probation/County Jail and 459 PC, 04/04/2003, Los Angeles, Probation/County Jail.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

A lacking purpose that was falsely fulfilled by a life of irresponsibility. The friends that I had were similarly lost in direction. We all had divorced parents and found a connection through delinquency. I spent a lot of time coping with my emptiness through drug use.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

This is not simply about completely overcoming my past, although that is hugely important to me. During my career development in aviation, other opportunities have presented themselves. To even entertain the idea of working for Boeing's Defense company (BDS), I would need full relief from disabilities. Among other airline positions and possible contract jobs, it will be difficult to pursue alternative avenues without the honor of a pardon.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Going to jail brought to my awareness the necessity for taking responsibility for my actions. I spend a great deal of energy on being as genuine and responsible as I can. I have learned the advantage of transparency and hard work. I have defeated the stigma of a felon; I am married with a daughter, I manage a crew of airplane builders, I have graduated trade school, and separately earned an Associates of Science in Aeronautics.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I am taking this into my own hands. I accept challenges and this is another opportunity to go beyond the norm.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jose Luis Romero Santander

Jose Luis Romero Santander, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 15, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served five years probation. He was discharged on January 15, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Jose Luis Romero Santander has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated February 4, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jose Luis Romero Santander has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jose Luis Romero Santander a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF:)
JOSE LUIS ROMERO SANTANDER,)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION)
AND PARDON)

CM 043928
Case No.: CM009574
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CERTIFICATE OF
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The petition of JOSE LUIS ROMERO SANTANDER, presently residing in [REDACTED], California, mailing address: [REDACTED], California, heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on September 3, 1997, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from probation was in 2003, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been twice convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue

1 thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said
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3 Dated 2/4/10


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5 Judge of the Superior Court

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Daisy Antuanett Saravia

Daisy Antuanett Saravia, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about February 18, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of vehicle theft. She served one year, five months probation, six months prison, and one year, one month parole. She was discharged on March 22, 2006, having completed her sentence.

Daisy Antuanett Saravia has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated September 19, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Saravia obtained her medical assistant vocational degree from Bryman College, and reports that she has led a life free of drugs and crime for over 15 years. She also helps raise money for a World Vision program that provides clean drinking water to children in Africa. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Daisy Antuanett Saravia has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Daisy Antuanett Saravia a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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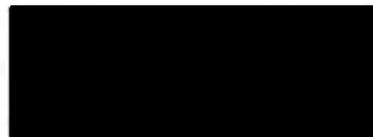
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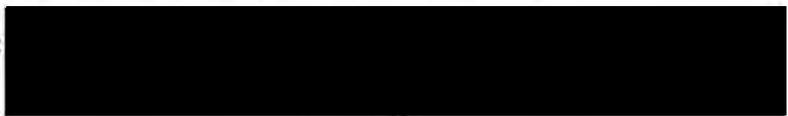
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Sherril R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By Patricia J. Wynn, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:



Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on 9/19/17.

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 8/5/2004, DOC 8/5/2006, Date released

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

** THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS THAT THE PETITIONER NO LONGER IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE SECTION 290.5.

Done in open court this 19 day of September, 2017

SCOTT GORDON
Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE
SCOTT M. GORDON



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Clinton Lee Sattler

Clinton Lee Sattler, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

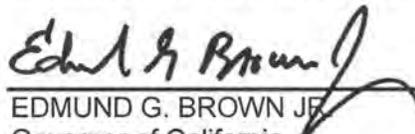
He was sentenced on or about January 13, 1983, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on January 13, 1986, having completed his sentence.

Clinton Lee Sattler has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated May 4, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Clinton Lee Sattler has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Clinton Lee Sattler a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Butte

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

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Clinton Lee Sattler

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Clinton Lee Sattler

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at

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 4th

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and proof having been made to the

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and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

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custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

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, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 2

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time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 4th

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Clare Keithley

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Clare Keithley 7/24/17

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Rosann Jean Sattler

Rosann Jean Sattler, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about January 13, 1983, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served three years probation. She was discharged on January 13, 1986, having completed her sentence.

Rosann Jean Sattler has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated May 4, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Rosann Jean Sattler has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rosann Jean Sattler a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BUTTE

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

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ROSANN JEAN SATTLER

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of ROSANN JEAN SATTLER

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, presently residing

at

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this

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and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on

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, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

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time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

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May 2017

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Clare Keithley

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Clare Keithley

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Keith Wiley Scarboro

Keith Wiley Scarboro, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 19, 1973, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of selling or transporting marijuana. He served two years probation. He was discharged on June 19, 1975, having completed his sentence.

Keith Wiley Scarboro has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin, an order dated July 15, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Keith Wiley Scarboro has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Keith Wiley Scarboro a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

Applicant's County of Residence

CR-140-15

In the Matter of the Application of

KEITH WILEY SCARBORO

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

Month Day, Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

List applicable Original Case Number(s)

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(SF131279A)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of KEITH WYLE SCARBORO, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [redacted] heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this _____ day

Day of the Month

of _____ and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 6-8-1973, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

Month Day, Year

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

ONE

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 15th day of July, 2015

Day of the Month

Month, Year

RICHARD A. VLAVIANOS

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

THE ANNEXED INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN MY OFFICE. CAUTION: SEAL MUST BE IN PURPLE.

ATTEST July 15, 2015
ROSA JUNQUEIRO
Clerk of the Superior Court
San Joaquin State of California
By Alice Castillo Deputy



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

April Christine Schmidt-Barrios

April Schmidt-Barrios, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about June 29, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and child cruelty. She served four years probation, and 120 days jail. She was discharged on June 29, 2004, having completed her sentence.

April Schmidt-Barrios has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated January 19, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, April Schmidt-Barrios has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to April Schmidt-Barrios a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

CR-1526-17

In the Matter of the Application of **Christine Schmidt-Barrios**

Certificate Number RIC1615105

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number:

Criminal Case Number(s) RIF092236 Riverside County

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

JAN 19, 2017

Z. Dawkins

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

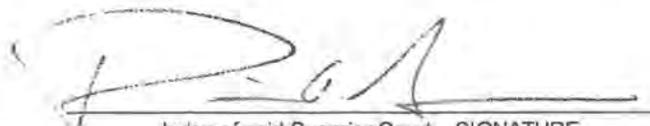
The petition of **Christine Schmidt-Barrios**, residence located at [REDACTED], H
Herefore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of
Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **January 19, 2017**
Proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as
required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are
true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody
due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on
October 10, 2002 that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4,
And that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil
And political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been
1 time(s) convicted of a **felony**

*WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree
the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise al the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as
provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State
of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.*

Dated: 1/19/2017

David Gunn

Judge of said Superior Court – TYPED or PRINTED



Judge of said Superior Court – SIGNATURE

List of Convictions: 11378 HS



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David John Schweickert Sr.

David John Schweickert Sr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 31, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of planting or cultivating marijuana. He served two years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on October 31, 1991, having completed his sentence.

David John Schweickert Sr. has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo, an order dated December 20, 2001, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David John Schweickert Sr. has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David John Schweickert Sr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of
DAVID JOHN SCHWEICKERT SR.

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number SC22154A

Date of Birth

Month Day, Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) SC22154A

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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Clerk of the Superior Court
By MICHAEL BOLANDER
DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of David John Schweickert Sr., presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 20th day

Day of the Month

of December 2001 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation

on October 31, 1991, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

Month Day, Year

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 20th day of December, 2001

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Stephen M. Hall

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

STEPHEN M. HALL

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Deborah Lynne Seal

Deborah Lynne Seal, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about November 22, 1996 in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. She was then sentenced on or about August 13, 1999 in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. She served three years, one month probation, eleven months prison, and one year, six months parole in concurrent sentences. She was discharged April 10, 2002, having completed her sentence.

Deborah Lynne Seal has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated May 23, 2013, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Seal and her husband established their own trucking business in 2007, and Ms. Seal is actively involved in her church and participates in community outreach. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Ms. Seal's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended her for a pardon on September 18, 2018. Ms. Seal also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 14, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Deborah Lynne Seal has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Deborah Lynne Seal a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund G. Brown Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Padilla", written over a horizontal line.

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

CR-17617-13

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

In the Matter of the Application of
DEBORAH LYNNE SEAL
For a Certificate of Rehabilitation and Pardon

} Case No: **13F00794**
} CII No: [REDACTED]
} Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
} Criminal Case No:
} **62-6610 & SCR2323 (PLACER**
COUNTY)

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION
PURSUANT TO PENAL CODE SECTION 4852.13

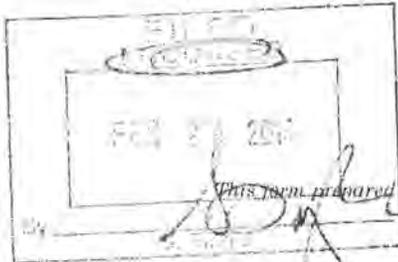
The petition of **DEBORAH LYNNE SEAL**, presently residing at, [REDACTED], heretofore filed. Praying for a **CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION** pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on **MAY 23, 2013**, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to her completion of the term to which she was sentenced, or upon her release of parole on **OCTOBER 2000**, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by her course of conduct her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been convicted of **TWO FELONIES**.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this **23RD** day of **MAY 2013 (CORRECTED 2/24/2014)**



CURTIS M. FIORINI
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

Executive Department

PARDON

State of California

Fernanda Lisa Sencion

Fernanda Lisa Sencion, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about April 9, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of voluntary manslaughter. Specifically, Ms. Sencion shot a man who had sexually assaulted her five-year-old son. She served ten years probation, 60 days work program, and 200 hours alternative sentencing program. She was discharged on April 9, 1997, having completed her sentence.

Fernanda Lisa Sencion has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sutter, an order dated January 20, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Sencion volunteers her time with a faith-based crisis center that assists individuals with life-controlling problems. An individual involved with her charity work wrote that "I have witnessed first-hand the impact she has had on countless young women's lives...Her entire life is a testament to the ability to overcome circumstances and environment." By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Fernanda Lisa Sencion has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Fernanda Lisa Sencion a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



CR-1497-17

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Sacramento Sutter
Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Fernanda Lisa Sencion
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number _____

Date of Birth _____

CII Number 407140205 _____

Criminal Case Number(s) 77050
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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JAN 20 2017
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SUTTER
CLERK OF THE COURT
By _____ Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Fernanda Lisa Sencion, presently residing at _____, heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this _____ day of _____ and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on _____, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been _____ Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 20th day of January 2017

Susan E. Green
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

William Shields

William Shields, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

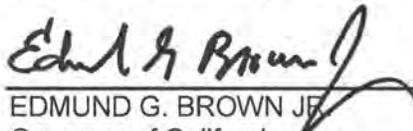
He was sentenced on or about August 5, 1982, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare for the crime of planting or cultivating marijuana. He served two years, two months probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on October 9, 1984, having completed his sentence.

William Shields has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated January 5, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

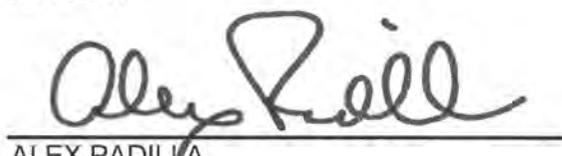
By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, William Shields has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to William Shields a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



CR-1496-17

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

In the Matter of the Application of **William Shields**

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B. Dawkins

Certificate Number RIC1614441

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number: [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) VCF020713 – Tulare County

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **William Shields**, residence located at [REDACTED]

Herefore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of

Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this day **January 5, 2017**

Proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody

due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **October 9, 1984** that where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4,

And that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil

And political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

1 time(s) convicted of a **felony**

1 time(s) convicted of a **felony**

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise al the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: January 5, 2017

Richard T. Fields David A. Gunn

Judge of said Superior Court – TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court – SIGNATURE

List of Convictions: 11358 HS



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Richard James Shope

Richard James Shope, a resident of Georgia, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 1, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of manufacturing a controlled substance, and possessing, manufacturing or selling a dangerous weapon. He served three years probation, and 270 days jail. He was discharged on March 1, 2003 having completed his sentence.

Richard James Shope has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Richard James Shope, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Richard James Shope a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: RICHARD JAMES SHOPE Date of Birth: [Redacted] E-mail Address: [Redacted] Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include offenses H 11378, H11379.6, and P 12020.A.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

In 1999 the police initially arrived to question me about a co-worker who was involved in a burglary. I allowed them in to look around and they noticed a firearm that was 18" the law was 18 1/4". They found 3 small bags of drugs (less than 1/8 of a ounce combined) one with residue They also found a first aid kit with iodine, one open packet of cold pills and and pool chemicals (we had a swimming pool) I took the plea deal to be released asap to support my family . I really didnt know the severity of the charges and the consequences it would have later on in life

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Employment /Safety /self-preservation/ protection for my self,daughter and grandchildern. I live in a small home on the outskirts [Redacted] Ga.and recently criminals have been targeting homes for home invasion .We all know we live in trying times and restoring my 2nd amendment right will help protect my family if needed. and there are many employment opportunitys but back ground checks are a problem. Would like to go hunting with grand children someday

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

17 years ago I paid all fines,completed all reabilatation programs and probation. I have never been a threat to anyone, Never a crime before or after . After the conviction I went on to obtain a general contracting Lic. started a small business Went to collage raised my children. I have recently moved to Georgia to simi-retire and help my daughter and grandchildern

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Brandon Shorr

Brandon Shorr, a resident of Virginia, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 26, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crime of manufacturing a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 26, 1998 having completed his sentence.

Brandon Shorr has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Brandon Shorr, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Brandon Shorr a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Brandon Shorr Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Convicted under HS 11379.6(a)	on 5/26/1995	in Case No. 95HF0296 in Orange County Superior Court	Served 11 days county jail and conviction subsequently dismissed per PC 1203.4 (docket attached)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary): (see attached statement by Brandon Shorr)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

(see attached statement by Brandon Shorr)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

(see attached statement by Brandon Shorr)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

(see attached statement by Brandon Shorr)

Brandon Shorr

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[REDACTED]

July 31, 2017

Your Honor,

Thank you in advance for your time.

My name is Brandon Shorr. Currently I am living in [REDACTED] VA at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I have been at this location for three years with my wife and three step children.

As an overview, we left southern California in 2013, with hopes of obtaining a solid, permanent residence. My wife, whom was in the Marine Corps for twenty years, was looking to settle herself and her children down after a long and successful military career. Before that, I was a southern California resident from approximately 1993 until 2013.

Your Honor, I arrived in Orange County, California from Salt Lake City, Utah, with my parents in 1993, which as you might imagine can be a bit of a culture shock. This was a move that went from a quiet, small town in Utah to the rapid pace of southern California. I loved California none the less. I was simply a young man experiencing something very different than what I was used to in Utah. I lived with both of my parents in Newport Beach and had a very healthy and supportive upbringing.

I quickly found employment as soon as we relocated to California. Unfortunately, I also found some other young folks that were using things I had never been exposed to in Utah. To be very specific, I was exposed to marijuana and methamphetamines. From then on, and until my conviction (less than one year), I became more engaged with bad people and bad habits. What caused my criminal offence is nothing more than myself. I won't blame it on meeting or socializing with a "bad" crowd. I was a young adult when these events happened, but an adult none the less. No one forced me to do the very stupid things I was engaged in. Twenty three years later, I still blame only myself for my actions.

Since my conviction in 1994, I have not had any arrests or any type of wrong doings. I am simply not the person I was at the time of my conviction.

As for the punishment for my crime, I believe the Court showed me mercy because of my young age. First, I was sentenced to three years of probation. The first year consisted of formal probation. I was tested for drugs and alcohol on a weekly basis. I also had to provide proof of employment and positive adjustments in my life. After only several months, my probation officer released me from formal probation to informal probation due to new found employment, testing clean for all use of drugs/alcohol and overall changed lifestyle. Secondly, I was sentenced to one year to reside in a drug and alcohol treatment facility where the testing of drugs and alcohol occurred twice per week. In

addition, we had a 10:00 p.m. curfew every night. I was also required to attend and participate in Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings twice per day every day. The cost of this facility treatment at Mainstream, San Clemente, California was approximately \$600.00 per month that the Judge ordered that I pay for myself. I remember this experience being pretty scary as I was not employed at the time of my conviction. My family was only allowed to help me financially, but only for the first couple of months.

Your Honor, with a one year sentence, I was released early because I had accomplished the goals set forth for me and exhibited exceptional behavior. I was no longer using ANY type of substances and had genuinely turned my life around. The most positive impact that this entire experience has had on my life, is that while I was in "recovery" serving my sentence, I found a career as a Composite Technician.

Your Honor, I would like to call your attention to a company called "[REDACTED]" listed on my resume. It is a sailboat mast manufacturing company in Rancho Santa Margerita, Ca. This is the company I started working for while I was in the treatment facility. From this point forward, you will see nothing but a consistent and highly successful career as you review my resume.

My conviction was over two decades ago. I am still living out an extremely successful career as a Composite Technician.

I am currently employed at [REDACTED], VA. I have been employed at this company since my relocation to Virginia in 2014. My job title is "Senior Composite/ Bonding Technician". At [REDACTED], we work on a variety of specialized aircraft, aerospace, commercial and military vehicle parts and assemblies. We manufacture parts for companies such as Boeing, Gulfstream, General Electronics (GE) Aviation, General Atomics, Northrup Grumman (F-35, Joint Strike Fighter Program) just to name a few and many other projects.

As a Senior Technician, some of my daily duties consist of training of new and or lesser experienced employees in the areas of bonding, splicing, and repair, construction of core assemblies, large scale oven operations, and vacuum bag operations. Also, I have been named as the president of a Communications Process Action Team (PAT), within [REDACTED]. My purpose within the PAT is to improve communications from a production level on up to the upper management and executive level.

One of the highlights of my career was my time spent at SpaceX (Space Exploration) in Hawthorne, California. From November 2010 until June 2013, my main duties were as followed: first shift lead on the payload attach fitting for the Falcon Heavy Rocket, performance of quality inspections, lamination, bonding and assembly of all composite parts as well as, composite training of new and or lesser experienced employees. In addition, my experience with the set up and operation of laser tracking systems led my team to the company success of the payload attach fitting. I consulted daily with the

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rocket structures engineering department to improve lay-up schedules and processes. We put rockets into orbit and supplied the International Space Station (ISS) with supplies.

Your Honor, I hope you recognize that I have maintained a dedicated career path in which I have excelled at. However, should the opportunity present itself, I am most willing to continue gaining additional knowledge, skills, and abilities that will allow me to enhance my professional career.

From a personal perspective, I have now been married for the first time since 2013 with no previous children. My wife, [REDACTED], is a decorated and highly respected twenty-year retired veteran of the United States Marine Corps. I met [REDACTED] at the end of her career as a Marine Corps Master Sergeant while stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. We met in Mission Viejo CA, in August 2012. Needless to say I was simply taken by her poise and proud stature. We immediately connected and I now am part of a family with a wife and three wonderful kids; [REDACTED] (now 19), [REDACTED] (now 19) and [REDACTED] (now 10). All three children are classified as special needs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both have specific learning disabilities requiring at-home patience at building, developing, educational and life skills, however [REDACTED] is both mentally and physically handicapped with cerebral palsy. [REDACTED] requires an extreme amount of love and patience to assist him in acquiring his life essential needs. I have personally witnessed and been exposed to the most violent "fits" where I immediately provided love, support, and sanity to the situations presented. I have accepted these kids as my own and taken on the responsibility of their father. While trying at times, I have and continue to be a father to best of my ability.

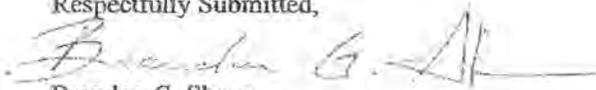
We now reside in [REDACTED], Virginia where we own our own home and are currently working towards steadfast retirement goals.

In closing, Your Honor, I take full ownership of my "hiccup" that occurred in my life during my early twenties given the newly exposed freedoms that I encountered moving to California. I truly did not understand the repercussions of my actions at that time. Needless to say, I did not value, nor did I understand the benefits I have as a United States citizen.

I have not previously pursued this initiative because of a lack of understanding of the process, nor did I have the financial means to engage on this endeavor. Since being married to a retired Marine and potential employee with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, my failure to contribute to society has hit home more than ever.

My request is brought forth to you today for consideration in allowing me to finally participate as a valued voice in our society. To respectfully address the Court, I am fully willing to personally appear before the Court to certify the truth of this written statement.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brandon G. Shorr

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michael Howard Simmons

Michael Howard Simmons, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 21, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of transportation of a controlled substance, enhancement of possession of a firearm. He served two years prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on January 6, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Michael Howard Simmons has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Stanislaus, an order dated November 26, 2008, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Howard Simmons has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Howard Simmons a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



In the Matter of the Application of

MICHAEL HOWARD SIMMONS
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number 1247726

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month Day, Year

CII Number _____

Criminal Case Number(s) 96F04211
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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11/26/08
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BY J. Carmel DEPUTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of MICHAEL HOWARD SIMMONS, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 26th day
Day of the Month

of November 2008 and proof having been made to the
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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 1/6/00, that, where appropriate, petitioner has
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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been ONCE
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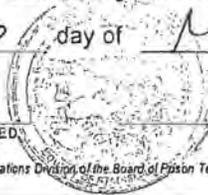
time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 26 day of November 2008
Day of the Month Month, Year

John Freeland

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED



J. Freeland
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Charles Daniel Smart

Charles Daniel Smart, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 23, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crimes of willful child cruelty, and manufacturing a controlled substance. Specifically, he manufactured methamphetamine for sale, and had several firearms in his residence that were readily accessible to his girlfriend's children, who were living with him. He served three years, four months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on August 19, 1998, having completed his sentence.

Charles Daniel Smart has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated February 23, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Smart reports that his drug use stopped the day he was incarcerated and that he has stayed off for good. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Charles Daniel Smart has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Charles Daniel Smart a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

Butte

Applicant's County of Residence

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In the Matter of the Application of

Charles Daniel Smart

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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Date of Birth

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Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

Superior Court of California		
County of Butte		
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Kimberly Figgan, Clerk		
By C. RYAN, Deputy		

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of

Charles Daniel Smart

, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this

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Day of the Month

day

of Feb. 2017

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and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on

8/20/98

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, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

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Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

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Clare Keithley

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Clare Keithley

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Benjamin Russell Smith

Benjamin Russell Smith, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 16, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada for the crimes of evading a peace officer with disregard for safety, and misdemeanor vehicle theft. He served one year, seven months probation. He was discharged on February 7, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Benjamin Russell Smith has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated November 17, 2010, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Smith reports that he has been clean and sober for over two decades and is an active member of his church. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Benjamin Russell Smith has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Benjamin Russell Smith a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

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Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Benjamin Russell Smith

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER & CLERK
By [Signature] Deputy

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

Butte Co.: CM-8295, CM-1924
Nevada Co.: 403-160

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Benjamin Russell Smith

, presently residing

[Redacted Address]

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 17th day

of November, 2010 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 6-3-06, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 3

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 17 day of NOV 2010

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Bryan Keith Smith

Bryan Keith Smith, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 10, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Smith attempted to rob a home in order to support his drug habit. He served ten months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on April 7, 1999, having completed his sentence.

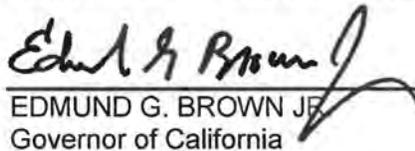
Bryan Keith Smith has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated August 13, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Mr. Smith reports that he has been clean and sober for 20 years, and that he is active in his church. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Bryan Keith Smith has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Bryan Keith Smith a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF San Bernardino
Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of
Brian Keith Smith
Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last, and Suffix, if applicable
Certificate Number _____
Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month, Day, Year
CII Number _____
Criminal Case Number(s) FSB13188
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT
AUG 13 2015
BY [Signature]
LETICIA OBERLINES, DEPUTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Brian Keith Smith, presently residing
at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for
a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 13th day
of August 2015 and proof having been made to the
satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;
and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are
true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from
custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-
ole or probation on April 7, 1999, that, where appropriate, petitioner has
obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the
course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship
(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1
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time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge,
and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of
citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court
recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 13th day of August 2015
Day of the Month Month, Year
JUDGE RONALD M. CHRISTIANSON
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED [Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Irma Rachel Snyder

Irma Rachel Snyder, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about December 10, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of preventing or dissuading a witness with threat or force. She served two years and six months on probation until it was revoked due to her next conviction. She was sentenced on or about September 20, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. She served eleven months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on September 14, 1997, having completed her sentence.

Irma Rachel Snyder has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated March 4, 2011, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Snyder reports that she has been clean and sober for 20 years, and is an active member of twelve step programs. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Ms. Snyder's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on March 17, 2017. Ms. Snyder also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on December 18, 2017, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Irma Rachel Snyder has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.



THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Irma Rachel Snyder a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER, ROOM K-100 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST POST OFFICE BOX 22024 SANTA ANA, CA 92702-2024	For Court Use Only GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS FILED SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE HARBOR JUSTICE CENTER MAR - 4 2011 ALAN CARLSON, Clerk of the Court BY: <u>R. HUME</u> DEPUTY
In the Matter of the Application of <u>Irma Rachel Snyder</u> <i>Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable</i> Date of Birth: [REDACTED] CII Number: [REDACTED] Criminal Case Number(s): <u>BA065041; BA078214</u>	<i>Central</i>
CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Penal Code § 4852.13)	CERTIFICATE NUMBER: M - <u>13902</u>

The petition of Irma Rachel SNYDER, presently residing at [REDACTED] requesting a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, was heard on _____ Date _____ and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on _____, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that the that petitioner has been twice time(s) convicted of a felony;
Total Number of Felony Convictions

The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: 5/11/11

Judicial Officer - TYPED or PRINTED

Craig E. Robison
Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE
CRAIG E. ROBISON

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PARDON

Gary James Soden

Gary James Soden, a resident of Colorado, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 22, 1974, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crime of vehicle theft. He served eight months probation, one year, four months prison, and one year, two months parole. He was discharged on October 24, 1977 having completed his sentence.

Gary James Soden has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Soden reports that he has been clean and sober for four decades. He also volunteers for a number of service organizations within his community.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Gary James Soden, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Gary James Soden a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



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Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: GARY JAMES SODEN Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s): Date of offense(s): County of conviction(s): Sentence(s):

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2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I INDULGED IN A LOT OF DRUG USE AND 99% OF MY POOR DECISION MAKING WAS UNDER DIRECT INFLUENCE OF SUCH DRUGS.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I AM ATTEMPTING TO CLEAR MY PAST CRIMINAL RECORD SO THAT AT THE AGE OF 61 I CAN SAY I HAVE A CLEAN PAST HISTORY. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE AFFORDED ALL MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GO HOUSTING WITH MY GRANDSON

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I HAVE LIVED A CRIME FREE LIFESTYLE FOR OVER 40 YEARS. MY PAST CRIMES WERE DIRECTLY RELATED TO DRUG USE FOR WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN PRESENT IN MY LIFE FOR THE PAST 40+ YEARS. I HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 30 YEARS, AND EMPLOYED IN THE TELECOM INDUSTRY FOR GOING ON 36 YEARS.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Phal Sok

Phal Sok, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Sok lawfully entered the United States at the age of 3 months as a refugee from Cambodia. He is in removal proceedings to Cambodia after living in the United States for 37 years as a lawful permanent resident.

Mr. Sok was sentenced on or about April 14, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of robbery with the use of a firearm. He served fifteen years prison, and two years parole. He was discharged from parole on August 18, 2017 having completed his sentence.

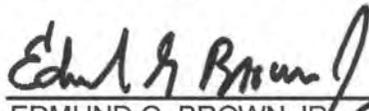
Phal Sok has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Sok works at a non-profit dedicated to criminal justice reform, is active in the local immigrant community and with his church, and has the support of numerous elected officials. Individuals who know Mr. Sok have described him as "a tireless advocate for immigrants, particularly refugee children and youth," and "a true American." Many expressed their hope that he would be permitted to remain in the only country he has ever known and to continue working to better California.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Phal Sok, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Phal Sok a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 10th day of August, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Phal Sok Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
California Penal Code § 211	November 28, 1998	Los Angeles	23 years, 8 months

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON FOR PHAL SOK

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

1. Describe your involvement in the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon.

In 1998, when I was seventeen years old, I and four acquaintances stole about \$850 from a clothing factory, ██████████ in Chinatown in Los Angeles, California. During the robbery, I pointed a firearm at several employees, but I did not fire it and no one was physically injured. Although I was only seventeen years old, I was tried and convicted as an adult. I could not afford a private attorney, so I was represented by a public defender.

In 2000, a jury found me guilty of three counts under California Penal Code Section 211, second degree robbery. Judge Curtis B. Rappe sentenced me to the maximum possible prison term of twenty-three years and eight months. More than sixteen years of my sentence was based on firearm enhancements. This was my first and only conviction.

In 2014, California enacted SB 260, which allowed me to present a case for early release to the parole board because I was a juvenile at the time of my offense. At the hearing, I sought early release by demonstrating my growth, maturity, and rehabilitation. On February 11, 2015, after my first parole hearing, I was granted early parole by Commissioners Ali Zarrinnam and Nina Starr. In preparation for the hearing, I was seen by Dr. Cherie Carrera, who conducted a Comprehensive Risk Assessment and found that I had maintained a “long period of stability” and “exhibited none of the [clinical] risk factors associated with violent recidivism.” Ex. C(1), (Comprehensive Risk Assessment for the Board of Parole Hearings). I am very grateful to Governor Brown and the California Legislature for passing SB 260 which gave me an opportunity for early release based on my rehabilitation in prison.

To this day, I deeply regret my actions and I feel terrible for all the suffering that I caused. Before my arrest, I was struggling deeply with my father’s recent death which left me parentless because my mother had moved away when I was a small child. Though I moved in with my older brother after my dad’s memorial service, ██████████ was unable to supervise me because he was working nights to make ends meet. I sought solace in the streets of Long Beach and got involved with the wrong crowd of people. Though these circumstances affected my choices, I take full responsibility for the decisions I made.

I know that my actions have had a ripple effect and I am very remorseful for the harm I caused to the victims, my family, and my community. However, I have worked hard to turn my life around. I believe I am fully rehabilitated and I am doing everything I can to pay back my family and community for the poor choices I made earlier in life.

2. Explain why you want a pardon.

A pardon is my only opportunity to stay in the United States, the only country I have ever known. I am a refugee and lawful permanent resident of the United States. I am currently in removal proceedings due to my criminal conviction. Although the government seeks to deport me to Cambodia, I have never set foot there because I was born in a refugee camp in Thailand during the Khmer Rouge regime.

My father, [REDACTED] and his adult son, my half-brother [REDACTED] fled Cambodia in late 1979 to escape the Khmer Rouge genocide. My mother, [REDACTED] also fled Cambodia at the same time. My father was a widow and my mother unmarried, and they fell in love in a refugee camp in Thailand. During the two year wait for acceptance into the United States, they had two sons—first, my brother, [REDACTED] and then me. A few weeks after I was born, my brother [REDACTED] died of an illness. When I was 61 days old, I arrived in the United States with my parents and older brother [REDACTED]. One year later, I became a lawful permanent resident.

My family first settled in Los Angeles. In February 1983, my baby sister, [REDACTED] was born. My parents separated later that year. My mom took physical custody of my baby sister [REDACTED] and my dad took physical custody of me. My dad, [REDACTED] and I moved to Long Beach. My mother moved away with my sister and did not maintain contact with my father or me. Because I was so little at the time, I don't have many memories of my mom and little sister. I mostly remember growing up with just my dad and older brother, [REDACTED]. I'm sad I never got to know them, especially because our family is so small. I have tried to find my mother and sister, but to this day, I do not know where they are.

After my parents separated, I was raised by my father. My father filed for naturalization and included me on his application. However, my father passed away from stomach cancer just before the government issued a decision on his naturalization application. Had my father completed the naturalization process before his death, I could have become a citizen and would not be deportable based on my conviction. However, as a lawful permanent resident, my conviction makes me deportable unless it is pardoned by the Governor. My next immigration court hearing is in November and if I were granted a pardon before then, it would give me the opportunity to petition to stop the deportation process and allow me to apply for U.S. citizenship.

I am scared of what would happen to me if I were deported to Cambodia. The current Prime Minister is becoming increasingly authoritarian and things are very bad, especially for people seen as having ties to the United States. I have lived my whole life in the United States and do not even know how to speak formal Khmer. I am afraid that people would know immediately that I'm from America, and they would target me with violent attacks.

I am asking for a pardon so I can continue supporting my community and building safer neighborhoods. I am dedicated to serving my community and reducing cycles of violence. Since

my release, I have immersed myself in the immigrants' rights community here in Los Angeles. I believe I fulfill a unique role in the community as a person impacted by the criminal justice system and deportation proceedings. I currently work as an organizer with the Youth Justice Coalition, mentoring young people and teaching them how to live upright lives. Because I have been through the criminal justice system, I have a unique perspective to share. Youth always perk up when I share my experience with them. I also advocate for immigrants' rights with community members and policymakers and help run a support group for families impacted by deportation. A pardon would allow me to continue this important community work.

A pardon would keep my family together. If I am deported, my brother [REDACTED] a U.S. citizen, would be severely impacted. Since our father died, I am the only family [REDACTED] has left. My deportation would add to the many tragedies my brother has already experienced in his life. His mother died when he was a child, and he witnessed terrible violence under the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia. He was in his twenties when my family lived in the refugee camp in Thailand and he remembers the death of our brother [REDACTED]. Our father's death severely impacted him as well. When I got in trouble, since I had no parental supervision, [REDACTED] accompanied me to all my court appearances. It was all very hard on him.

My brother already has a lot on his plate. His wife is disabled and he is her primary caretaker and financial provider. He also supports his daughter, my niece, who lives with them as well.

I know that I brought hard times on my brother when I made the choices that led to my conviction, and I do not want him to suffer further if I am deported. My brother and I really value the time we have together after being separated for so many years. We communicate frequently via phone calls and texts and enjoying having family dinners together on the weekends. [REDACTED] would miss me terribly if I were deported. [REDACTED] is also terrified of what would happen to me if I were sent to Cambodia, a country where he experienced so much trauma. For his sake, as well as my own, I am requesting a pardon.

I want a pardon so I can plan for my future and be remembered as more than just my criminal record. I made a terrible mistake in my youth, but I have turned my life around. Because I am in deportation proceedings, I feel that my life is in limbo. I dream of returning to school and maybe even attending law school one day, but I can't make any long-term plans because I don't know if I'll be here next year. I have been dating an amazing woman, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for the last year. We met while feeding homeless people on Skid Row in December 2016 and we belong to the same church. Our relationship is serious, and we have talked about the possibility of marriage. But I can't seriously consider starting a family because the threat of deportation looms over my head. A pardon would eliminate the threat of deportation and allow me to invest in my long-term future in the United States. It would also change my legacy from a story of a youth that got in trouble and wound up deported to a man who turned his life around and repented for his past mistakes.

3. Explain why you think you should be granted a pardon.

I understand that a pardon is not easily earned. It is an honor and a privilege that is bestowed by beneficence. I understand that the consequences of my actions are mine to bear. However, I am proud that I have turned my life around and am now a productive member of society. I work hard to support myself and have dedicated myself to strengthening my community since my release from prison. I have already made a difference in a lot of people's lives. Without a pardon, I will be deported. This would severely impact my life, and that of my family and my community.

I deserve a pardon because I am using my difficult past experiences to help others in my community. When I committed my crime as a teenager, I was traumatized by my childhood and the recent passing of my father. I now understand the circumstances that led me to commit delinquency, and I have learned tools to cope with my emotions in a healthy way.

My childhood was very hard. My family arrived in the United States as refugees, were traumatized by the death of my baby brother, and had trouble adjusting to life here. My mother worked a little bit as a seamstress, but she did not make very much money. My father had been so severely beaten by the Khmer Rouge that his shoulder was in constant pain and he had to sleep on plywood at night. He could not work due to his disability. We were very poor.

My father had trouble expressing his emotions due to the trauma he endured in Cambodia, and he refused to talk about what he experienced there. When I was about two, my parents separated. My mother took custody of my sister, while my father maintained custody of me. After they separated, I never saw my mother or sister again. Living alone with my father was not always easy. Sometimes he would get very angry for no reason and sometimes he would beat me.

In 1996, when I was fifteen years old, my father got very sick. In 1997, he was diagnosed with stomach cancer. We couldn't afford a full-time nurse, so I helped care for him every day after school. He passed away in May 1998, at the end of my junior year of high school, right before summer break. His death left an immense hole in my life because he was the only parent I ever really knew; after he died, I was parentless. For a few months, I lived alone in the house I had been living in with my father. Then, I moved in with my brother [REDACTED]. Although we lived in the same place, [REDACTED] was working nights to make ends meet so we rarely saw each other. I felt completely lost and alone. Although I had done well in school until that point, I ended up dropping out and seeking solace in the streets of Long Beach which were very dangerous at that time. I had already lost several friends to violence. When I was attending school, I even had to take different routes to get there every day so that I would avoid the worst of the violence. After my father's death I got involved with the wrong crowd of people and made bad decisions that still haunt me to this day. I have come a long way since those days.

In prison, I participated in self-help groups and formed many close relationships that taught me how to manage my emotions and work with people. For example, I participated in the Aiming

for Success program through Pro-Social Transitions. I also engaged in Victims Awareness week, which gave me insight into the negative impact of my crime. Before my release, I participated in the Alternatives to Violence Project and engaged in both Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. I remain committed to non-violence and being sober.

I know people who come out of prison and have a difficult time reintegrating because they don't know how to talk to others. But through my work in prison and beyond, I gained many interpersonal skills. Because of my growth, I am able to form close relationships with friends and my girlfriend, manage my emotions, and lead a normal life.

My rehabilitation began in prison when I began to understand my past mistakes and started attending church more than ten years ago. Going to prison as a teenager was incredibly difficult. I was still reeling from my father's death and I had to adjust quickly to the unspoken rules of prison in order to survive. Because I was young, other inmates tried to pressure me to do things that would get me in trouble, but I resisted. In 2003, I was transferred to another facility, which gave me a fresh start.

I started attending church in 2004 and connected with others who were living a life of repentance. The biblical teachings helped ground me. I learned about principles of compassion, mercy, and forgiveness. I began examining myself and my past behavior. I felt terrible for the suffering my actions had caused, and I worked on forgiving myself so I could move forward and repent for my past wrongs. In May 2006, I was baptized. In 2007, volunteer chaplains selected me to be a chapel clerk. I helped coordinate attendance to various religious services, and oversaw the church supplies. I was also actively engaged in the music ministry.

I had multiple high-ranking jobs while I was in prison and was repeatedly recognized for my good work. In May 2007, I became a caregiver for handicapped inmates after the building officers recommended me for the job. They noted my "maturity and the ability to work effectively with designated population." In 2008, I was hired into the Prison Industry Authority (PIA) textile factory. I excelled in my assignments and climbed the ranks quickly. Eventually, I promoted to Production Coordinator, the most high-ranking inmate position available. It demanded many skills including sales order processing, databasing, inventory tracking and control, shop floor control and coordination, labor tabulation, production monitoring, scheduling, and routing, among others. I ensured the factory was up to speed and met sales order schedules. I developed interpersonal skills and worked effectively with the supervisory staff to help facilitate their decision-making. I also had to work professionally with many other inmates. My time as a PIA employee helped me grow immensely.

In prison, I earned my high school diploma, dedicated myself to continuing my education, and helped my fellow inmates. I earned my high school diploma while incarcerated and received vocational training in plumbing. I also enrolled in Coastline Community College and completed forty-two units of the business curriculum. I was awarded a Certificate of

Achievement in Business for those efforts, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. I secured placement on the President's List twice, each time completing twelve or more units in a semester with a 4.0.

I also volunteered in the Volunteer Education Program where I tutored and taught workshops focusing on GED preparation. I was later formally assigned as a literacy tutor. In that role, I encouraged men who did not have GEDs to get one and dedicated a significant amount of time to workshop instruction in math necessary for GED success.

In addition, I also served as a Prison Rape Elimination Act peer educator. In that role, I spoke to new inmates on the seriousness of prison sexual assault, ways to avoid it, and what can be done if it happens.

In my free time, I studied criminal and immigration law in the prison law library. I helped many inmates with their appeals and habeas petitions, filing at least one major petition each year. Through this work, I learned how many people struggle through the legal system without help. Moreover, my experience in immigration detention showed me how immigrants are especially vulnerable due to lack of representation. These experiences inspired me to join community advocacy groups when I was released from custody.

Since my release, I have dedicated myself to building a stronger and safer community. I was released from prison on July 20, 2015, but ICE detained me immediately. ICE allowed for my release in March 2016 but re-detained me in July 2016 to try to deport me. In those four months while I was out, I worked three days a week with "Get on the Bus," an organization that helps connect incarcerated people with their family on the outside. I volunteered at many community events, such as the "Pedal on the Pier" fundraiser, where I worked for twenty-four hours straight. They gave me an award for "Hardest Worker." I also volunteered with the Jefferson Church community and met many friends with whom I am still close to this day.

ICE detained me again in July 2016, but my church pastors, friends, and supporters attended court to ask for a bond. After it was granted, they came together to pay the bond so I could be released on November 30, 2016. This taught me more than words can express what community really means. I have humbly taken that lesson and I have done the best I can to return that investment they made in me, to make our communities a better place.

The time in detention also showed me how many families struggled with deportation proceedings and had no one else to help them. I shared my legal ability with anyone that came asking, in the hopes that I could help a husband remain here with his wife, a father to stay with his children. In that time, I also saw that people were terrified what would happen once President Trump was elected. Because of this experience, I got involved with the movement for Universal Representation in Los Angeles in 2016, advocating for the City and County to provide immigration attorneys to people in removal proceedings. At the same time, I returned to the

Center for Restorative Justice Works (which hosts the “Get on the Bus” program) as a part-time employee to continue supporting children of incarcerated parents.

In May 2017, I was brought on as a paid organizer with the Youth Justice Coalition (YJC), a community-focused nonprofit in Los Angeles, after they saw my commitment to the community at a Board of Supervisors’ meeting. I am paid for twenty hours of work a week, but I volunteer many additional hours, providing a wide range of services and supporting the community in many ways. I mentor youth ages sixteen to twenty-four. I am also working to promote investment in our youth by advocating for alternatives to the street life, meaningful jobs, better educational opportunities, access to local peacebuilders they can turn to in times of need, and youth centers that offer resources so they can stay on track to success. My life story is instrumental in those discussions and I have been nominated to serve on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council directly as a result of that work.

At YJC, I also support our welcome home services, providing resources to men and women returning from incarceration for their successful re-entry.

I also advocate for systemic change. For example, I participated in lobbying in support of SB 54, a bill that the Governor supported and is now part of our state law. I spoke at the rally in Sacramento and even hand-delivered signed petitions to the Governor’s staffer.

I invest my time in supporting the immigrant community. In 2016, I joined the Los Angeles Coalition for Universal Representation and testified at city council meetings to advocate for legal representation for immigrants in removal proceedings. I am also an active member of the ICE Out of L.A. Coalition, and I attend their bi-weekly strategy meetings and help provide monthly Deportation Defense Clinics, offering free attorney consultations and legal rights trainings. People often ask me to speak at political and educational events because they find my story so inspiring, and I contribute a unique perspective to strategy discussions. My goal is to alleviate the fears of immigrant communities by promoting trust between immigrants, law enforcement, and local government.

I helped create a group that meets regularly to support families impacted by deportation. In these meetings, we create a safe space and explain the legal process to those in attendance. These groups empower the community and give people hope, because a lot of times people feel their situations are completely impossible.

I take these responsibilities to my community very seriously. I am lucky and honored to work alongside so many amazing people, and these friends and the work we do help keep me accountable.

I am a committed member of [REDACTED] Church. I attend Sunday services and volunteer each week in the church’s café. They trust me to open the café in the morning and return the cash box to the safe at night. I also help maintain the church facility on a regular basis. Staying connected

with this church is an important part of my spiritual journey, which began in prison and remains important to me to this day.

In sum, I deserve a pardon because I have grown, matured, and realized the impact of my past actions. I am now a better man and dedicated to living a life that is true in repentance. I am working to support the community by bringing my life experience to the forefront, with the hope that I will be a helping voice in reducing violence in our communities.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Sophanareth Sok

Sophanareth Sok, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Sok lawfully entered the United States at the age of two as a refugee from Cambodia.

He was sentenced on or about May 2, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Stanislaus, for the crimes of voluntary manslaughter with use of a firearm, and assault with a firearm. Specifically, at the age of 14, Mr. Sok participated in the drive-by shooting of rival gang members in which one person was killed. He served eleven years, nine months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on February 7, 2012 having completed his sentence.

Sophanareth Sok has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Sok volunteers his time with a local entity that supports men and women reentering the community from state prison.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Sophanareth Sok, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sophanareth Sok a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Sophanereth Sok Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary: *Date of offense was 4/13/1995. Date of Conviction was 4/4/1997

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Manslaughter PC 192(a)	4/13/1995	Stanislaus County	3 years
Assault with a Deadly Weapon PC 245(a) (2)	4/13/1995	Stanislaus County	4 years x 2 counts = 8 years
Firearm Enhancement			4 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):
As an adolescent I made poor choices. I was born in a refugee camp in Thailand and moved to the United States at age 2 and Modesto, California at age 4. As a Cambodian, I felt like an outcast and, like many others, was bullied by kids in the community. At age 13 my father, who was a huge role mode in my life, died leaving my family, especially my mom, emotionally devastaed. My siblings were busy trying to support the family. I did not know how to ... (cont)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):
I take full responsibility for my actions and am deeply remorseful for what I did twenty-three years ago. I deeply regret the pain and heartache I caused my victim's family as well as my own. Above everything else, I am asking for a pardon so that I am not separated from my wife and children. Today I am not the 14 year old kid from twenty-three years ago but a changed man who wants nothing more than to bring positivity into the lives of others. (cont)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):
Today, I am not the boy I was when I was 14; I am a thirty-eight year old, father of two, a husband, a brother, an uncle a friend, a coworker, a mentor and somone who for the past 9 years has only wanted to be a source of support, friendship and strength to those around me. I know I cannot take back the poor choices I made when I was 14...cont.)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

None.

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2.) Briefly describe the circumstances surrounding your crime (cont.):

.....deal with the death of my father and turned to the streets. This was the biggest mistake of my life. At the age of 14, I was involved in a gang related shooting with several others that resulted in the death of a rival gang member and the injury of two others. I was arrested 8 months later and spent a year in juvenile hall. At age 16, I was charged and convicted of manslaughter PC 192(a) and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon PC 245(a)(2) with a firearm enhancement. I was sentenced to 15 years in an adult prison. I take full responsibility for my actions and am deeply remorseful for what I did twenty-three years ago. I deeply regret putting my victim's family in so much pain and heartache. I also deeply regret the pain and trouble I caused my own family as well.

3.) Explain why you are requesting a pardon (cont):

I am also asking for a pardon because the United States is the only home I have ever known. If granted a pardon I will be able to stay with my family and community here in the United States. My family means everything to me and being deported would be devastating for my wife and kids. I am especially worried about my kids because part of the reason I fell into a bad crowd was because of the absence of my father. I want to be here to guide them, to be a role model for them and to support them as they grow up. I also want to continue to help others learn from my mistakes.

4.) Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (cont.):

.....but I can do everything in my power to make amends. Since being released, I have worked hard to pay my debts and become financially secure. Within a few years, my wife and I saved enough money to buy our own home. In 2011, my wife gave birth to our first child, [REDACTED] who is now a first grader in Sacramento. In 2015, we had my daughter, [REDACTED], who is three-years-old. I am a committed father and husband as everyone who knows me is aware. I also know that my experiences are valuable to other young adults who are going through difficult times.

Whenever I come across troubled teens or young adults, I share my experience with them and try to motivate them in a positive way. I also speak to recent parolees whenever possible because I know how hard it is to start a life once leaving prison. I want to show them that they can also transform and build their lives up from the bottom as I have, and maybe also have a loving wife and family to come home to too. I do these things because I know what it is like to need help, how important it is to be given a second chance, and I have a whole lot of compassion towards people. I hope Governor Brown will see me for the man I am today, not the boy I was when I was 14. I hope he will consider me for a pardon and allow me to raise my kids, redeem myself and spread positivity around to everyone I am in contact with. Receiving this pardon will allow me to do what I wish I would have done before that terrible day in 1995—apply to become what I already feel I am, a United States Citizen.

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Erich Michael Spelman

Erich Michael Spelman, a resident of Texas, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 20, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crimes of selling or furnishing marijuana, and possession of marijuana for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on September 20, 1998, having completed his sentence.

Erich Michael Spelman has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated September 17, 2010, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Erich Michael Spelman has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Erich Michael Spelman a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

In the Matter of the Application of ERICH MICHAEL SPELMAN

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

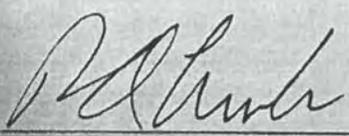
The petition of ERICH MICHAEL SPELMAN presently residing at [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 17th day of September 2010, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on July 6, 2001, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one time convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise al the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 17th day of September 2010

Roger Luebs

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED



Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David Spiegelglass

David Spiegelglass, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 9, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance, and burglary. He served two years probation, five months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on April 20, 1994 having completed his sentence.

David Spiegelglass has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Specifically, Mr. Spiegelglass reports that he has been completely sober since the day he went to prison, and obtained his bachelor's degree in management from the University of Phoenix.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Spiegelglass, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Spiegelglass a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: David Spiegelglass Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
459 PC, 11377(a) HS	8/28/1990	San Diego	2 years confinement/2 years state prison

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

My offense (San Diego Case #CR116431) concerns a 1990 drug and theft charge. I was involved with a bad crowd following the death of my father. I used drugs and made poor decisions, and ultimately suffered the instant conviction September 9, 1990. I served approximately 6.5 months, was released and violated probation, and served 2 years in prison. I relocated to Arizona after my release and committed no new offenses. See attached statement of Petitioner for more details.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting this relief chiefly because it impacts how I raise my children and what I must explain as they grow older and ask me questions such as why I did not vote. I want to be able to educate my children to participate in voting and jury service and I want to be an example for them in being able to do the same. I would also like access to the career and other opportunities (such as renting certain properties) that are not available to me while I am still considered a felon. See attached statement for more details.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have made significant changes in my life. I have remained law abiding since my release from custody on the probation violation on June 18, 1992. I have met educational goals, started a family that I love dearly, advanced in a technical career, and maintained sobriety. I have a number of friends and former colleagues that can speak to the person I have become. See attached statements and character references for more details.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I paid \$3,000 to Aizman Law Firm, APC, 16133 Ventura Blvd., Ste 645

David Spiegelglass


December 20, 2016

Governor Jerry Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Governor Brown,

I am enclosing this letter to accompany my application for pardon in hopes of having the effects of my poor decisions mitigated after more than 25 years.

A little history on the offense. At 15 I moved back to California when my father was very ill, to live with my mother and step-father. When my father passed away, 6 months later, I didn't handle it well, and began associating with some friends with some questionable habits. For the next 3-4 years, I made several poor decisions and was using drugs in a recreational capacity. I guess looking back, I was doing anything I could to not deal with the present circumstances. I did what I could to get the drugs, and resorted to stealing since I wasn't working. It was a series of poor decisions, which I regret, however they did occur.

In September 1990, I was arrested and due to a plea bargain in court, was sentenced to 1 year in county jail with 1 year suspended pending good behavior. 6 months, 23 days later I was released and went back to the friends I had left, and some of the poor decisions I had previously engaged in. Eventually I had my probation violated and was sent back to finish my 2-year sentence in state prison. About 9 months later I was released, and realizing I needed a change to break the cycle, I moved to Arizona with my mom and step-dad to attend college. I was hopeful the geographic change would be enough to turn my life around (and it was).

The first time I ran into issues with my felony, was ironically shortly after I was released from County jail. I had seen a friend, who was on the fast track to getting into trouble, enlist in the military and he was able to get his life squared away before trouble caught up to him. I tried contacting a recruiter to see if this was an option for me, and during our conversation, we determined it wasn't. I was told that with changed in enlistment policies, they probably wouldn't be able to get a waiver for my felony, due to the quantity of narcotics involved.

The geographic relocation after my incarceration gave me the clean break I desperately needed. Since my release, I have achieved many things I did not dream possible while doing drugs. I have been completely sober since my incarceration on June 18, 1992 and plan to stay that way. I believe this achievement would not have been possible had I stayed in California. I initially came to Arizona to stay with my parents and then attend Northern Arizona University. I started school in the Fall of 1992, and managed to stay sober, even living in the dorms (although I was called a lot to be the designated driver). I did not complete my degree at this time, but I did meet a wonderful young lady that December, whom I married, and have remained happily married to for over 21 years.

During the time since my release, I have made great progress and have done my best to integrate into society, even if they didn't always want me there. While in Flagstaff, Arizona, I was able to get a good job in sales, with a large electronics company. I did well, and enjoyed what I did, but unfortunately that company ended up closing down. I moved to Phoenix with my, then fiancé,

and we were blessed to be able to buy a house at that time. I did well with the new company and moved up to an Assistant Manager, but stalled there for a couple of years. Things got tough, and we had some medical expenses, as well as poor roommate choices, and we ended up having to declare bankruptcy and move into an apartment. I didn't realize how difficult apartment hunting would be, having a felony on my record. We were refused by a couple of different apartment complexes, simply stating they couldn't rent to a felon regardless of the time. This was not an isolated incident, but we ended up getting an apartment and things kept on going.

I left the sales job, realizing that it isn't what I wanted to do for the rest of my life, but I didn't leave the job before securing another one. In my job hunt, I discovered that the felony excluded me from several occupations, and was grounds for legal discrimination. There were several jobs I applied for, and interviewed well for, but in the end, I was told that they have a policy against hiring felons. In the end, I managed to find new employment in the call center environment, where they were much less critical about their background checks, and didn't have an issue hiring a felon with my background. I carefully moved around jobs, hoping to find vertical traction in the workplace and finding difficulty, partly due to my background, and partly due to the business climate. After a couple of strategic jumps, and a couple of layoffs, I moved to contract work, mainly in IT. I have remained continuously employed within the IT sector, and making small career advances. Most recently, I was given a break and hired into [REDACTED], where I remain employed, regardless of my background, and been given a chance to grow. While I have many opportunities within the company, I am sure that some doors will remain closed to me with my felony background.

As I mentioned previously, I am happily married and met my wife at school. I made slow progress through my degree while working, but it wasn't until our daughter was born that I was able to complete my Bachelor's Degree in Management in 2008. I wanted to be a role model for her, by at least having a degree, and is what I continue to try and do. In 2011 our son was born and a new chapter was well under way in our lives.

Our previous house was getting too small with our latest addition, so we knew we needed more space for the family, and my wife working from home. We were looking to buy a new home, and had originally wanted to have a home built, but the average build time for the homes we were looking at were between 6 and 8 months. We had a timeline to be out of our old home, which was 90 days, so we would have to look at either getting a resale home, or renting an apartment for a few months while the new home was being built. Our initial apartment hunt was difficult, but there was a new 'coalition' that about 90% of the apartment complexes and property management companies had subscribed to, that prevented them from renting to anyone with a felony, regardless of time or nature of offense. While fortunately things did work out, and we were able to get a resale home, it was plain to see how much difficulty this felony would keep presenting.

This pardon would grant relief to me in several ways, but probably one of the largest ways would be the way I will have to explain this to my children, when the time arises. Recently, during the elections, the children were made aware of their civic duties in school, and had actually held mock elections. On election day, my daughter (now 8 years old) asked who I voted for, and I told her I hadn't voted. I didn't say why, but I am sure that was not the end of that conversation. I would like the chance, not only to vote, but to possibly serve on a jury, and this pardon would restore my rights and allow me that chance for the first time in my life. It is for all the reasons illustrated above that I humbly seek this pardon, and the restoral of all my rights.

Sincerely,


David Spiegelglass

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Kendyn Ardell Spurling

Kendyn Ardell Spurling, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 1, 1982, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crime of burglary. He served six months California Youth Authority, and two years, one month parole. He was discharged on January 17, 1985, having completed his sentence.

Kendyn Ardell Spurling has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated October 26, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Spurling reports that he is active in his church, and participates in mission trips to Mexico and Africa. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Kendyn Ardell Spurling has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kendyn Ardell Spurling a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Kern Applicant's County of Residence

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In the Matter of the Application of

Kendyn Ardell Spurling
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number _____

Date of Birth _____

CII Number _____

Criminal Case Number(s) SC023701A
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Kendyn Ardell Spurling, presently residing at _____ heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 26th day of October, 2016 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on March, 1985, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been _____

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 26 day of October 2016

Colette Humphrey
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

COLETTE M. HUMPHREY
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Gregory Robert Steele

Gregory Robert Steele, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

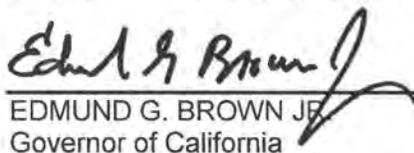
He was sentenced on or about November 17, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years, six months probation. He was discharged on June 13, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Gregory Robert Steele has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated December 30, 2004, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Gregory Robert Steele has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Gregory Robert Steele a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

Gregory Robert Steele

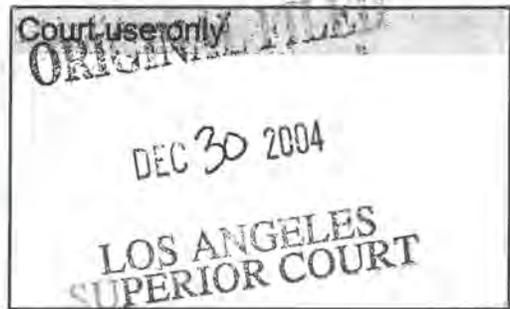
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of GregoryRobertSteele presently residing at [REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on December 30, 2004.

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Granted Probation September 8, 1997

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 30 day of December 2004
Day of the Month Month, Year



David S. Wesley
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

[Handwritten Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court -

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Heather Dee Steels (Burnett)

Heather Steels (Burnett), a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about July 22, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crime of possession of ephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine. She served four years probation, and 365 days jail. She was discharged on July 22, 2003, having completed her sentence.

Heather Steels (Burnett) has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated April 13, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Steels (Burnett) serves as a behavioral health and addiction counselor with Butte County, working with law enforcement agencies and the Superior Court to provide assistance to individuals with substance abuse issues. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

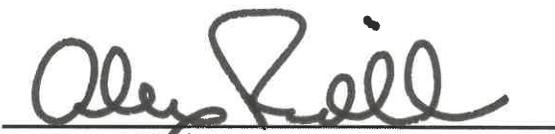
By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Heather Steels (Burnett) has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Heather Steels (Burnett) a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Butte

Applicant's County of Residence GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS

In the Matter of the Application of

Heather Steels Burnett aka Heather Dee Steels

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) CM011528

17CF01071 Superior Court of California County of Butte APR 13 2017 Kimberly Flenner, Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Heather Steels Burnett aka Heather Dee Steels, presently residing

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 13th day of April, 2017 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on July 22, 2003, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship. (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 13th day of April 2017

CLARE KETLEY



Clare Ketley

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Marc Christian Steigleder

Marc Christian Steigleder, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 26, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, for the misdemeanor crime of causing a property fire. Specifically, Mr. Steigleder appears to have set fire to garbage in his freshman dormitory. He served two years probation. He was discharged on September 26, 1997 having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about September 19, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the misdemeanor crime of planting or cultivating marijuana. Specifically, Mr. Steigleder grew cannabis in his apartment. He served two years, six months probation. He was discharged on April 11, 2006 having completed his sentence

Marc Christian Steigleder has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Steigleder reports that he raises funds for local schools."

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Marc Christian Steigleder, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Marc Christian Steigleder a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Marc Christian Steigleder Date of Birth: [redacted] E-mail Address: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Phone Number: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC sec. 452(d) misd. unlawful fire	8/11/95	Alameda	2 yr probation & volunteer work
HS sec. 11358 misd. growing marijuana	2/27/2003	Los Angeles	3 yr probation & comm. service

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am only requesting a pardon as to my 2003 misdemeanor conviction for growing marijuana. Please see the attached "Circumstances of Offense". Attached as Exhibit A.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see the attached "Why I Am Requesting a Pardon". Attached as Exhibit B.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see the attached "Why I Should Be Granted a Pardon". Attached as Exhibit C.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I was assisted by Anthony Pullara, Esq.; 1108 Sartori Ave. #320, Torrance, CA 90501; I paid \$1500 for this assistance.

Marc Christian Steigleder
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Application for Gubernatorial Pardon

Update on Pardon Application

I, Marc Christian Steigleder, hereby declare:

1. I have reviewed *Application for Gubernatorial Pardon, Pardon Applicant Questionnaire* and attachments dated November 14, 2017 that I submitted to Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. on or about November 14, 2017. To the best of my knowledge the information contained within these documents is still current, true and correct except for the updates and clarifications provided in the below paragraphs.
2. *Pardon Applicant Questionnaire* question F2 was left blank because it was not applicable, I do not have a spouse.
3. *Pardon Applicant Questionnaire* question F3 was left blank because it was not applicable, I am not retired, disabled or receiving public assistance.
4. *Pardon Applicant Questionnaire* question L was left blank because I have no licenses.
5. Exhibit J attached to my *Pardon Applicant Questionnaire* is supplemented with the 5 additional character letters attached to this update.
6. Exhibit K attached to my *Pardon Applicant Questionnaire* is supplemented with the attached two color photographs of me, taken within the past two months.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, executed June 5, 2018 at Torrance, California.



Marc Christian Steigleder

Marc Christian Steigleder
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Application for Gubernatorial Pardon

Circumstances of Offense

On February 27, 2003, I was arrested for growing marijuana plants in my apartment in Hollywood, California.

I was charged and convicted in Los Angeles Superior Court with cultivating marijuana, Health and Safety Code section 11358, Case No. BA244145. In Court, my attorney brought a motion to dismiss because I had a doctor's recommendation to possess marijuana, but the motion was denied. On September 19, 2003 the issue of guilt or innocence was submitted to the judge based upon prior testimony and I was found guilty. The Court placed me on probation for 3 years and ordered me to complete 200 hours of community service. I complied with all the terms and conditions of probation. I later tried to have my conviction vacated because of the immigration consequences but was unsuccessful.

On April 11, 2006, this conviction was dismissed (expunged) pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4.

On April 4, 2017, this conviction was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Attached as Exhibit D, is a copy of the Felony Information; attached as Exhibit E, is the minute orders from when I was convicted; and attached as Exhibit F, is the minute order from when the conviction was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Marc Christian Steigleder

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Application for Gubernatorial Pardon

Why I Am Requesting a Pardon

I am requesting a pardon so that I will not be deported. I have been ordered deported because of this conviction even though I have lived continuously in the United States for the past 35 years. I was a lawful permanent resident and came to the United States from Germany when I was only 5 years old.

I am informed that if I am granted a Gubernatorial Pardon, I would be eligible to apply for cancelation of removal to stop my deportation and regain my status as a lawful permanent resident.

Attached as Exhibit G, is a letter from my immigration attorney Stacy Tolchin which details my immigration status and the immigration benefits of a pardon.

Attached as Exhibit H, is a copy of the removal order issued by the United States Immigration Court.

Marc Christian Steigleder

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Application for Gubernatorial Pardon

Why I Should be Granted a Pardon

A pardon would arrest the ripple effect that my deportation would have on my family. My most significant concern, should I be deported, is for their well-being. My five-year-old son, [REDACTED], my mother and my son's mother all depend greatly on my financial support. Losing my income would create a situation where all would be forced to seek welfare and relocation. My son, [REDACTED], will be the most critical casualty. Not only would he be uprooted and financially unstable, his emotional and psychological well-being is at risk. He would lose his father. Thoughts of being forced to leave him torture me daily because I understand the destruction this would cause.

It will be devastating to leave the life I have built here. I contribute to our community by working as a handyman. I enjoy helping people and I like working with my hands. Working locally really makes me feel like I am an integral part of the community. Just like the garbage man, the street sweeper or the parking enforcement officer; I put on my uniform and drive my handyman truck all over town. As a handyman, I'm helping families and businesses on a daily basis. My reviews on Yelp over the years reflect my good workmanship and positive place I have in our community. (Attached as Exhibit I, is a copy of my Yelp reviews for Mid City Handyman). The thanks and appreciation I get from my clients makes my job very fulfilling. On weekends when I am not working, I could easily be found fixing the neighbor's kid's bike or helping the neighboring elderly couple patch a hole stucco wall.

I was brought from Germany at the age of five years old. This is the only homeland that I have ever known. As if the tally of losses to my family were not enough, I stand to lose everything that I have ever cared about: my son, my family, my home, my country, my income and my dignity. I will be isolated in a country where I do not speak the language and know no one. My entire family, and there are seven of us, all reside here in Los Angeles.

I consider myself a good guy. I take care of my family, my community and sometimes even strangers. I acknowledge my mistakes without reservation, but believe I should be granted a pardon to prevent the collateral consequences this deportation will have on my son [REDACTED] and others in our community.

Attached as Exhibit H, are 4 character letters; and attached as Exhibit I are two photographs of myself, one of which includes [REDACTED].

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michael Sternad

Michael Sternad, a resident of Alabama, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 11, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of El Dorado for the crime of embezzlement of property by a public or private officer. Specifically, Mr. Sternad embezzled money from a fast-food restaurant. He served five years probation, and four months jail. He was discharged on September 11, 2002, having completed his sentence.

Michael Sternad has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated October 15, 2009, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Sternad is the lead pastor of a church. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Sternad has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Sternad a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

MICHAEL STERNAD

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth

CII Number

Certificate Case Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

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John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk

By Ja Remy, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition is presently residing at

Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on October 15, 2009.

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Sept 11, 2007 ~~1997~~

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 15 day of October

PATRICIA M. SCHWELB

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed



Kate Schlegel
Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Aaron E Stonebrook

Aaron E Stonebrook, a resident of Alabama, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 3, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, for the crimes of burglary and misdemeanor burglary. He served three years probation. He was discharged on November 3, 1996 having completed his sentence.

Aaron E Stonebrook has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Stonebrook reports that he has obtained multiple degrees in accounting, business administration, chemical engineering, and natural science. He has worked diligently by advancing his education and attaining degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, and Natural Science. He also earned his Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Louisville.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Aaron E Stonebrook, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Aaron E Stonebrook a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) **If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Aaron E. Stonebrook Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Please see attached copy of Record from DOJ			
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2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached explanation ☐

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached explanation ☐

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached explanation ☐

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A ☐

May 23, 2017

Governor Jerry Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Jerry Brown:

In the pages to follow you will find the answers to questions #2, 3 & 4 of the application for pardon which required additional space. It is my intention to provide you with enough information regarding my crime to make a weighted decision regarding my request for pardon.

#2) Briefly explain the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon:

On the night of 07/29/93 I was called by my two mutual school friends requesting a ride home from a party in Roseville. They were currently intoxicated and without a ride. I agreed to pick them up and as I was in transit to get them, they had decided to break into the neighbors' cars as they waited. Once I arrived they loaded into my car, at which time the neighbors relayed that information on to the sheriff's office and we were pulled over a short distance from the house. Stolen from the cars was a radio, some CD's and a couple credit cards. The passenger had put the credit cards on top of the dash so when the police were asking questions they noticed the credit card and called the owner whom was a match to the person who reported the offense.

Recovered from the car was the radio, CD's, credit cards, screwdriver and a small handgun. The back passenger had tossed it under the seat and since nobody would say it was theirs, the charge was put on everyone. The officer that arrested us said that since I was driving the car I was just as guilty and would be charged with all of the same offenses. My public defender informed me that if I took the chance to fight the charges I was looking at 2 years. However, if I took the plea bargain they would give me a Harvey Waiver the charges and give me work release, community service hours, restitution and fines. I was physically in the car when we were pulled over so I felt I was guilty and only option was to take the plea bargain. If I recall I was giving 70 days of work release. My assignment

was washing the Roseville County buses. A group would wash the bus and my job was to squeegee the windows once they were done. It would take an hour to wash one bus and 10 minutes to do the windows. After a few days I felt it was a waste of my time and decided to stop going. A bench warrant was issued and I was picked up at my home. Because I was working full time and going to school fulltime I was granted to serve my jailtime on the weekends. This was a very humiliating experience with how many times I was stripped naked. As I arrived, then again when I got in my cell and they did a clothes change, then going from one place to another. After a couple weekends, I again stop going and another bench warrant was issued. When they picked me up the last time my boss at Raley's went before the judge and requested they allow me to do my time on home arrest in Nevada County. I was granted that request and I finished out my sentence on home arrest. All fines and restitution were paid in full before I was done with my home arrest. And my 400 hours of community service was completed at Auburn Boys & Girls Club of America. Upon finishing my required hours, I did remain on throughout the rest of the year as a full time volunteer.

#3) Explain why you are requesting a pardon:

There are a number of reasons for my request to be pardon. Almost 25 years ago now I made an extremely poor decision by associating with a group I knew to be bad company. That decision has haunted me since that day and will always be a hard lesson learned. The same two individuals that I was arrested with continued to go on and pursue a career life of crime. I completed my schooling and graduated with degrees in Accounting, Business Admin, Natural Science as well as a Chemical Engineering degree from University of Louisville. With my ChemE degree I have been somewhat hindered because most every Chemical Plant require full background checks and my record has prevented me from landing particular opportunities. I have 13 years of Chemical Engineering experience but still have issues with career advancement because of this poor decision. And as frustrated as I am with that advancement, I have limited options to seeking other employment because again, the new companies are also going to run the background check.

In addition, another reason for the request has to do with our church serving policy. If I am a convicted felon I am not allowed to serve in the children's ministry. When they need volunteers for camp supervisors I am not allowed to volunteer or participate. I have 5 children and try to have a very active role in their life. My time spent with the Auburn Boys & Girls club was thoroughly enjoyable and taught me a lot about how younger kids need positive role models. I want my kids to be able to see me serving, to know this is something that is right and follow in my footsteps.

Furthermore, when I was arrested I was told that I lost all of my rights. That I would never be able to vote or own a firearm. When I was arrested, I had just turned 18yrs old and to this date have never been able to vote in any of the elections. I am living in a world that I have no voice in because my vote is none existent. I see policies and laws passed that not only affect my life but the lives of my family and children. And again, I

can't voice my concerns or disapproval by voting. As I mentioned earlier I have 5 children and I can't keep a firearm in the home for protection because I was told I can not be in possession of one. So I would have to worry that in a case of someone coming into our home which requires me to draw upon a weapon and shoot, that even if the weapon was registered to my wife that I would be in trouble for being in possession. A man should be able to protect his family from all dangers, especially the way our society has turned as of lately.

Lastly, I am requesting a pardon for my own peace of mind in knowing that I don't need to worry about the embarrassment of answering "Yes" when asked if I am a convicted felon on an application or interview. There is a tarnish against my character that will remain there as long as my record remains as is. That record does not speak of my true character as I am know today, but speaks of the only mistake I made as a youth.

#4) Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon:

I believe that I should be granted a pardon because the one mistake in judgement I made as a teenager turned out to be what shaped my character into what I am today. That poor decision to get in my car on the night of 7/29/93 gave me a first-row seat to a jail cell and a glimpse into what that sort of life would be. I knew from that first day that I had no intentions of every returning back to that place. But that mistake also lead me to the Boys/Girls club of America and volunteering. As I got older I continued to serve in leadership roles and with the community as much as possible. In 1999 I joined Triangle Fraternity and was immediately voted into Community Service Chair. I would arrange/participate in chapter events that I would set up with Habitat for Humanity. I would work with Jennifer Greener and the people at Make a Wish Foundation to be Wish Granters. We built a skate park for a kid that made that wish, or build a tree house of a little boy that wanted a treehouse, etc. We completed numerous projects along those lines throughout the years. In addition, I would volunteer with big brothers/big sisters of Louisville to volunteer as a mentor. Following the Community Service Chair I was then voted as VP Activities where I would arrange much larger scale projects which would get the entire Greek community involved with the charities of choice. We focused most of our attention on Big Brothers/Big Sisters since we could see the immediate impact we were making on their young minds needing positive role models. Jeremy Coyle along with myself then brought Leadership Advantage to the University of Louisville. It was a mentoring/leadership training for young high school students thinking about going into engineering. It provided them with a network for help once they were in classes, taught them leadership training, and gave them a head start on making friends and study groups. This program continues to flourish even today. In 2002, the University of Louisville Chemical Engineering department ask me to service as a Chemical Engineering Ambassador for new students. Again, this was to mentor them, promote the engineering field, and just be someone they can come to for answers or direction. My resume consists of one leadership opportunity after another and I gravitate toward it automatically. I have little doubts that a line can be traced back to that poor decision and the choices I knew I needed to make to change not only my life, but the life of anyone

else that I could have an influence on. I feel this heavy weight still dragging around my neck after almost 25 years, and I am really ready to let it go. I am ready to be able to look at my wife and know she is not going to have a look of embarrassment on her face when people ask me why I am not using my gifts to serve at church, etc. Or why my kids think I won't be their counselor at camp. 25 years is long enough, I humbly ask for you to forgive me of this mistake and grant me a pardon.

Sincerely,
Aaron Stonebrook

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Stonebrook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Houth Chhang Taing

Houth Chhang Taing, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Taing lawfully entered the United States at the age of five as a refugee from Cambodia.

He was sentenced on or about June 20, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of kidnapping while armed with a firearm, kidnapping to commit a robbery, and robbery. Specifically, Mr. Taing and two other individuals held up a charter bus. He served 19 years prison, is currently on active parole.

Houth Chhang Taing has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Taing volunteers his time with multiple organizations that seek to assist individuals reentering the community from state prison and helping them refrain from reoffending.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Houth Chhang Taing, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Houth Chhang Taing a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Hawth Chang Taing Date of Birth: [redacted] E-mail Address: [redacted] Phone Number: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Content: (see attached)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

(see attached)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

(see attached)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

(see attached)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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Incarceration gave me the time to reflect and through that process I gained insight. I worked in groups, education, and meditation, fully realizing the criminal mentality I had as a youth and the level of harm I inflicted on others.

On May 13, 2016, I was released from ICE custody four-months of detention. I was placed on formal supervision. My first decision was to become the primary caretaker for my mother who is currently 71 years old and resides in the San Gabriel Valley. She is monolingual, speaking a Chiu Chow Chinese dialect, and continues to suffer from physical ailments dating back to the late-1970s when she was forced into labor and beaten regularly by the Khmer Rouge regime.

I received a work permit and began to support my mother. Also, I began volunteering with the Anti Recidivism Coalition (ARC) around July 2016.

I received a letter on September 29, 2017 from ICE to report for an interview with the Cambodian consulate on October 5, 2017. I was detained that day and after a brief stay in Adelanto detention facility, I was transported out-of-state. While in Louisiana, I received notice that travel documents to Cambodia had been issued for me. This was terrible news. Why? I'm not a Cambodian citizen. My parents are ethnically Chinese, and my grandparents and parents left China for Cambodia during the Great Chinese Famine of the late-1950s. My family's ethnicity and perceived social class were one of the primary reasons why the Khmer Rouge targeted us and ultimately beat and murdered my father. Despite not being a Cambodia citizen and of Cambodian parentage, the Cambodian government still accepted my repatriation. This acceptance is due to political pressure and threats of sanctions by the current U.S. government.

I was detained a second time by ICE and transferred to Adelanto detention facility. This caused me to realize that even though I already paid my debt to society and was granted an early parole because of my demonstrated, genuine remorse and positive actions, I was being punished again. The conditions were squalid and those detained (including me) were transferred between Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, and California – with no notice and no ability to communicate with family. I had endured severe adversity in the past but in this instance, it was different. I was forced to leave my crying mother, this time through no fault of my own. I knew she would be despondent, wondering whether she would ever see me again.

Through the support of my friends advocating on my behalf, and a nationwide class action lawsuit for which I am a member filed by Asian Americans Advancing Justice in the U.S. District Court, I narrowly avoided boarding a one-way flight to Cambodia in late-December of 2017. I was eventually granted a bond hearing and returned home on May 13, 2018.

I continue to prioritize my time volunteering for non-profits, developing my leadership and communication skills, and spending time with like-minded peers. I am a member of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition's Apprenticeship Program and its Mentoring program, which assists youth who are justice-impacted. I am also a core member of the non-

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profit, API RISE, which seeks to support formerly incarcerated Asian and Pacific Islanders. I occasionally facilitate their monthly healing circles, assist with grant writing and lead their outreach. Recently, I completed a 12-week leadership course offered by a local faith-based non-profit organization, Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE). I feel like I'm in my element when I'm volunteering and assisting others.

My vision is to become a successful entrepreneur and continue to assist those in need. I am part of Def Ventures, an entrepreneurial training program for formerly incarcerated individuals. Around August of 2016, I joined 2nd Call, a reentry organization that hosts life skills support. This is the organization that introduced me to the Electrical Training Institute. My plan is to continue seeking entry into a local electrical union.

My faith community continues to be a source of stability and encouragement. On Sundays, I volunteer at a church café with a friend and I've been building many positive associations there. I also continue to practice meditation and have been taken under the wings of Zen meditation practitioners who have mentored me over the past year. I attribute much of my personal growth and transformation to meditation, which opened my awareness and capacity to fully accept my circumstances and accept responsibility for my past self-destructive and harmful actions. I still have many years ahead of me and ample time to continue to learn, grow, and give back.

My motto: Be conscientious and do good one step at a time.

My goal: To be a productive, contributing member of society and to prove I have truly realized a different way to live my life.

4. WHY A PARDON SHOULD BE GRANTED

The current anti-immigrant sentiment makes it nearly impossible for me to continue assisting my mother and advance my future. I was given a second chance but the threat of deportation to Cambodia, a country I have faint memories of while my mother made a harrowing and desperate escape to the borders of Thailand as a war refugee, throws all my dreams and achievements into shambles.

My family and community mean everything to me. I believe that I have a greater purpose in life and I was raised to serve those who are less fortunate. My father was a language professor when he was alive, and his dedication to teaching is something that I also find in myself – a desire to be a support to others and to help show that people can regain dignity and self-respect after having made serious mistakes in the past.

This view in life led me to join the California National Guard before my crime was committed. I wanted to have that sense of purpose and belonging. Yet despite my upbringing and aspirations, I chose a dark path that led to criminality as a young adult. For that, I'm deeply remorseful and this is a burden I will carry for the rest of my life.

My mother and brother are the only family I have. I have a responsibility to take care of my mother after everything she has been through. The trauma and heartbreak she

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earnest efforts to rehabilitate over a span of two decades and approved my parole in 2015-16. I am asking once more to be given the chance to show my true worth in seeking this pardon.

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State of California

PARDON

Michael Allen Thomas

Michael Allen Thomas, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 12, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey for the crime of robbery while armed with firearm. Specifically, Mr. Thomas assaulted an individual in his driveway and stole \$15. He served three years prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on November 3, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Michael Allen Thomas has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey, an order dated March 17, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Thomas is involved with his church and a scouting organization. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Allen Thomas has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Allen Thomas a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Monterey

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of
Michael Allen Thomas

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number 16CV002989 *CASE #*

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CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) SS000825B/MS000825B
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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Orozco, Carmen B.

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **Michael Allen Thomas**, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 17th day of March 2017 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on November 3, 2006, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been One

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 17 day of March 2017

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SUSAN J. MATCHAM

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Susan J. Matcham
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Larry Thompson

Larry Thompson, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 8, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, in separate cases, for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance, and transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served four years probation in concurrent sentences. He was discharged on March 8, 1993, having completed his sentence.

Larry Thompson has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated April 10, 1997, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Thompson has earned two college degrees: an Associate of Arts in drug and alcohol studies and a Bachelor of Arts in urban studies. He is a Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Thompson's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on August 21, 2018. Mr. Thompson also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 14, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Larry Thompson has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Larry Thompson a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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Date of Birth: _____

In the Matter of the Application of

LARRY THOMPSON

(Print or write your name legibly)

For a Certification of Rehabilitation
and Pardon

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of Larry Thompson, presently residing

[Redacted Address], heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 6th day of March, 19 97, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his

release on parole or probation on March 8, 19 89, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been (~~once~~) (~~twice~~) (~~three~~) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.



Done in open court this 10th day of April, 1997

[Signature]
(Judge of said Superior Court)

This form prepared under the direction of the office of the Attorney General of the State of California

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Dennis Allan Thoney

Dennis Allan Thoney, a resident of Oregon, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 9, 1973, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served two years, eleven months probation. He was discharged on October 14, 1976 having completed his sentence.

Dennis Allan Thoney has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Dennis Allan Thoney, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Dennis Allan Thoney a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: DENNIS ALLAN THONEY Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
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2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

ATTACHED HERETO IS THE LASO REPORT WHICH ACCURATELY DESCRIBES THE INCIDENT.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I attempted to purchase a firearm in Oregon not knowing I was not eligible because of the felony conviction 40 years ago. I was denied the purchase and informed that I could be prosecuted for the attempted purchase.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Since said conviction at the age of 19, I turned my life around completely. Attached hereto is my resume covering my activities since the receipt of my Bachelor of Science degree from Humboldt State in 1979. I went on to receive my PhD in 1989 from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I have paid J. Michael Flanagan, the attorney who represented me 44 years ago, to research the alternatives to restore my rights of citizenship and to regain my eligibility to purchase a firearm. J. Michael Flanagan, 1156 N. Brand Boulevard, Glendale, California, 91202. - paid \$3,750.00

Pardon Applicant Questionnaire

B. I was convicted for one count of sales of a small quantity of LSD. A friend asked me to get him some and he had just been turned for being arrested for sales. Unfortunately, I made the big mistake of procuring a dozen or so doses for him and the officer.

C. 1. I just recently learned that I still had this conviction on my record as a felony. Of course, it was over 40 years ago, but I thought that it had ben expunged. There are a number of reasons that I would like to have a pardon.

- 1) It is a grave embarrassment to me.
- 2) I travel for consulting and pleasure and would not want it to interfere with VISAs, etc. I now believe that it was the cause for the denial of a NEXUS application.
- 3) I would like to take possession of my childhood firearms and those antique firearms from my father for sentimental reasons.
- 4) Many of my friends in Oregon hunt, and I would like to participate with them.
- 5) I live alone and somewhat remotely. I would feel more secure with the protection of a firearm.

C. 2. Being arrested was a wakeup call for me. I turned my life around and left the LA area. In fact, I completed my probation early for good behavior. I completed a series of degrees in science including a Ph.D. I have been working in science and environmental conservation my entire career and I feel that I have contributed significantly to society. Basically, I made a serious mistake when I was only 19 years old. It is now over 40 years later and I have not been cited for any crimes except a few speeding tickets.

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Anthony Paul Torre

Anthony Paul Torre, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 12, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served five years probation, and 270 days jail. He was discharged on June 12, 2008, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Paul Torre has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated January 9, 2014, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Anthony Paul Torre has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Paul Torre a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

Placer

JAN 14 2014

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Anthony Paul Torre

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

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Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Anthony PAUL Torre, presently residing

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 12th day

of NOVEMBER, 2013 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 06-12-08, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 9th day of January, 2014

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

TRILLA BARKER
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

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Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Vu Tran

Vu Tran, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 7, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of providing false insurance information for payment. He served three years probation. He was discharged on November 7, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Vu Tran has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa, an order dated June 23, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Vu Tran has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Vu Tran a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

In the Matter of the Application of

VU TRAN

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number **5-170485-7**

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month, Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) **CC 314745 (Santa Clara County)**
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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STEPHEN H. NASH CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
By _____ Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **VU TRAN**, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **23rd** day
Day of the Month
of **June, 2017** and proof having been given as required by law;
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and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **2004**, that, where appropriate, petitioner has
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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been **one**
Total Number of Convictions
time convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this **23rd** day of **June, 2017**
Day of the Month Month, Year

PATRICIA M. SCANLON
Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED OR PRINTED

Patricia M Scanlon
Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Glen Allen Treadway

Glen Allen Treadway, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 14, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and possession of a controlled substance while armed. He served five years probation, and eight months jail. He was discharged on July 14, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Glen Allen Treadway has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated January 12, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Glen Allen Treadway has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Glen Allen Treadway a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

In the Matter of the Application of
GLEN ALLEN TREADWAY

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Case Number: 17FE015247
CII No: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Criminal Case No. 95FE01882

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For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of GLEN ALLEN TREADWAY, presently residing at [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION
pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of
California, came regularly for hearing on this 12th day of January, and proof having been made to
the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required
by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said
petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of
discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his
release on parole or probation on July 13, 2000, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained
relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of
conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship
(except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a
felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order,
adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and
political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue
thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to
said petitioner

Done in open court this 12th day of January


James A. Roman,
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Sear Un

Sear Un, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Un lawfully entered the United States at the age of 1 as a refugee from Cambodia.

He was sentenced on or about March 3, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Un's associates stole \$4,500 in electronics from a residence while Mr. Un waited in the getaway car. He served four years, eleven months probation, and one year in jail. He was discharged on March 2, 2003 having completed his sentence.

Sear Un has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Un reports that he has been clean and sober for fourteen years, and is described as a loving father to his two children and a caring husband to his wife, who is currently pregnant with their third child. His employer requested that I grant a pardon so that Mr. Un could remain in the United States.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Sear Un, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

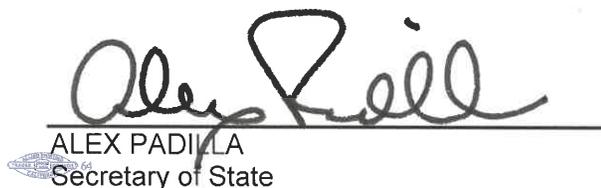
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sear Un a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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ATTEST:


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LEGAL COUNSEL

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: SEAR UN Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
1. PC 459	03/03/1998	SAN DIEGO	365 Days Custody, 5 years probation, Restitution

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was cruising around with 3 others, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. One of the guys said, "We don't have any money. Let's rob somebody." Everyone agreed so I went along with it. We drove around, not sure where we were. We chose a random house. Since I was driving my car, I stayed behind with [REDACTED] in the car, just in case we need to get away fast. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] knock on the door. No one answered. Continue on next page.....

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

It was my intention to petition for Certificate of Rehabilitation and Pardon and getting my Green Card back. I want to clean up my past and start anew. I wasn't able to make it happen soon enough. ICE detained me during my call-in on 09/05/2018. I am currently detained at Otay Mesa Detention Center, facing removal proceedings, separated from my pregnant wife and two kids. Continue on next page.....

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

Since the conviction in 1998, I have never been convicted of any other crime. I have tried to lead an upright life as a law-abiding citizen for 20 years. It was hard for me the first few years. I stumbled many times because of my drinking. Continue on next page.....

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I didn't pay any money or gift, but my wife, [REDACTED], helped prepared this application. I am currently detained by ICE at Otay Mesa Detention Center 7488 Calzada De La Fuente San Diego, CA 92154. I don't know how long I will be at this facility before I am moved. I am supposed to have an interview with a Consulate at the end of this month.

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██████████ and ██████████ went in the house. ██████████ and I were waiting for about 15 minutes. The garage door opened and we saw a car pulled out. ██████████ and ██████████ were in the car. So me and ██████████ follow the car back to ██████████ house. I noticed items were in the car. After they sold some of the stolen items, they abandon the car somewhere in City Heights area. I didn't take any part in the stolen goods but did receive \$25 gas money and \$100 just for being there. To my knowledge, no one carried any weapon. I don't even know how they managed to get inside the house. I told my attorney that I didn't even go into the house. He just looked at me. So I said, "If you don't even believe me, how are you going to fight the case for me." I decided to take the plea bargain because no matter how I looked at it, I took part in the crime. Since I already did some time, I thought a sentence of 365 days in custody was pretty good for something that I was guilty of. If I remembered correctly, I was in jail for 6 months and 20 days and was released early for good behavior.

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Due to my wife's medical conditions, she's not able to continue working. I don't know who, if any, can help support my wife and kids. To my understanding, if I am deported, I would be barred from entering the US permanently. I cannot read or write in Cambodian. Average pay in Cambodia is about \$3.00/day. With that kind of pay I don't know if I can support myself, let alone my family here who needs me. My wife will be faced with a choice whether to take our kids and move to Cambodia to be with me, a country that doesn't have adequate healthcare system or education, or stay here in the US where I can never return. Deportation will separate me from my family. I want to be given a second chance, an opportunity to show America that I am a responsible and productive member in society, a responsible husband and father. If I can be pardon, and the pardon comes in time, I will avoid deportation.

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My real progress didn't start until August 2004 when I was about to lose my wife (girlfriend at the time) and my newborn son. That was when I really hit rock bottom. It was the first time that I witnessed my own mother crying. She said I continued to disappoint her time and again. I need to make some serious changes in my life. I wish I can change my past. I don't want to use the excuses that I was young and stupid because many others were young, but they didn't make the same choices as I did. The damages I've caused to myself and the others, especially while I was still an alcoholic, I can never repair and make amends. I can never undo the crime, the hurt, pain, and suffering to those who had crossed my path. I can only move forward and atone for my sins by staying away from bad crowds/influences. I vow to myself that I will live a crime-free life. My words doesn't mean anything without actions. Since then I have been clean and sober for 14 years. Everything started to improve once I made that commitment to never drink alcohol again. I attended the NA meetings when I can and shared my experiences with old and new addicts. I hope the experiences I shared in the meetings will encourage new addicts to the road of recovery. I continued to be a hardworking, productive member in society, providing for my family as best as I can. I hope in due time God will forgive me. I am hoping to be given a second chance with a clean slate. I know a pardon doesn't erase my past, but definitely, it will give me the opportunity to be with my family, my two kids, and my unborn child. To me that will be the best gift of all. It is too devastating for me to think that I will never see them again. I cannot imagine a life without them if I should get deported to Cambodia. Cambodia is not my home. America is my home.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Luis Alonzo Valdez-Velis

Luis Alonzo Valdez-Velis, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 18, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of selling or furnishing marijuana. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on October 18, 1997, having completed his sentence.

Luis Alonzo Valdez-Velis has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 2, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Luis Alonzo Valdez-Velis has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Luis Alonzo Valdez-Velis a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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In the Matter of the Application of

Luis ALonzo Valdez-Velis - AKA LUIS ROSADO

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number BA263679

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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of LuisALonzcValdez-Velis presently residing at

[REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on June 2, 2017

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on

- Granted Probation May 17, 2004
- Granted Probation August 5, 1995
- Granted Probation October 18, 1994

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 3 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 2 day of JUNE 2017
Day of the Month Month, Year

SCOTT GORDON
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Edelmira Valencia

Edelmira Valencia, a resident of Indiana, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about May 26, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the crimes of transporting or selling a controlled substance, and transporting a controlled substance for sale between noncontiguous counties. She served five years probation, and 33 days jail. She was discharged on May 26, 1999 having completed her sentence.

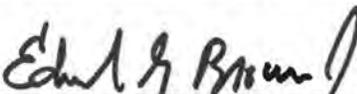
Edelmira Valencia has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Edelmira Valencia, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Edelmira Valencia a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Edelmira Valencia Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
H&S 11352(b)	July 20, 1993	Sacramento	33 DD
H&S 11379(b)	July 20, 1993	Sacramento	33 DD (concurrent)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

(See Declaration of Edelmira Valencia, Exhibit A and other attachments)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

(See Declaration of Edelmira Valencia, Exhibit A and other attachments)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

(See Declaration of Edelmira Valencia, Exhibit A and other attachments)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Law Offices of William W. Bruzzo, William W. Bruzzo, Esq. 1851 E. First Street. Ste. 900, Santa Ana, Ca. 92705. \$4,500.00 paid in fees.

Declaration

1, Edelmira Valencia, declare the following to be true:

1. I am applying for a Pardon from an April 7, 1994 conviction for Transportation of a Controlled Substance, Health and Safety Code Section 11352 and Possession for Sale of a Controlled Substance, Health and Safety Code Section 11378, out of Sacramento County, California.
2. I currently reside in [REDACTED] Indiana where I have been for about the last twenty years;
3. I am making this application for a Pardon because I believe that I have successfully turned around my life and made myself a productive member of society by being a business owner and a Real Estate broker; in addition, I have made myself a positive example for my children despite the 1994 conviction;
4. I was arrested on July 20, 1993 along with my husband, [REDACTED]; at that time we were stopped by police and a quantity of Cocaine and Methamphetamine was found by the police. As part of the processing, my documentation was hidden by the arresting officer and therefore I was processed as an illegal immigrant; causing me to serve 36 days in jail without bail until my documentation was found, and my first daughter being born while incarcerated.
5. I met [REDACTED] in 1987 at work and later we became romantically involved, we began living together in 1988;
6. I was subsequently charged and convicted of the crimes indicated; I was on probation for 5 years. I successfully completed my probation and I have not had any other law violations since.
7. [REDACTED] received 2.5 years in prison and was eventually deported some years later;
8. It was never my intent to get involved with drugs and I never used them. While it may seem like I am avoiding responsibility, the truth is my husband was the one who was involved with the drugs and he did use them. [REDACTED] was not a good man. He abused me physically and verbally while we were together and in the instance when I was arrested he used me as part of his criminal activity with drugs; I was not strong enough to leave him until several years later ;
9. After our criminal case concluded I was very upset with [REDACTED] for getting me involved with this matter and putting everything in jeopardy; in addition, I was tired of him beating me and verbally abusing me. Despite my frustrations with him we stayed together until about 2000 although we separated for a time in 1996. When we separated I moved to [REDACTED] with our child to be near my sister; I was actually pregnant with our second child at the time. Despite that, I was tired of being abused by [REDACTED] and I wanted to have a better life for myself and my children;
10. Prior to leaving for Indiana I worked in medical lab and studied business administration at Fullerton College but I did not get a degree;
11. My brother in law in Indiana was a restaurant manager, and he and my sister helped me open my own Mexican Restaurant. In addition I opened up five Mexican groceries in the [REDACTED] area; the Restaurant was called [REDACTED] and one of the groceries was called [REDACTED] while the four other Mexican groceries were named [REDACTED]; I owned and operated the businesses until 2014 under the corporate name [REDACTED], INC;

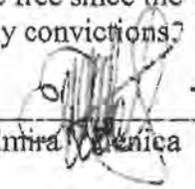
1 12. In 2000 I also started working with a friend buying and selling Real Estate; I proved to be
2 very successful at that, and so in 2005 I got my Real Estate License and started selling
3 my restaurant and the groceries to buy commercial and residential properties. I would
4 fix up and sell. Currently I have sold all my businesses and now I just operate a Real
5 Estate Business.

6 13. [REDACTED] never gave me child support; despite that I sent both of my daughters
7 to university at [REDACTED]; where they currently
8 study. [REDACTED] is 22 years old and is studying integrative studio arts and pursuing a career
9 as a digital artist while [REDACTED] is 18 years old and studying business management and
10 pursuing a career in the United States Marine Corps;

11 14. Despite making mistakes earlier in my life I learned from them and I did my best to be
12 industrious and set a positive example; I have been crime free since the 1994 conviction;

13 15. As such, I would request that I be granted a Pardon on my convictions?

14 Dated: 12/03/15

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16 _____
17 Edelmira [REDACTED]

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State of California

PARDON

Vincente Valle

Vincente Valle, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 20, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of selling or furnishing marijuana, and possession of marijuana for sale. He served three years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on September 20, 1997, having completed his sentence.

Vincente Valle has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated November 22, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Vincente Valle has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Vincente Valle a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

People of State of California vs. Vicente Valle
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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

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Sherril R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By Stan Kadohata Deputy

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CII Number: [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number:

Criminal Case Number(s): BA095169

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at: [REDACTED]

Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on 11/22/17.

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on _____

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been ___ time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 22 day of November, 2016

SCOTT M. GORDON

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Tommy Michael Van Deman

Tommy Michael Van Deman, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 3, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crime of robbery. He served two years, five months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on March 13, 1999, having completed his sentence.

Tommy Michael Van Deman has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated September 11, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Tommy Michael Van Deman has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tommy Michael Van Deman a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Placer

Applicant's County of Residence SEP 26 2017

In the Matter of the Application of

Tommy Van Deman
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Superior Court of California
County of Placer

SEP 11 2017

JAKE CHATTERS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER & CLERK
By J. Perez, Deputy

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Tommy Michael Van Deman, presently residing
[Redacted] heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 11th day of September 2017

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 1999, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been TWO time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 11th day of September 2017

Jeffrey Penney
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

David Lee Van Houten Jr.

David Lee Van Houten Jr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 28, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crimes of transporting a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation, and 60 days jail. He was discharged on August 28, 2006, having completed his sentence.

David Lee Van Houten Jr. has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa, an order dated March 10, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Lee Van Houten Jr. has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Lee Van Houten Jr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

David Lee Van Houten Jr.

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number 5-170078-0

Date of Birth [Redacted]

CII Number [Redacted]

Criminal Case Number(s) 03WF1404
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STEPHEN H. NASH CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

By _____, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of David Lee Van Houten Jr., presently residing

[Redacted Address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

, heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 3/10/17 day

Day of the Month

of March 2017 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 8/28/06, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time 2 counts

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 10th day of March 2017

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Patricia Scanton
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Patricia M. Scanton
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Elizabeth Marie Vasquez (Quiroz)

Elizabeth Marie Vasquez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about May 11, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served four months prison, and one year, one month parole. She was discharged on October 21, 2009, having completed her sentence. She was then sentenced on or about December 19, 2011, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served three years probation. She was discharged on May 3, 2016, having completed her sentence.

Elizabeth Marie Vasquez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma, an order dated December 27, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, as president of the Second Chance Club at Santa Rosa Junior College, she works with formerly incarcerated students in achieving their academic goals through mentorship, tutoring, and referral to various resources. Moreover, Ms. Vasquez has received the Dean's Highest Honors for extraordinary academic achievements and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, and she is pursuing an Associate of Arts degree in three different fields of study: Human Services, Social Advocacy, and Behavioral Science. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Ms. Vasquez's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended her for a pardon on November 20, 2018. Ms. Vasquez also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on December 19, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Elizabeth Marie Vasquez has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Elizabeth Marie Vasquez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund G. Brown Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Padilla", written over a horizontal line.

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA

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Applicant's County of Residence

GOVERNORS OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS

In the Matter of the Application of

ELIZABETH MARIE VASQUEZ

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

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CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) SCR-680116/SC061080A & SC063800B

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SONOMA
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 Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of ELIZABETH MARIE VASQUEZ, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 27th day

Day of the Month

of December, 2016 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on September 2008, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been twice

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 27th day of December 2016

Day of the Month

Month, Year

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Dana Smonds

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED OR PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Ramiro Vega

Ramiro Vega, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 3, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on November 3, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Ramiro Vega has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno, an order dated February 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ramiro Vega has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ramiro Vega a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

RAMIRO VEGA

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number 16CRRP683555

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) F92465768-0

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **RAMIRO VEGA**, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 3RD day of FEBRUARY, 2017 and proof having been made to the

Day of the Month

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 11-05-1995, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 3rd day of February 2017

Day of the Month

Month, Year

W. Kent Hamlin

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED



W. Kent Hamlin

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Raul Venegas

Raul Venegas, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 16, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Luis Obispo for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on September 8, 2004, having completed his sentence.

Raul Venegas has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno, an order dated November 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Raul Venegas has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Raul Venegas a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CP-2368-17

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

RAUL VENEGAS

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number 17CRRP683914

Date of Birth [Redacted]

CII Number [Redacted]

Criminal Case Number(s) F000255037

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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FRESNO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

By [Signature] DEPUTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of RAUL VENEGAS, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [Redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 3RD day

Day of the Month

of NOVEMBER, 2017 and proof having been made to the

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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on 9-08-2004, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 3rd November, 2017

Day of the Month

Month, Year

W. KENT HAMLIN



[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Christopher Andrew Walker-Krisman

Christopher Andrew Walker-Krisman, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 30, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Yolo, for the misdemeanor crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on August 30, 2007 having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about May 17, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the misdemeanor crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served one year probation, and successful completion of a prescribed drug treatment placement. He was discharged on June 1, 2007 having completed his sentence.

Christopher Andrew Walker-Krisman has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Christopher Andrew Walker-Krisman, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Christopher Andrew Walker-Krisman a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Christopher Andrew Walker-Krisman Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
See attached			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

1. Conviction Summary:

Offense	Date of Offense	County of conviction	Sentence
HS 11377(A)	8/30/04	Yolo	90 days jail, 80 days jail suspended, 36 months probation, fine
HS 11377(A)	5/17/06	Sacramento	180 days jail suspended, 60 months probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon:

I began using methamphetamine in August of 2003 and the drug quickly took over my life. I was supposed to attend UCLA as an undergraduate transfer student in September, but suffice it to say I dropped out instead. A few months later, in February 2004, I was arrested in West Sacramento and charged with being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance for sale; I pleaded no contest to possession of a controlled substance. I completed residential drug rehabilitation as ordered by the court but went back almost immediately to using methamphetamine. The Yolo County Superior Court subsequently revoked my probation and issued a warrant for my arrest. I continued to use until I was arrested in Sacramento in February 2006, and charged with and convicted of possession of methamphetamine for a second time. After serving time in jail in both Sacramento and Yolo counties, I again attended residential drug rehabilitation. I have been clean ever since.

In both cases, I was arrested after my car was searched during traffic stops. The 2004 arrest followed a stop for a broken window on my vehicle. The 2006 arrest followed a stop for a broken taillight.

Pursuant to Proposition 36, the 2006 felony conviction was dismissed after I completed drug treatment. In 2014, I petitioned the Yolo County Superior Court and the 2004 felony conviction was subsequently reduced to a misdemeanor.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon:

My criminal convictions have blocked me from participating in educational and professional opportunities, and this will likely continue in the future.

In 2008 I was admitted to the London School of Economics for graduate school, with a scholarship, but was unable to attend because I could not obtain a student visa. In the years since, I've been unable to attend academic conferences for my field of study when held in Canada. Indeed, when I earlier made the mistake of thinking I could enter that country, their Border Services officers pulled me off the train, informed me that I would be jailed if I attempted to enter Canada again, and drove me back across the border.

I will likely have similar problems, and problems with professional licensing in particular, in the future. Teaching undergraduates for the past five years has been incredibly rewarding, and I would like to continue that work at the high school level. But obtaining a teaching credential and finding a district

and/or school that will hire me is complicated by my criminal record. Indeed, a clean record is a basic threshold question when seeking employment in many fields. This is true even where professional licensing bodies will admit applicants with criminal convictions.

I have long planned my life around my criminal convictions. This often meant turning away from the professions and experiences that would likely founder on my criminal record. In addition to what I described above, this includes living and working overseas, joining the Peace Corps, applying for post-doctorate positions at foreign universities, and being admitted to practice by the bar association if I attended law school. Admittedly, these options have narrowed as I get older, but I would like the chance to make these choices freely and unencumbered by my past actions.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon:

In the years I spent using methamphetamine, I came across many people laid low by their addiction but who were otherwise of good character and just as kind, talented, and indeed human, as anyone else. Against that background, requesting a pardon raises many questions for me, not the least of which concern responsibility, rehabilitation, and equity. I have wrestled with these questions for years. Yes, I have demonstrated I can study, work, teach, and more generally conduct myself in a law abiding, public-regarding, and upstanding manner. Yet so can many folks who have little chance of escaping the burden of their criminal past. I have also received plenty of help and kindness, and had a great deal of luck along the way. Too many people who are similarly situated have not.

I do not wish to present myself, let alone believe, that I am more ethical, deserving, or upstanding than the next person. That is perhaps one of the lessons I have learned from carrying a criminal record; it demands a strong dose of humility from you every day.

I have been clean ever since my last arrest in February 2006. Since then, I completed an undergraduate and master's degree, acted as a steward for my union, taught undergraduates for five years, delivered papers at conferences and published in an academic journal, and will soon complete my PhD at UCLA. I would like the chance to continue my work in the future as a teacher. Though I have done what I can to mitigate the effects of having a criminal conviction, given the realities of background checks and arrest records, it remains a serious impediment to travel, housing, and employment.

Thank you for your consideration of my application for a pardon.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michelle Louise Ward (Bishop)

Michelle Louise Ward, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

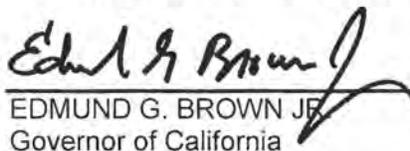
She was sentenced on or about May 30, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of El Dorado for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served one year probation, and 30 days jail. She was discharged on June 27, 2003, having completed her sentence.

Michelle Louise Ward has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of El Dorado, an order dated August 24, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

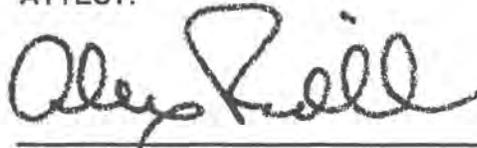
By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Michelle Louise Ward has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michelle Louise Ward a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of MICHELLE LOUISE WARD (aka Bishop)

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

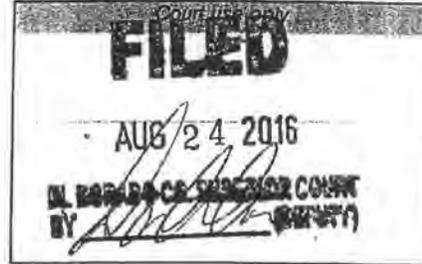
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Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) P02CRF0077

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of MICHELLE LOUISE BISHOP, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 24TH day of AUGUST 2016

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and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 06/27/2003, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 24TH day of AUGUST 2016

Day of the Month

Month, Year

DANIEL B PROUD

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED NAME



[Signature of Daniel B. Proud]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Douglas Murray Weaver

Douglas Murray Weaver, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 16, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of bringing controlled substances into prison, and transporting a controlled substance. He served 180 days jail, and three years probation. He was discharged on December 16, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Douglas Murray Weaver has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated October 10, 2013, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Douglas Murray Weaver has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Douglas Murray Weaver a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



CR-17901-13

Weaver, Douglas Murray
2015-160 E4220 Box 9

In the Matter of the Application of

Douglas Murray Weaver

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number BA254222

Criminal Case Number(s) BA254222

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County of Los Angeles
OCT 10 2013
Sherri B. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By Robert Saiki Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Douglas Murray Weaver presently residing at

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heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on October 10, 2013

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **Granted Probation December 16, 2003**

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 10th day of OCTOBER, 2013
Day of the Month Month, Year

CHARLAINE F. OLMEDO

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

[Handwritten Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court -



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Roy Wegner

Roy Wegner, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 12, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crimes of driving under the influence with priors, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% with priors, and misdemeanor driving with a suspended license. He served five years probation. He was discharged on December 12, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Roy Wegner has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated November 18, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Wegner is clean and sober and remains involved with a twelve-step program. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Roy Wegner has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Roy Wegner a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

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In the Matter of the Application of

Roy Wegner

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle Last and Suffix, if Applicable

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number(s)

Criminal Case Number(s) C-82795

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ALAN CARLSON, Clerk of the Court

BY: C. DOAN DEPUTY

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ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
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AN CARLSON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CLERK
[Signature]

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Roy Wegner presently residing at: Roy Wegner [REDACTED]

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 f the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for a hearing on _____

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on: 12/16/1991

that, where appropriate, the petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code 1203.4, and that the petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon of said petitioner. If petitioner was required to register as a sex offender, petitioner is no longer required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code section 290.5.

Done in open court this 18th day of November, 2016



Judge of Said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
SHEILA HANSON

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Robert Wiley III

Robert Wiley III, a resident of North Carolina, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 4, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crime of possession of marijuana for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on November 4, 2000 having completed his sentence.

Robert Wiley III has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Wiley III, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Wiley III a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. • State Capitol • Sacramento, California 95814

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Robert Wiley III Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
HS 11359	11-4-97	San Diego	3yrs Supervise
probation converted probation to the court after 18 mos, 20 days, public service, 200 fines and 200 restitution			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached statement

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached statement

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached statement

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NO ONE

May 24, 2016

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego
230 W. Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Subj: Expungement of Robert Wiley III arrest record #SCD 130190

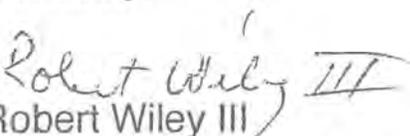
Dear Judge,

My name is Robert Wiley III, I acknowledge and took full responsibility for my crime. I'm requesting to have my record #SCD 130190 expunge. I was young and immature I didn't think by giving [REDACTED] a ride on July 25, 1997 would have changed my life forever. I am a husband, father, and grandfather. I am and live with my family as an honorable law abiding citizen I'm a role model to my children and especially to my sons so they will obey the law by knowing right from wrong so they want make the same mistakes I did.

The acknowledgement of satisfaction of judgement in full. I spent three years on probation which expired on Nov 03, 2000. The court shows it was filed by the by the clerk of Superior court Dec 22, 2004 by C. Villegas, Deputy at that time. I want to protect my family in all way from any imminent and great danger.

I reside in North Carolina with my family. I request to be granted to have my record expunge for all to see.

Sincerely,


Robert Wiley III

[REDACTED]

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

John Louis Williams

John Louis Williams, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 29, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crime of inflicting corporal injury on spouse or cohabitant. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on April 29, 2008, having completed his sentence.

John Louis Williams has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated September 15, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Williams is the Vice Chairman of the United Auburn Indian Community, and has been a leader in issues surrounding tribal health care. He has been sober for 10 years, and has ensured other tribal members have access to adequate drug and alcohol treatment. The victim of the crime supports his request for a pardon. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, John Louis Williams has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to John Louis Williams a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Placer

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

John Louis Williams

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

62-42920

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of John Louis Williams

, presently residing

[Redacted address]

, heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 15TH day

Day of the Month

of September, 2016 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;

and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are

true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from

custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-

ole or probation on April 29, 2008, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, it is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

15 Day of the Month

day of

September 2016 Month, Year

Garen J. Horst
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

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State of California

PARDON

Michael Willmon

Michael Willmon, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 19, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Luis Obispo for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on October 19, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Michael Willmon has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, an order dated February 27, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Willmon has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Willmon a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

San Luis Obispo

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In the Matter of the Application of

Michael Willmon

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Certificate Number

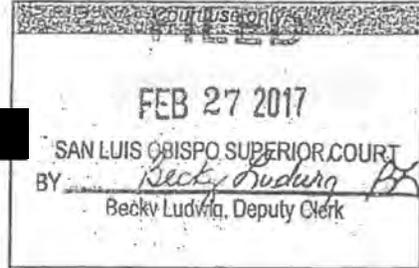
Date of Birth

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

16PT-00649
F355678

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of

Michael Willmon

, presently residing

[Redacted address]

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

heretofore filed, praying for

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 27 day of February, 2017 and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 7/17/06 that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been ONE time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

day of

February, 2017

D. HARMAN

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED OR PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Joshua David Worley

Joshua David Worley, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 1, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale while armed with a firearm, and possession of burglary tools. He served three years probation, and six months jail. He was discharged on November 1, 1997, having completed his sentence.

Joshua David Worley has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated May 25, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Joshua David Worley has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Joshua David Worley a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

In the Matter of the Application of

Joshua David Worley

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number **215894**

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month, Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) **175944, EE403771, 78884**
List Applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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DAVID H. YAMASAKI
Chief Executive Officer/Clerk
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara

BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **Joshua David Worley**, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix if applicable

at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State and Zip Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code

of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **25** day
Day of the Month

of **May, 2017** and proof having been made to the
Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and

from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and

that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due

to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation

on **10-2007**, that, where appropriate, petitioner has
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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course

of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except

as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been **3**
Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this **25** day of **May, 2017**
Day of the Month Month, Year

Judge David A. Cena

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Anita Marie Wright

Anita Marie Wright, a resident of Minnesota, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about September 15, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of vehicle theft. She served three years probation. She was discharged on September 15, 1990 having completed her sentence.

Anita Marie Wright has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Wright reports that she's active in her local church.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Anita Marie Wright, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anita Marie Wright a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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LEGAL AFFAIRS



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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Anita Marie Wright Date of Birth: 2/24/1965 E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Grand Theft Auto	7/20/1987	Los Angeles	9mo. with probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was driving a stolen car. I did not steal the car and the passenger in the car with me threatened to hurt me if I did not run from the police.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I would like to have a carry permit for a firearm. I also would like to know that I am forgiven for my crime.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

This offense happened 30 years ago. I never had any other issues with law enforcement, moved out of the State of California and completed my probation. I have no plans of ever living in CA.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NA

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Roderick D. Wright

Roderick D. Wright, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 8, 1972, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of taking a vehicle without the owner's consent. He served one year, six months probation. He was discharged on September 19, 1973, having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about January 28, 2014, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of perjury, false declaration of candidacy and fraudulent voting or attempting to fraudulently vote. Specifically, Mr. Wright listed a room in an apartment building he owned as his legal domicile on his voter registration and declaration of candidacy. The trial court dismissed the prosecutor's case, but the Court of Appeal reversed, concluding that the address Mr. Wright listed did not meet the legal test to establish domicile. Mr. Wright served three years, six months probation and completed 1,500 hours of community service. He was discharged on August 15, 2017 having completed his sentence.

Roderick D. Wright has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Wright has devoted much of his life to public service, including serving six years in the California State Senate and six years in the California Assembly. Following his conviction, in a bipartisan vote the Legislature enacted Senate Bill 1250 (2017-2018 Leg. Sess.), which clarifies the law regarding the domicile of an elected official. The Legislative history of that bill specifically cited Mr. Wright's conviction as the reason why clarity in this area of the law was necessary.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Wright's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on September 18, 2018. Mr. Wright also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 20, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Roderick D. Wright, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

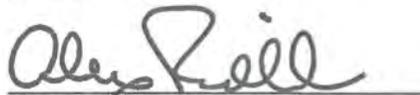
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Roderick D. Wright a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. - State Capitol - Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) **If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Roderick D. Wright Date of Birth: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any ... other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
See Additional Page			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

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3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Additional Page

Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon (attach additional pages if necessary):

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If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

See Additional Page

1) Conviction Summary /List all prior convictions

9/13/71 - LAPD – 10852 VC (Tamper with Vehicle) Misdemeanor, One year summary probation or fine. Imposition of sentence suspended. Case 396037

11/14/71 LAPD – 10851 VC (Take Vehicle without Owner's Consent) On 9/19/73 conviction set aside and dismissed pursuant to 1203.4 PC

1/31/86 – L.A. County District Attorney – Convicted as 182 PC on 1/14/87 misdemeanor, 36 months summary probation, imposition of sentence suspended.

2) Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon.

I was convicted of perjury and voter fraud on January 28, 2014 in the Los Angeles Superior Court, case number BA361187-01. The case was based on my listing my property in the City of Inglewood as the domicile address on my voter registration affidavit filed in 2007. This resulted in eight charges: two counts of filing a false document (when I filed my declaration of candidacy for the State Senate in 2008 it was signed twice); and, five counts of voter fraud for each election in which I simply voted between 2007 and 2009, in addition to the registration affidavit. To the best of my knowledge, I am the only sitting legislator ever charged or convicted of these offenses.

Much of this case centered on how the law, specifically Election Code section 349¹, is interpreted. I am the sole owner and taxpayer of the property listed as my domicile on the voter registration affidavit. I have continuously owned this property since 1977. I shared a three bedroom detached house on this property with my stepmother pursuant to a written rental agreement. I also own and reside in another residence in Baldwin Hills. I have been in the residential apartment business for over 40 years, so I did not think it would be a problem for me to establish domicile in my own house. The entire case was based on circumstantial evidence as there was no direct evidence of a crime. At no point during the trial was any evidence presented that there was a legal or physical reason I could not have been domiciled at my Inglewood property. To complicate this matter even further, I also had a condo in

¹ 349.

(a) "Residence" for voting purposes means a person's domicile.

(b) The domicile of a person is that place in which his or her habitation is fixed, wherein the person has the intention of remaining, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, the person has the intention of returning. At a given time, a person may have only one domicile.

(c) The residence of a person is that place in which the person's habitation is fixed for some period of time, but wherein he or she does not have the intention of remaining. At a given time, a person may have more than one residence.

Sacramento where I also “lived” much of the time. To my detriment I did not spend much time in Inglewood or Baldwin Hills. I am not aware of any standard as to how much time a person must spend at a residence for it to be considered a domicile. If there were such a standard, I would have complied with it.

Election Code §349 allows a person to have more than one residence and only one domicile, which I had. Including my condo in Sacramento, I actually “lived” in three residences. While I had multiple residences, I only had one domicile. Incidentally, while I lived in Baldwin Hills, I never declared domicile there. I never used the Baldwin Hills residence for a homeowner’s tax exemption, California driver’s license, voter registration, or a passport—with the exception of the homeowner’s exemption, which is on a third property I own, all these items all declared on my property in Inglewood. Nothing in the law specifies that the more expensive residence or even the one where the most time is spent is by, default, the domicile. In fact relevant case law in this area says;

“The major issue involved in this appeal is whether or not the trial court erred when it ruled that respondent was “residing” within the district under Government Code section 61200. The trial court found that although respondent had been physically residing outside of the district, she was in fact “domiciled” within the district at Big Oak Flat and therefore “residing” within the district under Government Code section 61200.” Fenton v. Board of Directors (1984) 156 Cal.App.3d 1107.

Another important element in this case was the reinterpretation of Election Code section 2026², which granted a “conclusive presumption” of domicile to a state or federal legislator. The trial judge, the Office of Legislative Counsel, and former Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, the author of the legislation that became EC §2026, all agreed that a correct interpretation of the law would have provided me with an affirmative defense against some of these charges. The Legislative Counsel submitted an Amicus Curiae letter to the appellate court citing their understanding of the intent of the statute. Unfortunately, the Second District Court of Appeals interpreted EC §2026 differently and reversed the trial judge on a writ filed by the prosecution. Our subsequent Petition for Review was declined by the Supreme Court, so the clear meaning of the statute was changed in this case. This appellate decision effectively nullified the law, and I was retroactively charged and convicted under the new interpretation.

² 2026.

The domicile of a Member of the Legislature or a Representative in the Congress of the United States shall be conclusively presumed to be at the residence address indicated on that person’s currently filed affidavit of registration.

It is my understanding that perjury is a crime that usually requires specific intent. There was never an attempt to demonstrate any criminal intent on my part. I own all properties in question, and they were all listed on my publicly available FPPC Form 700. Additionally, I am the owner and taxpayer listed at the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office for these properties.

In this case, the term "live" was often conflated with "domicile." This sleight of hand was allowed because the actual voter registration affidavit I signed said "live." Although the statute says "residence" and "domicile," the affidavit said "live." Election Code §2157³ makes it clear that the voter registration affidavit is an editorial document and allows the Secretary of State complete discretion to use whatever language he or she chooses, provided it assists the voter in completing the form. Election Code §2157 makes clear the language on the affidavit does not substitute for the statute; however, this is precisely what was allowed to happen in this case.

The prosecution split hairs in their quest to substitute the words "domicile" and "residence" for "live." Having to explain to a jury the difference between "live" and "domicile" proved to be a burden my defense team and I could not overcome. Most people believe that legislators must live in a district in order to seek an elected office; however, that is not what the law says. People usually use the colloquial definition of "live," so trying to explain "domicile" and "residence" in this case proved to be an insurmountable challenge. This was compounded by

³ 2157, in part, states:

(a) Subject to this chapter, the paper affidavit of registration shall be in a form prescribed by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State. The affidavit shall comply with all of the following:

(1) Contain the information prescribed in Section 2150.

(2) Allow for the inclusion of informational language to meet the specific needs of that county, including, but not limited to, the return address of the elections official in that county, and a telephone number at which a voter can obtain elections information in that county.

(3) Be included on one portion of a multipart card, to be known as a voter registration card, the other portions of which shall include information sufficient to facilitate completion and mailing of the affidavit. The affidavit portion of the multipart card shall be numbered according to regulations adopted by the Secretary of State. For purposes of facilitating the distribution of voter registration cards as provided in Section 2158, there shall be attached to the affidavit portion a receipt. The receipt shall be separated from the body of the affidavit by a perforated line.

(4) Contain, in a type size and color of ink that is clearly distinguishable from surrounding text, a statement identical or substantially similar to the following:

"Certain voters facing life-threatening situations may qualify for confidential voter status. For more information, please contact the Secretary of State's Safe At Home program or visit the Secretary of State's Web site."

(5) Contain, in a type size and color of ink that is clearly distinguishable from surrounding text, a statement that the use of voter registration information for commercial purposes is a misdemeanor pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 2194 and Section 18109, and any suspected misuse shall be reported to the Secretary of State.

(6) Contain a toll-free fraud hotline telephone number maintained by the Secretary of State that the public may use to report suspected fraudulent activity concerning misuse of voter registration information.

(7) Be returnable to the county elections official as a self-enclosed mailer with postage prepaid by the Secretary of State.

the way the trial court was allowing various definitions of "live" and "domicile" to be introduced by the prosecution during the trial.

Because of the complexities involved in this case it took five-plus years to prosecute. This included the writs filed in the appellate court, the trial, post-conviction motions and subsequent appeal. There were also numerous pre-trial motions, including arguments over the witness list and admissible evidence.

3) Explain why you are requesting a pardon?

I experience continuing punishments because of this felony conviction. On occasion, I have had difficulty with travel because the felony appears on airline background checks. Two banks closed accounts due to the investigation and subsequent conviction. One bank actually closed an IRA account which cost me several thousand dollars in tax exposure.

I have had difficulty securing employment, as many employers simply won't consider a candidate with a felony conviction. I never realized the number of restrictions placed on individuals with felony convictions after their sentence is completed. I did not take the sentence of the Court lightly; I served the sentence the Court imposed. I resigned from the Legislature, reported to Los Angeles County Jail to serve the 90 day sentence, completed 1500 hours of community service, completed 30 months of 36 months of probation, and paid over \$5,000 in fines and fees. I am not seeking to have any portion of the sentence commuted but only to have some rights of citizenship restored. I understand that a pardon does not erase the conviction.

While I am no longer serving in elective office, I am still making significant contributions to the community. My experiences in public affairs have proven to be a valuable resource. However, the felony on my record limits my ability to be of even greater service. I am over 65 years of age and only plan to work a few more years before retirement. I believe a pardon would greatly enhance my employment options.

4) Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon.

I have given over 30 years of public service to the people of California. I served 13 years in elected office and over 15 years as a legislative staff member in the City of Los Angeles, State of California, and the United States Congress. I personally authored numerous bills that were signed by four different governors. I provided legislative leadership to the State during the energy crisis of 2000. I continue to volunteer countless hours to community programs. My

professional contributions . . . both government and the private sector span over 45 years. Despite the complexity of this case, it should be noted I was never accused of abusing my office for personal gain.

After leaving the State Senate, I taught a summer session at the University of California, Davis. I served the County of Los Angeles as a member of an advisory committee focused on how to proceed with Proposition 47 compliance. I provided technical support to the City of Los Angeles in the drafting of the "Ban the Box" ordinance. Working with public and non-profit legal services providers, I participated in organizing justice fairs where we were able to secure reductions from felonies to misdemeanors for hundreds of former felons pursuant to Proposition 47.

In the worst-case scenario, I misinterpreted the law. Clearly, there was no intent to conceal or obfuscate my residences. In hindsight, could I have done more to protect myself? Yes. However, I believe a mistake deserves a second chance. In view of my many years of public service, and the political nature of these charges, I feel a Governor's Pardon would be a fair resolution of this matter.

5) If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given. (Required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

This document was prepared by Roderick D. Wright. No money or gifts were given to anyone to assist in its preparation.

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Robert Grant Ybarra III

Robert Grant Ybarra III, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 5, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino for the crime of receiving stolen property. Specifically, he received a license plate belonging to a stolen vehicle. He served five months probation, five months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on August 19, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Robert Grant Ybarra III has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated October 13, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, for the last 15 years Mr. Ybarra has remained clean from drug violations and substance abuse. He is also an active civic and business leader. Recently, he was re-elected President of the Banning, San Geronio Pass Area Chamber of Commerce. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Grant Ybarra III has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Grant Ybarra III a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Riverside

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of Robert Grant Ybarra, III

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number RIC1811737

Date of Birth [Redacted]

Month Day, Year

CIJ Number [Redacted]

Criminal Case Number(s) FRE006124 San Bernardino County

Use applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Robert Grant Ybarra, III, presently residing

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at [Redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 13th day

Day of the Month

of October, 2016 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 08/19/2006, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, it is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 13th day of October

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Signature of David Gunn, Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Signature of Judge of said Superior Court



DAVID GUNN FORM 3 (Revised 12/5/01)

This form was prepared by the Investigations Division of the Board of Prison Terms pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.18.

List of conviction: 496(a) PC

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Donald Tyrone Young

Donald Tyrone Young, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 29, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crimes of robbery, and robbery with the use of a weapon. He served two years, seven months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on December 17, 1994, having completed his sentence.

Donald Tyrone Young has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated May 1, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, a fellow community volunteer described Mr. Young as a role model who is extraordinarily thoughtful, insightful, honest, and fair. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Donald Tyrone Young has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Donald Tyrone Young a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:



ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

CR-19206-15

DONALD TYRONE YOUNG

Type Applicant's Full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

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By: K. CERSOSIMO, Deputy

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CR116406
Criminal Case Number(s)

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of DONALD TYRONE YOUNG

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

, presently residing

at

, heretofore filed, praying

for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal

Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 1ST day

Day of the Month

of MAY 2015 and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the

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Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory

proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the

required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to

completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation

on NOVEMBER 17, 1993, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 3F

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provide in Penal Code Section 4852.15). and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

1st Day of the Month

day of

May 2015

Month, Year

DAVID M. GILL

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara

Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about March 31, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, use or under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance for sale, and transporting a controlled substance. She served three years probation, five months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on November 15, 2003, having completed her sentence.

Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated January 13, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

*Refused to show
Correct Date of Birth*

In the Matter of the Application of
Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara

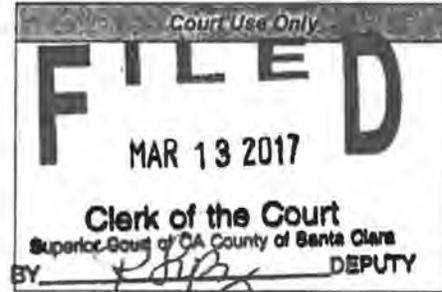
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Certificate Number **CR215605**

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Month, Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) **C9899810, C9897024, CC116297**
List Applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara**, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix if applicable

at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State and Zip Code

a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this **13th** day of **January, 2017** and proof having been made to the
Day of the Month
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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on **October 2002**, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been **3**
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time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this **13th** day of **January, 2017**
Day of the Month
Month, Year

David A. Cena

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

John Base Zech

John Base Zech, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 24, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of possession of concentrated cannabis. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on March 24, 1990, having completed his sentence. He was then sentenced on or about March 19, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served five years probation, and 365 days jail. He was discharged on March 19, 1995, having completed his sentence.

John Base Zech has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated May 7, 2010, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Zech is a self-employed owner of two businesses: a dog grooming company and a plumbing company. He is active in his community and with his church, and has been recognized for his work and monetary contributions to an orphanage in Mexico. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Zech's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on June 17, 2014. Mr. Zech also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 14, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, John Base Zech has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to John Base Zech a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

JOHN BASE ZECH

Type Applicant's Full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number SRD 09-055

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) CR110026; CR85703

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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By: K. CERSOSIMO, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of JOHN BASE ZECH

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

at

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal

Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 7TH day

Day of the Month

of MAY, 2010 and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the

Month, Year

Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory

proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the

required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to

completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation

on MARCH 19, 1995, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

Month Day, Year

obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the

course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship

(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 2

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provide in Penal Code Section 4852.15). and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

7th

Day of the Month

day of

May, 2010

Month, Year

DAVID M. GILL

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jorge Barajas

In 2005, when Jorge Barajas was 18 years old, he committed a series of robberies. During each robbery, he accosted victims on the street at gunpoint and demanded money. No one was injured. On May 2, 2006, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Barajas to 4 years for three counts of robbery, plus a 4-year firearm enhancement and a 10-year gang enhancement – a total term of 18 years.

Mr. Barajas has now been in prison for 12 years and has worked to turn his life around. In his application for clemency, Mr. Barajas explained that he committed these crimes in an attempt to get money for drugs, and that coming to prison forced him to recognize the severity of his drug problems and seek help. He wrote, "Now I can gladly tell you that I have a good idea and life plans to follow and fulfill. These past 11 years have changed me into a positive person." Mr. Barajas got sober, stopped associating with gang members, and has shown that he regrets the decisions that brought him to prison. He said, "I make no excuses for what I did. I blame myself and take full responsibility. I'm deeply sorry for what I did."

It is clear that Mr. Barajas has improved himself and left drugs and violence behind. He has been disciplined four times in 12 years in prison. He earned his GED and is currently taking college classes to get an A.A. degree. Mr. Barajas has participated in self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Understanding Relapse, Victim Impact, and Criminal and Addictive Thinking. He received vocational training and dedicated himself to Biblical studies. In 2014, a correctional counselor commended Mr. Barajas for his positive programming and educational efforts. She wrote, "He appears to be putting all his efforts into having a successful life on the outside, by doing what he can on the inside...I could only hope we had more inmates that would apply themselves and use the tools while incarcerated in prison, as Inmate Barajas does. I feel that he would be a good citizen if given the chance." Mr. Barajas has the support of his family members, who have offered him housing and help finding employment when he is released.

Based on his age at the time of this crime, his conduct in prison, and his dedication to self-improvement, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Barajas' sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jorge Barajas to a total of 15 years.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Bargas, Jorge Date of Birth: [Redacted] 87 Inmate ID: F35617

Address: Chuckawalla Valley State Prison P.O. box 2349 Blythe, CA 92226 Facility: M2-126L

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
3 charges of 2nd degree robbery, 10 yr gang enh, gun use in 9/26/05, in L.A.			18 yrs, 85%
I am a first term. This is my first incarceration at the age of 18 yrs old, am almost 30. First offense.			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was convicted of a sentence on May 2, 2006, due to a plea deal, that consisted of 3 charges of 2nd degree robbery, a 10 yr gang enhancement and 4 yrs for a use of a weapon, a total of 18 yrs 85%. I already served the time for the actual crimes and I ask for a reduction/elimination of the gang enhancement. I committed my crimes while under the influence of meth and alcohol. I blame nobody. *com. p. 1*

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See page # 2

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See page # 3 thru 5
I'm a first term, first time offender and last

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

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STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

J. Barajas, Jorge
(Print Full Name)

_____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the District Attorney of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a commutation.
(Name of County*)

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jorge Barajas F3507
Applicant's Signature

3.7.17
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County:

Please take notice that I Barajas Jorge, was convicted of the crime of Robbery's, gang-enhanced, gun use, committed in Los Angeles County, California on the date of May 2, 2006. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Jorge Barajas F35017
Applicant's Signature

3-7-17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Wolff, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Jorge Barajas, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Wolff

Date 8/20/17

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

Question #2

continue...

but myself. I needed more money to support my addictions, I made the awful mistake to take somebody else's money. My intention's was to get money to get high again, before my crime's I had a part time job as a Janitor's assistant. I lost my job due to my drug addiction. I am sorry for what I did. There is absolutely nothing that I can say or do to take back what I did. The harm is done, if there was a way to stop myself from doing it, I would do it in a instant, I regret it every day. am sorry!

At the time of my crime's I had no sense of reality and was only focused on getting money to buy more drug's. Gang's had nothing to do with my crime's. Nobody was told that it was for a benefit to a gang. Since my incarceration I've been participating in Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous these classes have helped me realize that I had a serious, out of control addiction that pushed me over to do these crime's. I make no excuses for what I did. I blame myself and take full responsibility I'm deeply sorry for what I did.

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Question #3

I ask for a commutation/elimination of the gang enhancement sentence of 10 yrs. Because I am no longer associated to any gang, I have no gang contacts at all. I was really never a hard gang member. I am currently in a S.N.Y (sensitive, Needs, Yard) or a P.C. yard (Protective Custody).

I never had the motivation to be somebody in a gang. I believe that holding me in prison for a gang enhancement ~~hold's~~ no merit. I have no gang ties or gang affiliations or inspirations to be part of any gang.

Growing up I was more of a party guy. I was more into drugs and alcohol and girls. I never got into the gang culture or life. I partied with people I literally grew up with as kids. My crimes were actually committed to finance my drug and alcohol addictions and party habits. Gangs had nothing to do with my crimes. I regret what I did, because I lost all my youth in here and lost the chance to grow up with my brothers, if I were capable to show it, I would, but I can't. But I can prove to you that I am a rehabilitated person, please see my C. file. (prison file). I ask you to please eliminate the remainder of my 4 yrs I have left, before I parole. Am also at the age that ~~hasn't~~ re-offend. Im a mature man that will be less of a ~~pr~~ threat, burden or problem. Im almost 30 yrs old and more than likely will not re-offend at all.

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Question # 4

I believe that I do deserve a commutation/elimination of the remaining years I have to do on the gang enhancement because I am no longer associated, affiliated to any type of gang or gang members. I've been incarcerated for more than 11 yrs of my sentence and have 4 yrs left.

I am currently housed in a S.N.Y. yard. Where people have no affiliation to any street gang or association. I requested Protective Custody several years ago, because I grew up and matured into a grown man. Reality came to me at a late time, sadly, and I repented, regretted being in mainline and seen as an associate to a street gang. Because, there was no point in it and because I finally noticed that I was taking orders and following somebody else's rules and requirements. I seen no point in it and thought of myself as an idiot for following somebody else's rules.

I also believe that I deserve an commutation/elimination of the remainder of the 4 yrs of my sentence, because I've changed, I deeply regret my past actions that landed me in prison Also, because I've earned my G.E.D. and participated in several bible study courses thru mail. and self-help courses while incarcerated. I also built and brought my family relation closer and tighter. I have a strong family support that are willing to help me out if I get out alot more sooner.

My family are also willing to be the ones to invest their own money to help me stay away from government help

and to get back into school. They willing to allow me to stay at their own house and help me get a job and keep it.

Please see the letters I've attached along with this commutation form. You will see that if you release me soon they will help me get a job at Costco a corporation that actually hires felons. I have family that own their own businesses and willing to hire me. This is an opportunity I would like to ask you to help me get or allow me to get.

Also, I would like to ask you to look into my C-file and you will see that I am not violent at all. I am in a level one prison yard because CDCR did not see any reason to impose the vio on my status and because they saw that there was no violence in my criminal case. In 11 yrs I proved that I am not violent and managed to learn to control myself and use reason to solve my issues and common sense. Am allowed to get a job in the work house.

I believe that holding me in carries no merit because I am rehabilitated, I pose no threat to society or anybody in the free world. Nor do I pose a threat to myself. I have no enemies and have no intentions on pursuing a reckless life style. Am more than willing to comply and follow all laws, rules of society.

I'm actually grateful am incarcerated, I needed this because I came to acknowledge that I had an addiction to drugs and alcohol, I had no sense of reality. Now I can gladly tell you that I have a good idea and life plans set for me to follow and fulfill. These past 11 yrs have changed me into a positive person

The other reason on why I reach out to you and ask for an commutation/elimination of the remainder of my 4 yrs I have left. Is because I want to help and support my mom. My mom has been supporting me and helping me all these years and I want to give back to her with your permission. My mom and brother's mean alot to me and I want to help them out.

Mr. Governor Edmvd G. Brown Jr. I am not a threat to anybody, I am not violent and I can be civilized in a uncivilized environment. I can control myself and can use reason and common sense to solve my problem's and completely avoid using any violence. I also believe that I am a good candidate to release earlier because of my prison record and because I am a grown, matured "man".

The possibility of me committing a new crime are extremely low, I can guarantee you that it won't happen again. Im a first timer, I grew up in prison and turned into a man. Please allow me to obtain and take advantage of what my family has to offer. Allow me to help my family.

Thank you for your time and please help me out and forgive me for what I did.

Current address:
 Barajas, Jorge F35617
 CVSP M2-126L
 P.O. BOX 2349
 Blythe, CA 92226.

Sincerely,
 Jorge

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Barbara Chavez

Barbara Chavez was 22 years old when she organized and participated in the robbery of a liquor store. She stood outside the store while one of her crime partners went into the store and shot the clerk multiple times, killing him. On October 22, 1999, the Kern County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Chavez to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder plus a one-year firearm enhancement.

Ms. Chavez has now been incarcerated for almost 20 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. Chavez wrote, "I cannot go back and change the pain and loss but I do choose to now to be the best person I can be...I now consider myself an asset to society rather than the liability I once was." Ms. Chavez has been actively involved in self-help programs, including Victim Impact, Anger Management, Co-Dependent Anonymous, and Parenting. She is a Certified Peer Mentor in the Substance Abuse Program and has lived in the honor dorm. Ms. Chavez was also a domestic violence peer educator. She earned a GED and an A.A. degree, along with completing several vocational training programs.

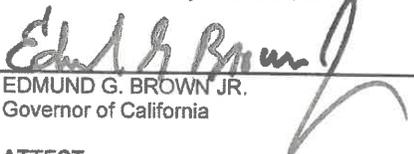
In 2016, Ms. Chavez was commended for her participation in the Women's Advisory Council. Also in 2016, a correctional lieutenant commended her for facilitating the Power of Positive Thinking workshop. A housing officer wrote, "Her growth and dedication to assisting, and mentoring others has been consistent throughout the years as she is an active, productive, inmate who is an asset to her community...It is my opinion that upon release Ms. Chavez will be successful, and an asset to society."

Given Ms. Chavez's commitment to her rehabilitation, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce her sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether she is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute Barbara Chavez's sentence to 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: BARBARA LYNN CHAVEZ Date of Birth: [redacted] 73 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: P.O. BOX 1508 92, 506-09-04UP, C.C.W.F., CHOWCHILLA, CA. 93610

1. Conviction Summary: No prior convictions.

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Header: List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On the night of April 9, 1996, I was a party to an attempted robbery. We went to another city and decided to rob a specific liquor store that we were told was involved in criminal activity. We went to a family member's apartment and talked about the details and positions to be played. Later that night, before leaving town, we had the driver drop us off nearby, and we proceeded to walk towards the store. The other 2 went in the store as I remained outside as a "look out". (Cont. on next page)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have exhausted all levels of appeal and am not aware of any other options or avenues for me in seeking the opportunity to receive a second chance. During the appeal stages I was told I had merit and the Magistrate issued an Order to show Cause, stating that I have Merit. However, after not hearing from the Attorney Generals office once the Order was given, I filed for a dismissal. The Attorney General's office responded with a new case stating I had missed the AEDPA deadline by four months in between filing in the State Courts. So now I seek mercy here. (Cont. on next pg.)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I feel as if I am the epitome of what CDCR, and Society would consider "rehabilitated". The average Inmate with a lengthy sentence rebels. Throughout my incarceration, instead of rebelling, I periodically would become depressed. I felt that my sentence was unfair and that I did not deserve an LWOP sentence due to just being a "look out". However, over time I learned to understand and accept the responsibility for what I did. (Cont. on next page)

5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No one has been paid or compensated to assist me in the preparation of this Application. (Cont. on next page)

COMMUTATION APPLICATION QUESTIONS CONTINUED

- Question #2 cont...

I heard gunshots and a scream I got scared and ran to the car. The other 2 arrived to the car shortly after I, we left and headed back to town. I was in shock and afraid to know what had happened. The 2 that entered the store began arguing and I found out the store clerk was shot. None of us knew that Mr. Tomeh had died. Nearly 2 weeks later I heard from my family member that lived in Ridgecrest, Mr. Tomeh (store clerk), was in fact shot and killed. A year later, I was questioned by Ridgecrest P.D., I asked for an attorney and they arrested me. During the transportation from Barstow to Bakersfield they convinced me to give a statement. We turned around and I gave a video taped statement. I was released and rearrested 10 months later.

- Question #3 cont...

I have worked hard accepting the opportunity offered to me within the confines of prison. When I initially arrived to prison, I was told that I would never go home, that as an Inmate with a Life Without the possibility of Parole sentence, I would basically languish in prison. There is no incentive to neither excel nor achieve any sort of rehabilitation. In fact there is no measurement of an LWOP's behavior or achievements because Prisoners with an LWOP sentence do not go to the Board of Prison Hearings. Prior to prison, my youthful attitudes and selfish disregards for others blinded my view of the more important things in this life. As a result I did not consider that working with the Authorities trying to right my wrong would have benefitted me and I would have been able to accept the 15 years-Life deal that was offered to me during the Readiness Hearing prior to trial. Had I accepted the deal, my incarceration time would be much different than it is now, in the sense of a broader spectrum of programs/jobs not offered to LWOP inmates. Due to my Self determination I made a way to still accomplish most of my goals. I have three children, One Grandchild, and another Grandchild on the way; I chose to continue my education to be the best example as a mother I could. Never realizing that 15 years later I would have this opportunity to present my personal accomplishments, goals, and desires in an effort to rejoin society.

- Question #4 cont...

I became saddened in the realization of being responsible for someone losing their life. I had a choice, and I chose to be a part of a robbery that led to Mr. Tomeh losing his life! I am deeply remorseful for my criminal actions and the harm I have caused. I cannot go back and change the pain and loss but I do choose to now do everything in my power to be the best person I can be and to help as many people as I can. So I asked God for forgiveness and over time I realized there is hope and began applying for any and all programs that would assist me in becoming a better woman, mother, daughter, and eventually Grandmother. Today, I am self-confident, have healthy self-esteem and boundaries, as well as high self efficacy. I now consider myself an asset to society, vs. the liability I once was. I no longer allow others to choose me as a friend, rather I choose the company I keep. My Mother always told me that I am the company I keep. I have primarily focused on my education: having received my High School Diploma, Associate of Arts Degree and Business Certificate from Coastline Community College. I am a certified in Vocational Cosmetology, Fiber Optics/Electronics, and Office Services and Related Technology Vocational classes. I am a Certified Peer Domestic Violence Educator, Peer Health Educator, Mediator and Peace keeper, and have taken numerous self-help classes, courses, and workshops.(see enclosed documents) Recognizing that all rehabilitative needs were not being met; or offered in such a highly negative environment, I created / contributed to the creation of many programs to reach my peers, among them include: "The power of Positive Thinking"(a 3-day workshop that focused on the Law of Attraction; what we think about we bring about, exercises included Visualizing; we visualize to materialize, vision boards, Peace circles with topics such as Gratitude, Love, etc)," Peace Day" (an event derived from a racial riot in 2007. I spear headed this event in bringing all ethnicities, and cultures together for a day of Peace. This was such a success it became an annual celebration and event anticipated by a prison of 3500 + women, and recognized State wide.), "Tattoo Removal" (As a mentor, I frequently conversed with on site Parole Officers as a Liaison for the women I mentored. Tattoos prohibited the ladies from obtaining employment upon release, as well as lowered self-esteem), "Mentorship", "Networking Group" (I encouraged the residents of the Lighthouse Honor Dorm to utilize their talents and create classes to take out into the General Population. Over 30 classes were under the umbrella of the Networking

Group), and "the Coalition for Cultural Awareness" (here we had seven sub-committees, European, Native American, Asian/Pacific Islanders, African American, Latina, Special events, and Newsletter. Each sub-committee had the opportunity to educate population of their specific culture in an effort to bridge the gap to one another). I know that I can be a part of a paradigm shift amongst our youth as I was a part of while incarcerated. Mentoring the younger population here has prepared me for my ultimate goal. I am confident with all the support I have in place and the skills I obtained while incarcerated, I will be a great asset to society. This is my chance to continue to make living amends in which I am passionate about and am determined to do if given the opportunity of a second chance at life and freedom.

- Question #5 cont...

However, I would like to give thanks to my bosses, Correctional Lieutenant Pimentel and Correctional Sergeant Shaffer, and peers Shelbi, Harris, and Sarah Kruzan for their input.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Danilo Frank Cortez

In 1998, 17-year-old Danilo Cortez was riding in Ruben Franco's car when they encountered a car occupied by several young men. Mr. Franco pulled up to the other car and Mr. Cortez pulled out a gun and fired it repeatedly. Yader Medina was shot twice in the head and died. Two other passengers were wounded, but survived. On September 13, 1999, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Cortez to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder. Because the sentence originally imposed was unconstitutional, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge considered his case again in 2014 and found that Mr. Cortez was "someone who can be rehabilitated in time to have a meaningful life." On September 19, 2014, the judge sentenced Mr. Cortez to 25 years to life for first degree murder plus a 25 year to life firearm enhancement – a total term of 50 years to life with an opportunity for parole after 25 years.

Mr. Cortez has transformed his life during his 19 years in prison. He stopped associating with gang members, refrained from violence, and was disciplined just three times during nearly two decades of incarceration. He earned positive work ratings and a vocational certification, and participated in self-help programs including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, and Nonviolent Conflict Reconciliation. He enrolled in educational courses, participated in a juvenile crime deterrent program, and assisted disabled inmates who needed help. In 2016, one of his work supervisors commended Mr. Cortez for his work ethic, applauded his "exceptional behavior and attitude towards supervisory staff as well as his inmate peers," and recommended him for future employment opportunities. Several other officers and staff members also praised Mr. Cortez for his respectful attitude and positive behavior.

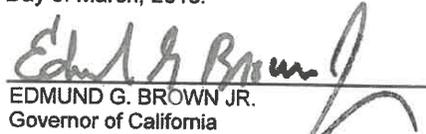
Mr. Cortez was found suitable for parole by the Board of Parole Hearings in 2016. In granting parole, the Commissioner told Mr. Cortez, "There was really nothing to connect you to any current dangerousness." The Board commended him for his lack of violence in prison and positive programming. In February 2018, a forensic psychologist evaluated Mr. Cortez and determined that his risk of future violence was low. The psychologist noted that Mr. Cortez was "genuinely remorseful" and that his "insight into the factors that led him to commit this crime is sound." Additionally, the psychologist found that Mr. Cortez has "significantly matured over time" and has "developed into a humble and generous inmate who is using his prison time to better himself and to help his fellow man."

Mr. Cortez has accepted responsibility for his actions as a teenager and has dedicated himself to self-improvement since then. His conduct in prison has been excellent, and the Board of Parole Hearings determined that he would not pose any danger if released. But without a commutation, he will remain in prison until 2022. I see no reason to continue Mr. Cortez's incarceration given the parole board's grant of parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Danilo Cortez to a total of 19 years to life so he can be immediately released.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. State Capitol Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Danilo Frank Cortez (PDR # P.54228) Date of Birth: [redacted] 80 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: C.T.F. Central Y.W. 215L - P.O. Box 689 Soledad, CA 93960-0689

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Life without Sentence(s):
1st Degree Murder of Glen [redacted] ment	June 28, 1998	Los Angeles	was amended to 50 to life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am ashamed to say that I personally discharge a firearm at a occupied motor vehicle disregarding public safety and inflicted great bodily injury to Mr. Albert Vidreuzca and Mr. Benjamin Vega. Also, Mr. Jader Medina who was a human being as well; who died because of my senseless act that I regretfully committed.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Having the discretionary of a Judge modifying my previous sentence and also being found suitable on Oct. 13, 2016 by respectable members of The Board of parole panel. It continued to strengthen my resolve and to nourish the mature man I become today. I strive to continue to atone for (see attach paper)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I am aware that I am not deserving of such a pardon. There isn't any excuse or justification for the horrible crime that I committed when I was a teen of 17 years of age. (see attach page)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice:

I, Daniel Frank Cortez declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Daniel Frank Cortez
Applicant's Signature

2-24-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Danilo Frank Coates, was convicted of the crime of my original sentence was amended in Sept. 15, 2014 to 1st degree murder and gun ~~enhancement~~ enhancement, committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of June 20, 1998.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
 Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: P-54238

Danilo Frank Coates Applicant's Signature Date 2.24.17

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

_____, District Attorney of the County of _____

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

3) (Explain why you are requesting a pardon or Commutation)
- the wrongs that I committed against God, The Medina Family,
my Family & against society. my hopes and dreams are to
continue to live my life in The United States I finally and
most humbly request if you can grant me this dream of allowing
me to stay in this country that I been living in all
my life. My mother migrated from Nicaragua bringing me
along when I was just one year's old. I am very much
afraid to go to a country that is in Central America that
has been unknown to me. All my family and support network
is in The United States. I have been able to reach out
to transitional home where there is Juvenile Detention Program
and I was accepted. Having organizations like The Anti-
Raidism Coalition I can reach out to them and be part
of the great work they do by contributing to society and
utilizing guys like myself to mentor young men that
are in the pitfalls of gangs. Thank you for allowing me
to make my plea.

4) (continuous) Question number #4.

I can express is that I have worked hard to correct my
criminal thinking actions and attitude. I no longer
subscribe to any gang ideology. I have identified my
risk factors and I worked to reduce them as well.
For the past several years I have utilize my time to
ensure that I continue to live responsibly, remain law-
abiding and respectful of the rights & feelings of others.

The death of Mr. Yeater Medina is not on those things that happened out of nowhere when drugs, alcohol and a teenager with a gun together. Nor was it the result of a teenage boy struggling with a toxic crisis of emotions, who and what killed Mr. Medina was me my lost of integrity, and my lack of empathy and no fore-thought.

Today I have explored and examine the magnitude of the crime to gain insight into the past and present. Through arduous effort of self-improvement & self-examination I develop the awareness to transition into a good human being with acquiring integrity, understanding, and righteous forethought. Having these principles I make the right choices for myself and society, like my family and great grand mother always imagined for me.

Being on this journey of redemption with the presence of mind of my sins that I committed as a youth, I am able to use this pain of guilt to live a life of service by mentoring "yets at risk" in the Juvenile Detention program like "We Care" that have helped me gain knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the choices I made, as well as being a facilitator in a self-help group called "Life Cycle" and working in the past as a caregiver in a hospice program has enable me to see how I hurt other people.

I realize we are all interconnected and giving back is the greatest feeling on earth. I made a commitment to make amends for the terrible crime I committed by changing my thoughts, my belief system & my actions. I deeply regret of crushing the hopes & dreams of many families including my own. I felt ashamed with pain for many years for destroying Mr. Yader-Medina's life more so than his love ones.

I was wrong for playing God by victimizing Mr. Yader Medina, his friends, and the community itself. I hate the person I was, because I caused so many people pain.

Mr. Governor Brown, my life today is opposite of the 17 year old I was.

The feeling of remorse have been the motivation to honor the memory of Yader Medina. I have an obligation to change my life, and realizing the change & awareness are ongoing journeys - not destinations. Thank you for your previous time that allowed me to share my thoughts & feelings.

Respectfully submitted,
Danilo J. Carter

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Philip Gordon

In August 1995, Philip Gordon and his wife Jill separated and filed for divorce. Later that month, Mr. Gordon broke into Jill's home, broke dishes and furniture, and left explicit messages. In October 1995, Mr. Gordon went to Jill's home with a gun. He threatened her and shot her boyfriend Michael French multiple times, seriously injuring him. On March 27, 1997, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Gordon to 33 years and 4 months to life for attempted murder, assault with a firearm, burglary, and firearm enhancements.

Notably, the victims in this case support Mr. Gordon's commutation. They wrote letters to me expressing their forgiveness of Mr. Gordon. They believe he has been sufficiently punished for his crimes. Mr. French wrote, "I have long forgiven him for his mistakes...I feel that the sentence was very extreme and ask that you consider releasing him." Mr. Gordon's commutation is also supported by his parents and other family members, who will provide him with housing and support in England, where he grew up.

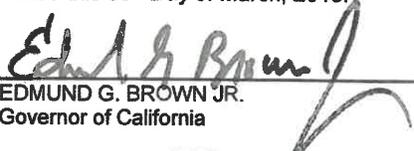
Mr. Gordon had no prior criminal history before committing this crime. An investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings who recently evaluated Mr. Gordon's case determined that he has been "a model inmate for over 15 years." He has only been disciplined twice for misconduct, has never been involved with drugs or gangs, and has earned positive work ratings. He participated in several vocational training programs and earned his GED. Mr. Gordon has been involved with multiple self-help programs including Victim Impact, Anger Management, and Domestic Violence.

Mr. Gordon committed an extremely serious crime. But I am moved by the statements of his victims, and after 22 years in prison, Mr. Gordon's continued incarceration may no longer be warranted. I believe he deserves an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Philip Gordon to a total of 22 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: PHILIP MICHAEL GORDON Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 64 Inmate ID: K49119

Address: P.O. Box 8101 San Luis Obispo, CA 93409 Facility: California Men's Colony

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
N/A			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On 02-25-1997, I was found guilty of attempted murder and assault with a firearm. I was sentenced to life in prison as to the attempted murder plus 4 years for the assault. A 10 year consecutive firearm enhancement was added to each count for a total term of 33 years, 4 months to life in state prison.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am seeking commutation of the entirety of my sentence so that I can return to England to care for my aging parents (as I am subject to deportation or, at a minimum, to have the two consecutive firearm enhancements commuted so that I may appear before the Board of Parole Hearings.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I believe a commutation should be granted based on my exemplary record of rehabilitation covering two decades of incarceration and in that the victim in my case support both commutation of my sentence and my release back into society.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

Following conviction on February 25, 1997, in Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. PA021662, I was sentenced to 33 years, 4 months to life in prison, a sentence that includes two consecutive 10 year firearm enhancements. As it pertains to the specific circumstances of my crime, I am fully responsible for shooting and injuring Michael French and the resulting trauma that shooting caused both Michael, my then-wife Jill Gordon (now Jill French), my entire family, and the community. In essence, during the course of a separation and subsequent divorce, and while heavily intoxicated, I committed this terrible crime, a crime I deeply regret.

I am seeking a commutation of my sentence after two decades of incarceration in order that I may return to England to care for my aging parents, or, at a minimum, a commutation of the two consecutive, ten year firearm enhancements imposed in order that I may appear before the Board of Parole Hearings many years before I am currently scheduled to appear to accept responsibility for my actions, express my regret and remorse, and to establish my parole suitability by way of an exemplary record and by articulating that I understand who I once was, the man I am today, and the plans I have for the future, which center solely around returning to my home in England to care for my parents, just as they have long cared for me. Specifically, I could address with a Panel my efforts from the start of my incarceration to improve myself and to heal the wounds I caused in my family, beginning with the physical and emotional wounds I caused to my victims, Michael and Jill French, who have long since forgiven me and are in support of my efforts towards commutation and obtaining my eventual release from custody. I currently possess a CDCR placement score of 19 (the lowest level available for life prisoners), and have long been housed at a minimum level security facility based on my programming and rehabilitative efforts.

As to why I should be granted commutation, I, along with victims Michael and Jill French, believe that commuting or pardoning my sentence in its entirety, or at a minimum commuting the 20 years of gun enhancements, comports with what the courts have found and still holds me responsible for my life crime, a fact I believe is established by the declarations filed by Michael and Jill French in support of this application, a support and forgiveness I am truly grateful for. As a citizen of England, I am subject to deportation. Regardless, it is my desire to return and remain there to be with and care for my parents and to reintegrate into society as the productive, positive person I know I have become.

I thank you for your time and consideration of this application for commutation and hope and pray you will consider and grant my request.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Philip Michael Gordon, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Philip Michael Gordon

Applicant's Signature

9-18-17

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Philip Michael Gordon,
was convicted of the crime of Attempted Murder; Assault with a Firearm,
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 10-26-1995.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Philip Michael Gordon

Applicant's Signature

9-18-17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Weeff #10, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Philip Michael Gordon,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Barbara Weeff

Date

10/2/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Shawn Andrew Halstead

In 1993, Shawn Halstead and two friends decided to rob Edward Ahumada over a failed drug transaction. They forced Mr. Ahumada to drive to a remote area and took his gun. One of Mr. Halstead's crime partners shot Mr. Ahumada twice with a different weapon, killing him. On December 13, 1994, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Halstead to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder.

Mr. Halstead has been incarcerated for almost 25 years. In his application for clemency, he explained that he has dedicated himself to serving others during his incarceration, writing, "I have served as a mentor, a tutor, assisted the church and helped other inmates. . . . I have exhibited personal growth, rehabilitation and remorse." Instead of continuing down a destructive path, Mr. Halstead has demonstrated a commitment to self-improvement and rehabilitation. He has been sober for almost two decades and has never participated in violence or gang activity while in prison. Mr. Halstead has been disciplined twice for misconduct during more than two decades in prison. He has participated in numerous self-help programs including Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, Substance Abuse Awareness, and Conflict Resolution. Mr. Halstead earned multiple vocational certifications and worked for years in the Prison Industry Authority. He has routinely received above average to exceptional work ratings. A teacher commended him for his work with other inmates in a literacy program, writing that Mr. Halstead "has consistently demonstrated high work ethics and shows great interest in helping the students as needed." Mr. Halstead has been accepted to a transitional housing program, and his family and church community stand ready to help him upon his release from prison.

Many people sentenced to life without the possibility of parole give up hope and lose themselves in drugs, gangs, and violence. Faced with that same sentence, Mr. Halstead exhibited a commitment to rehabilitating himself and others. I acknowledge that this crime was devastating to Mr. Ahumada's family members, who have opposed clemency in this case and wrote a moving letter expressing their continuing, profound sense of loss. However, after serious consideration, I cannot discount the turnaround Mr. Halstead has made during his incarceration. I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute Shawn Halstead's sentence to 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


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Governor of California

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Shawn Andrew Halstead
Application for Commutation of Sentence
DOB: [REDACTED] 1970

Content:

- Statement of Notice to District Attorney and Declaration under Penalty of Perjury
- Notice of Intent to apply for Executive Clemency
(Certified mail receipt 7015 3010 0001 9532 8704)
- Application for Commutation of Sentence
- Proven Accomplishments and Praises
(Partial List w/ Supporting docs)
- Threat Assessment doc 07/31/15

Inmate#: J44078

Riverside County Conviction
Case CR 49567 Charge PC187
Life Without Parole [LWOP]



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Shawn Andrew Halstead Date of Birth: ██████ 1970 Inmate ID: J44078

CSATF E3-128

Address: PO Box 5242, Corcoran, California 93212 Facility: CSATF California Substance Abuse and Treatment Facility
(Physical: 900 Quebec, Corcoran, CA 93212)

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Murder-Special Circumstances	05/16/1993 (Age 22)	Riverside County	Life without Parole
Case CR49567 Charge PC 187			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation:

When I was 22 years old (on 5/16/93) I, Shawn Halstead was 'present' in a murder and robbery of my best friend. The murder was committed by Esteban Nerey (documented 'shooter') in which he is convicted, incarcerated and documented as such. I was not the killer as documented.

I 'admitted' to the robbery, driven by fear; the detectives kept accusing me of this murder that I didn't commit. In my young mind I felt admitting to a robbery, would give the detectives something to stop accusing me of, murder. I also feared for my life from the shooter, Esteban Nerey. I thought he would kill me too.

In addition, the shooter Esteban Nerey's statement and testimony in court, stated 'Eddie Ahumada (victim) and myself tried to set him up'. This shows I was not conspiring with Esteban (shooter) to rob or kill Eddie (victim). Eddie was my best friend.

- Esteban Nerey committed this murder and he is convicted and serving for murder.
- I 'admitted' to a robbery under pressure, which presented LWOP.

This scenario (committed by Esteban) and my 'presence', charged me with 'Murder with Special Circumstances', presenting Life without parole!! I have served 22 ½ years.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

With the recent passing of Senate Bill 261 "The bill requires the board of Parole Hearings to conduct a Youth Offender parole hearing for offenders sentenced to state prison who committed those specified crimes when they were under 23 years of age." BUT shall NOT apply to "individuals sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole". This goes against the theory of the bills passing. I am an accused youth offender and not being considered because of my harsh sentencing of LWOP.

Bill 261 agreed, passed, belief and theory is:

"Existing sentencing laws ignore recent scientific evidence on adolescent development and neuroscience. Research has shown that certain areas of the brain, particularly those that affect judgment and decision-making, do not fully develop until the early 20's. The US Supreme Court stated in its 2005 Roper v. Simmons decision, "[t]he reality that juveniles still struggle to define their identity means it is less supportable to conclude that even a heinous crime committed by a juvenile is evidence of irretrievably depraved character." Moreover, the fact that young adults are still developing means that they are uniquely situated for personal growth and rehabilitation. "

Based on the SB 261 theory, why should this exclude LWOP?

In addition, during my case I was offered by the Riverside District Attorney 15 to life, I declined. Then, again offered 25 to life, I declined. It went to trial and I claimed my innocence and plead not guilty. They sentenced me to 'LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE'!!! I could have been out years ago if I would have taken the District Attorneys offer. I never thought I could get punished for a documented murder that I didn't commit, because of special circumstances.

My sentence of LWOP was severe for a murder that I didn't commit. I had unapt representation by a public defender that directed me defectively. The punishment for this is so harsh. I have served 22 ½ years already and life without parole. I was a young kid in the wrong place.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation:

I have demonstrated exemplary behavior following my conviction. I have served as a mentor, a tutor, assisted the church and helped other inmates and try to ease this prison environment in a positive manner. I have exercised all positive steps while incarcerated in prison for these 22 ½ years. I have exhibited personal growth, rehabilitation and remorse. I have maintained a good record while incarcerated and never had a criminal record before this horrific incident.

See attached, 'partial' list and supporting docs of my successes and references I've received over the years. NA, AA, Anger Management, Associates in Biblical Studies working on Bachelors, 12 step programs, self-help programs. Not for a reward, but for personal growth and to personally survive all these years in this prison. I continue to stay positive and optimistic in this prison cell hell in hopes that the system will once work and God will help me.

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I, Shawn Andrew Halstead declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Riverside with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Shawn Halstead

Applicant's Signature

12/4/15

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of RIVERSIDE County: Please take notice that I, Shawn Halstead,

was convicted of the crime of MURDER - Special Circumstances,

committed in RIVERSIDE County, California, on the date of 05/16/1993.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Shawn Halstead

Applicant's Signature

12/4/15

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, SDDA John Henry, Riverside
, District Attorney of the County of

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Shawn Halstead,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

The above acknowledges receipt of this document, but does not signify recommendation of the application for clemency.

Signed

[Signature]

Date

2/4/16

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Natalie Lynn Jaspar

Natalie Jaspar and Thomas Hines were in a relationship with a history of domestic violence. On October 3, 1998, Mr. Hines and Ms. Jaspar were forced to move out of their home when an argument erupted. Ms. Jaspar threw a motorcycle helmet at Mr. Hines, who reportedly then hit and kicked Ms. Jaspar and threw her to the floor. Ms. Jaspar retrieved a gun and shot Mr. Hines once, killing him. On April 7, 2000, the Stanislaus County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Jaspar to 15 years to life for second degree murder and 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

Ms. Jaspar suffered from years of physical and psychological abuse at the hands of Mr. Hines. A psychological evaluation noted that the "violence experienced by [Ms. Jaspar] has been extensive and pervasive," detailing physical and psychological abuse perpetrated by Mr. Hines towards Ms. Jaspar. A number of Ms. Jaspar's friends and neighbors described numerous injuries Ms. Jaspar received, including bruises, black eyes, welts, swollen lips, knots on her head, and missing hair. One witness testified that she overheard Mr. Hines threaten to kill Ms. Jaspar if she did not recant a police report of domestic violence she filed.

Since her incarceration 19 years ago, Ms. Jaspar has engaged in significant self-help, including myriad classes to address the factors that led to her commitment offense. She has participated in Domestic Violence, Self Esteem, Helping Women Recover, Anger Management, and Victim Awareness, among others. Ms. Jaspar had no criminal record prior to this offense and has not been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. She dedicated herself to self-help and rehabilitation, acting as a peer health educator, a hospice volunteer, and a certified grief counselor. Ms. Jaspar has also become a leader, facilitating various self-help classes and serving in leadership roles in the Long Termers Organization and the Women's Advisory Council.

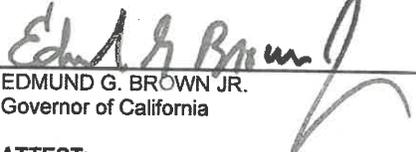
Ms. Jaspar has earned the respect of correctional staff. In 2017, her warden at the Central California Women's Facility recommended her for clemency. A supervisor, a captain, and a retired chief deputy warden all commended Ms. Jaspar for serving as a role model within the prison. A captain wrote that Jaspar has grown "into a leader in the prison community" who "is a positive influence, a motivator, a problem-solver, [and] task-driven. . . ." A correctional lieutenant wrote that Ms. Jaspar "exhibits an exceptional work ethic and is resourceful, caring, and extremely efficient in her job duties." A staff sponsor for the Long Termers Organization wrote in 2017 that Ms. Jaspar is "efficient, organized, energetic, and helpful," and has "maintained an excellent relationship with staff and inmates. . . ."

Several of Mr. Hines's family members have expressed opposition to clemency, and I have read their heartfelt letters. While the profound impact of Ms. Jaspar's crime cannot be erased, I have carefully weighed the evidence. Ms. Jaspar's conduct in prison has been exemplary, and she has taken advantage of many programs to improve herself. I believe she deserves an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Natalie Jaspar to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Com 3124-17

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Natalie K. Jaspur Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Inmate ID: W-84918

Address: P.O. Box 1508, Churchill, CA 93610 Facility: CCWF - Central California Women's Facility

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
N/A			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(see Attached)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(see Attached)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

(see Attached)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Natalie Lynn Gaspar declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Stanislaus with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Natalie L Gaspar 2/27/17
Applicant's Signature Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Case 3124-17

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Stanislaus County: Please take notice that I, Natalie Lynn Jasper,
was convicted of the crime of PC 187, PC 12022.53(d), PC 12022.5,
committed in Stanislaus County, California, on the date of October 3, 1998.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Natalie h Jasper
Applicant's Signature

2/15/17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, BIRGIT FLADGER, District Attorney of the County of STANISLAUS,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from NATALIE JASPAR,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date 2/27/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Application for Commutation of Sentence (attachment Question #2)

Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation.

I, Natalie L. Jaspar, killed my boyfriend, Thomas E. Hines, on October 3, 1998 after years of physical and psychological abuse. On the day of my arrest, we were in the process of being evicted-unable to pay the rent. Thomas came to move more of his belongings to Riverbank. I was packing my belongings to move to our old neighbor's new house, The Chavez's property in Turlock. Thomas' friend, James Cagle, was with him. An argument started over a motorcycle helmet that didn't belong to either one of us. I threw the helmet out the back door at him and it hit him. Thomas barged through the back door, grabbed me by the back of the head and threw me to the kitchen floor. He grabbed my hair ramming my head into the kitchen cabinets. He kicked me in my stomach and called me a fat, pig, bitch. After I picked myself up off the kitchen floor, I loaded my 22 single shot rifle and shot it out the back door to scare him away. I slammed the door, reloaded the rifle to fire another round to scare him off when James Cagle said, "You hit him!" I said, "Good!" I thought they were messing with me. James said, "No, you really hit him!" I ran down the road to the neighbor's house pounding on the door to call 911. I told them I shot Thomas and I think I killed him. I ran back to our house and in shock, started CPR until the police and medical arrived. I had shot out the back door at Thomas 2 weeks prior to that day after he beat me up and he stayed gone for 2 weeks.

Application for Commutation of Sentence (attachment Question #3)

Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

I am requesting commutation because it is my prayer to show accountability, maturity, and rehabilitation to earn a second chance outside of prison. I am, and have developed into the woman I was created to be. I am a changed person who values life and always striving to be the best person within my community that I can be. I have stayed involved as an active participant and leader in my community, a valued worker, a self help group participant and facilitator, and a model citizen in prison with many productive talents. I am a role model and I have committed myself to living a life of service and rehabilitation. I have remained disciplinary-free my entire time of incarceration and I currently live in the Honor Dorm. It is my prayer to be afforded the opportunity to serve the outside community and give of myself in the same way. I live a life of love and integrity, truly living a life of amends to Thomas, so that his death will not be in vain.

As a battered woman and a first-time offender, I was sentenced to 15 years to Life for second degree murder, and 25 years to life for a gun enhancement; a total of 40 years to life. I have no prior criminal history. Other than my offense, I have never been a dangerous or angry person.

At the time of my trial in 1999, I don't feel the general public knew enough about Battered Women's Syndrome, which is now recognized as Intimate Partner Battering and its effects. At my trial I had many witnesses testify to the abuse, they saw Thomas hitting me and I was always seen with bruises and marks on my face, arms and body. I had an expert witness on Battered Women's Syndrome – Linda Barnard, PhD, and a defense attorney, Kirk McAllister. The jury, to my recollection, understood clearly that I was in a toxic and abusive relationship; but they did not receive clear and thorough information on the mental condition of women in battering relationships and why women stay. At the time of my arrest I didn't know anything about Battered Women's Syndrome or understand how I allowed this relationship to get out of control, nor did I understand why I stayed. Today, I understand why. I took advantage of every bit of self help and rehabilitation I could so that I could change and heal. I learned and understand why I was the way I was during my relationship with Thomas, who I was before my relationship with Thomas; and who I am now.

I was not able to represent myself well before the jury or the court answering the questions as I was not mentally in my right mind. I was traumatized from the years of abuse, and that I killed my boyfriend and on trial for murder facing a life sentence. It has taken years of self help groups and therapy in prison for me to understand about battering and its effects and why women get into these types of relationships and stay.

I am totally responsible for murdering Thomas as it was my choice to stay in a dangerous relationship, and pick up the gun that day and fire it in his direction. I deserve to pay for my crime and for being responsible for taking a person's life. I deserve some sort of Life sentence. I should have to sit before the Board to have them determine whether I am sufficiently rehabilitated and longer a threat to anyone. I am requesting the mercy of you to lessen my Life sentence to afford me the opportunity to appear before the Board at an earlier date.

Application for Commutation of Sentence (attachment Question #4)

Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

I am asking to be granted a commutation based on my rehabilitation and the fact that I am not the person I used to be. I am a battered woman, a first-time offender with no prior criminal history, and I am asking for a lesser sentence to appear before the Board. I have grown into a responsible woman who is confident, trustworthy, and makes good and healthy decisions. I have remained a model inmate with no disciplinary infractions. I am accountable for my offense and have knowledge and insight into why I stayed in an unhealthy and dangerous relationship. I have healthy boundaries. I live a life of amends to Thomas and the many victims as a result of my crime by taking ownership of my crime and holding myself completely accountable. I live a life of amends by being a productive citizen and leader within the prison community; by continuing my self help, by facilitating self help groups and helping others through my experiences.

From the first month of my prison incarceration in 2000 I set out to get help in every area that I could find in prison to be the woman God intended me to be. In 2000, this prison had very limited self help groups so I placed my focus in education and completed Vocation Electronics and Vocation Office Services. In 2004, I went to work in the Law Library as a clerk, and from there I worked as a maintenance mechanic in Plant Operations where I learned to weld. In 2008, I started grief/trauma therapy with a psychiatrist, Ms. Heron, and many self help groups began opening up. I reached out to get help to heal, grow, and to find out what was wrong with me that caused me to stay in a relationship that I knew was unhealthy and dangerous. (Attached is an Index of Self Help Groups and Accomplishments) I became a better person who is healthy in mind, body and soul; not only for me, but for Thomas, my family and friends, Thomas' family and friends, and so many people who are also victims affected by my crime. I am a Peer Health Educator (Basic Infectious Disease) , a Comfort Care Volunteer for the women housed in the Skilled Nursing Facility; I am a certified Grief Counselor; I served as the Facility Chairperson, Executive Body Vice Chairperson and Chairperson for the Women's Advisory Council for a total of 8 years; and I served as the Secretary for the Long Termers' Organization for 6 years. I am currently the Clerk for the Community Resources Manager who oversees all self help groups, Inmate Leisure Time Activity Groups, Fundraisers and Staff Sponsors. I also serve as a liaison for both Honor Dorms. A major pivotal point in my life of insight and healing came in 2013 through the A.W.A.R.E Restorative Justice Program and Victim Impact Awareness Program. It was then I came to truly understand my responsibility in my crime and how my past connected to who I was at the time of my relationship with Thomas. I have remained dedicated to my self help and on the positive path of rehabilitation. I have facilitated self help groups throughout the institution regarding Helping Women Recover, Domestic Violence, A.W.A.R.E. Accountability and Restoration, and a series of self help groups and workshops pertaining to Attitudes, Behaviors, Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships, and Self-Esteem. I am currently facilitating Domestic Violence self help groups and workshops with a wonderful group of women.

I pray to be granted a commutation so I can appear before the Board at an earlier date to afford me the opportunity to show accountability, maturity, and rehabilitation so that I may have a second chance. I will continue my service to the outside community and believe I have a lot to offer others in need through my life experiences. I have included realistic parole plans and letters from a strong support system upon my release.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Claudell Earl Martin

In 1978, Claudell Martin was high and tried to reclaim a drug debt from Mitchell Cory. Mr. Martin and his wife confronted Mr. Cory at his home and shot and killed him. Either Mr. Martin or his wife then shot and killed Mr. Cory's girlfriend Carmen Daniels. On January 4, 1980, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Martin to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder.

Mr. Martin first tried drugs when he was in the third grade, and reported that he used a variety of drugs in the years before this crime. His parents sent him out of state to be raised by other family members, and he grew up surrounded by drug and alcohol abusers. Despite receiving a sentence that carried no possibility of parole, Mr. Martin stopped using drugs, devoted himself to self-improvement, and worked hard to become a role model for others in prison. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I live to give hope to those who can't find in themselves to press on. I want to show every young man, you don't have to make my mistake; use me as your example."

He has now been incarcerated for almost 40 years and is 63 years old. He has not been disciplined for misconduct since 2001 and has never been involved with gangs or violence in prison. He has been involved in his faith for many years and has participated in self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Anger Management. Mr. Martin could not read or write when he came to prison, but has since earned his GED and several vocational certifications. He currently works as a caregiver, providing services to elderly and infirm inmates. His correctional counselor reports that he is very respectful, has positive relationships with staff members, and works hard to care for his peers with disabilities. In the event of his release, Mr. Martin plans to live in transitional housing and support himself with his skills in upholstery and industrial drafting.

Mr. Martin had a serious drug addiction and committed a brutal crime. However, he has been sober and nonviolent for many years, and has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Claudell Martin to a total of 40 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

1. CLAUDELL EARL MARTIN,C-12285
2. R.J. DONOVAN,FAC-A, BLDG#5,CELL 210
3. 480 ALTA ROAD
4. SAN DIEGO,CA. 92179
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10. GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11. STATE CAPITOL
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13. CLAUDELL EARL MARTIN
14. petitioner
15. v.
16. JERRY BROWN,et,al
17. Governor /

CASE NO. _____
NOTICE OF PETITION AND
PETITION FOR CLEMENCY
PURSUANT TO § 4800

21. COMES NOW: Claudell Earl Martin, Notice is hereby given that
22. on April 3, 2015, or as soon thereafter the matter can be heard
23. by the Governor of the state of California. Petitioner Claudell Earl Martin
24. will move on the Governor's office with his Petition for "Clemency". The
25. Petition will base his Petition on the pleadings; declaration; and attached
26. documents in support, see Exhibits.

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1. DECLARATION OF CLAUDELL EARL MARTIN

2. I, Claudell Earl Martin, hereby declare:

3. That I am the Petitioner in the above-referenced matter pending before
4. Governor Jerry Brown, upon whom relief is being sought; That I am un-
5. represented by counsel herein and untrained in law, but hereby request
6. the Governor to grant either a hearing and/or find that based on the
7. records presented enough has been demonstrated to warrant commutation
8. of Petitioner sentence, as follow:

9. That Petitioner has requested that the District attorney for the county
10. of Los Angeles stipulate that Petitioner's sentence of life without the
11. possibility of parole, should be commuted; That Petitioner is a first
12. termmer, and inaccordance with CDCR §2817; Petitioner was considered for
13. "Clemency" in 1992. The decision at that hearing was that inmate Martin
14. had not done enough time, and so, he was denied and rescheduled to be
15. seen again in 1995. That I have participated in and/or completed various
16. self-help programs including, but not limited to, the following:

17. 1. Certificate of completion (Adult Basic Education II; Dated
18. 11-11-1985, Exhibit D.
19. 2. high school Equivalency Certificate; Dated 9-4-1985, Exhibit D.
20. 3. Certificate of vocational completion; Dated 10-11-1991, Exhibit D.
21. 4. Certificate of Achievement, (Upholstery) Dated 8-7-1997, Exhibit
22. D.
23. 5. Certificate of recognition (G.B.M.'S Addiction Cycle Class) Dated
24. 7-11-1991, Exhibit D.
25. 6. Certificate of Appreciation AA Fellowship (Alcoholics Anonymous
26. program, Date 7-20-1993, Exhibit D.
27. 7. Creative Conflict Resolutions, Date 12-1-2005, Ex.D
28. 8. DRB noted acknowledgment of positive rehabilitative efforts

1. 2007, and again in 2011. See, Ex.C.

2. That I have no current dangerousness or an unstable social history any
3. longer which would present my release (See, Ex. A-C).

4. That I understand the nature and magnitude of the offense I committed;
5. That I will spend the rest of my life in prison and outside of prison
6. demonstrating to young people, that though Christ all things are possi-
7. ble; thus, never give up on self.

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9. I, swear under penalty of perjury and the law of this state
10. of California that the information in declaration and petition
11. are true and correct and to the best of my knowledge.

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13. Date; April 3, 2015

Claudell Earl Martin
Signature

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1. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

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3. The Petitioner in these matters, on or about November 11, 1978,
4. was charged with two counts of murder within the meaning of P.C. § 187,
5. and those charges were later amended to include "special circumstance"
6. within the meaning of P.C. §190.2. Petitioner went to trial and was
7. found guilty on or about November 8, 1979. On or about January 4, 1980,
8. Petitioner was sentence to a term of 15 years to life, to run concurrent
9. with a sentence of life without the possibility of parole. Petitioner
10. then file a timely notice of appeal. The Appeal was filed and the result:
11. Judgment was affirmed on or about April 7, 1981. Petitioner then filed his
12. petition for review in the California State Supreme court; On or about
13. June 3, 1981, that court gave a post card denial. since that time Petiti-
14. oner has filed a few habeas corpus, but to no avail.

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16. PROSECUTION THEORY

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18. Prosecution's theory of the case, was that Petitioner and his wife
19. went to the victim's residence armed, and with the intent to get back his
20. stereo by any means necessary; that he and the victim cory had an argument
21. and that Petitioner shot Cory, Thus, that he or his wife also shot Carmen,
22. and that her killing was to silence her from telling about the killing of
23. Cory.

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25. DEFENSE CASE

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27. At the completion of the District Attorney's case in chief, Peti-
28. tioner proceeded with trial and presented his defense. on or about Novem-

1. ber 8, 1979, A judge in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles,
2. convicted Petitioner, count one second degree murder, and count two, first
3. degree murder with "special circumstance" On or about January 4, 1980, the
4. Honorable Gordon Ringer, Judge presiding, found Petitioner guilty of both
5. counts and sentence his to prison for the term of life without the possi-
6. bility of parole. (See, Abstract of Judgment, Ex. E.).

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DEPARTMENTAL HISTORY

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10. — Petitioner is a first term inmate, received into the California
11. Department of Correction and Rehabilitation on 1-15-1980. Petitioner has
12. now been incarcerated for thirty-five (35) years. The Departmental records
13. indicate Petitioner has shown amenable conduct. (See, supportive documents
14. Ex. A-D) These documents demonstrate Petitioner's "exemplary record.

15. In 1992, after approximately twelve years after being in prison,
16. Petitioner became eligible for "Clemency". A hearing was held by BPT Deputy
17. Commissioner Connolly; After review of all the factors, Commissioner Connolly
18. found that Petitioner had not did enough time for two murder; thus, that
19. an extraordinary rehabilitation was not present. However, Commissioner
20. Connolly and the panel, did find Petitioner showed remorse, and appeared
21. to have matured and improved. (See, Ex.A) Also, key evidence relied on at
22. that hearing was a Psychiatric report. Senior Psychiatrist Marjorie
23. Tavoularis, M.D.; stating: "this man appears to have matured a greate deal
24. during his years in prison. I assess his impulse control to be better than
25. average for this inmate population, and his potential for violence to be
26. below average for this inmate population. His programing was in order and
27. he is motivated by an internal drive rather than pleasing the external
28. environment. He is likely to maintain gains in the absence of prison
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1. walls. (See, Ex. B.). On or about 3-17-1992, Commissioner Connolly,
2. denied Petitioner to have the Governor to consider his case for "clemency"
3. and rescheduled Petitioner to reviewed again in three (3) years, which
4. would have been in 1995. However, in 1994, the then Governor Pete Wilson,
5. discontinued first termers' hearings under CDCR § 2817.

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REASONS FOR GRANTING CLEMENCY

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9. I, Claudell earl Martin, except full responsibility for all my
10. past wrong doings, especially the killing of Cory and Carmen. I under-
11. stand the hurt and pain I've caused their families and friends; Thus, that
12. no amount of rehabilitation can undue this. However, Petitioner Martin,
13. ask the Governor Jerry Brown, to keep in mind that when inmates are given
14. the sentence of life without the possibility of parole; The judge or jury
15. has found there are redeeming qualities, especially if the preson was as
16. young as Mr. Martin, was when he committed his crimes. Therefore, it is
17. understood that in some rare cases inmates like Mr. Martin, who have shown
18. considerable rehabilitation, and has never been given a second chance,
19. should be given that chance. California has always be a forgiving state.
20. However, Mr. Martin, believe very strongly the Governor has more to assure
21. himself about giving a second chance in this case. i.e. Martin, submit
22. his life is guided by the Holy Spirit, and that he is nothing without
23. Jesus Christ as the head of his life. I live to give hope to those who
24. can't find in themself to press on. I want to show every young man, you
25. don't have to make my mistake; use me as your example. I want to let them
26. know the resources I found available to me in puting my faith in Jesus
27. Christ. We as a society need to begin taking a good look at some of the
28. young men who have been there, and have now made those changes and want

1. to help young men make their life's better. I believe young mis-guided
2. youth can relate to my story and choose to make a change before it's
3. to late. I say to you Governor, Senior Psychiatrist Marjorie Tavoularis,
4. made it clear in her 1992, report; "that he is likely to maintain gains
5. in the absence of prison walls". Inmate Martin has demonstrated from 1992
6. until now, some twenty years later this is true, he can maintain long
7. term goals. The DRB, also commended him on once given the opportunity
8. to program on a level III yard; inmate Martin, maintained a positive
9. program and remain disciplinary free, and commended him on his rehabili-
10. tive efforts. (see, Ex. B-C)

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12. For the above reasons in this petition I pray
13. the Governor will consider and grant this peti-
14. tion for "clemency".

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17. Dated April 3, 2015

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Respectfully Submitted

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Claudell Earl Martin

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COM-2398-15

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name MARTIN		FIRST Name CLAUDELL	MIDDLE Name EARL
Date of Birth 54	Place of Birth ARKANSAS	Social Security Number	Prison Number C-12295

Current Residence

Address R. J. DONOVAN; FAC-A, Bldg#5, Cell 210		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. 480 ALTA ROAD	
City SAN DIEGO	State CALIFORNIA	Zip code 92179	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01
 Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome

Commutation of current sentence
 Compassionate Release

Pardon based upon innocence
 Other

Why are you requesting clemency? **I've servered 34 years. I received a clemency hearing in 1992, and denied only because I had not servered enough time. See, Attached Exhibits**

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense count(1) 2nd degree murder; Count(2) First degree murder			
Date of offense 11-8-1978	Date of conviction 1-4-80	Arresting agency 77 DIV.	County of conviction Los Angeles
Superior court case number A346910	Your trial attorney's name and address Fred Manaster	Sentence 15 years to life Life without Parole	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? none
Did you appeal your case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, appellate case number and status of case			

Prior Convictions: List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
10851 vc	1971	Los Angeles	none
Robbery 211 P.C.	1972	Los Angeles	Fine & Probation
Firing a gun in city limits	1974	Los Angeles	14 days
Under the influence	1976	Los Angeles	90 days
187 P.C.	11-8-78	Los Angeles	15 years to Life
190.2 (a)(3)	11-8-1978	Los Angeles	Life Without Parole

Current Attorney Information

Are you currently represented by an attorney? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number. <u>none</u>
First and last name:
Telephone number:
Address:

Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2

Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number. <u>none</u>
First and last name:
Telephone number:
Address:

**II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY**

Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

(Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.)

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency: <p align="center">N/A</p>
Your current physician's name:
Physician's address:
Physician's telephone number:
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

(Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.)

Give a brief account of your offense. <p align="center">N/A</p>
Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.
Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)
When were you discharged from probation or parole?
Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.
Why you are requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

N/A

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

N/A

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

N/A

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

N/A

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

See: Attached Petition and Exhibits in support.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

Direct Appeal and Habeas Corpus; Both in the state
and federal courts

III
NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of

LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804
(Name of county)

Claudell Earl Martin
(Applicant's signature)

4-3-2015
(Date)

IV
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Claudell Earl Martin
(Applicant's signature)

4-3-2015
(Date signed)

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR
CLEMENCY**

This Notice is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 4804

To the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County:

Please take notice that I, CLAUDELL EARL MARTIN, was
convicted of the crime of 187 P.C.; 190.2 (a)(3)
committed in the County of LOS ANGELES, State of California,
convicted on 1-4-1980 and sentenced to LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE

I will submit an application to the Governor of the State of California requesting a

- Pardon based upon rehabilitation
- Commutation of current sentence
- Pardon based upon innocence
- Compassionate release
- Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome

Other
If other, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN

CLAUDELL EARL MARTIN
Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED

Claudell Earl Martin
Applicant's Signature

Month, Day, Year

R. J. DONOVAN: FAC-A; BLDG#5; CELL 210; 480 ALTA ROAD;
Applicant's Street Address

SAN DIEGO, CA. 92179
Applicant's City, State, Zip Code

~~This Section to be Completed By District Attorney Only~~

State of California

County of _____ } SS.

I, _____ District Attorney of the County of _____
of _____, State of California, do hereby
acknowledge receipt of notice from _____ that
Name of Applicant
she/he intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon.

[Signed] _____
District Attorney of the County of _____

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Tyrone Mayorga

In March 2006, Tyrone Mayorga was 16 years old and a gang member. On March 18th, Mr. Mayorga and Alex Murillo confronted Francisco Neri regarding his gang affiliation. Mr. Mayorga and Mr. Murillo drew guns from their waistbands and shot Mr. Neri as he attempted to run away. Mr. Neri survived his injuries. On April 18, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Mayorga to 9 years for attempted murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement and a 2-year gang enhancement – a total term of 21 years.

Mr. Mayorga has been incarcerated for 12 years. He has committed himself to his rehabilitation through his immediate disassociation from gangs and his dedication to self-improvement. In his commutation application, Mr. Mayorga described how he has "reflected on my mistakes and wrong doings" and "learned from this experience." He wrote, "I know I will be a positive influence for the people in need. . . ." He told an investigator that he applied for a commutation because he has deep remorse for the victim and has much to offer as a productive member of society.

Since his incarceration, Mr. Mayorga has been disciplined for serious misconduct only once. He earned his GED and is currently taking college classes. He has completed vocational training in office services, welding, and carpentry. Mr. Mayorga participated in self-help programs, including Celebrate Recovery, Alternatives to Violence, and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. A sponsor of Criminal and Gangmembers Anonymous wrote that Mr. Mayorga "has effectively communicated with the group and has encouraged individuals to benefit from the steps. He has been a reliable person and his attitude and participation are commended." A staff member commended Mr. Mayorga for his attitude, stating that he, "gets along well with staff and inmates alike," and "has demonstrated initiative, responsibility, professionalism, and has proven himself to be an exceptional programmer." Mr. Mayorga has a plan for his life after being released from prison that includes guaranteed housing, therapy, and a scholarship to continue his education.

I acknowledge that Mr. Mayorga was an active participant in a very serious crime. However, he was only 16 years old at the time and vulnerable to the influence of gangs. Since that time, Mr. Mayorga has disavowed any gang association and focused on his rehabilitation. As a result, he has earned an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Tyrone Mayorga to make him immediately eligible for a parole hearing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name MAYORGA		FIRST Name TYRONE		MIDDLE Name JOSHUA	
Date of Birth [REDACTED] 89	Place of Birth Sylmar, CA.	Social Security Number [REDACTED]		Prison Number F8 9051	

Current Residence

Address 24 863 West Jayne Ave.		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. D3-224 UP	
City Coalinga	State CA.	Zip code 93210	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commutation of current sentence | <input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based upon innocence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome | <input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate Release | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Why are you requesting clemency?

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense Attempted murder 664-187			
Date of offense 3/18/06	Date of conviction 4/18/08	Arresting agency LAPD	County of conviction Los Angeles
Superior court case number LA-051929	Your trial attorney's name and address Sheri Lira Public Def - Van Nuys Court	Sentence 21 years	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? 2-9-2024
Did you appeal your case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, appellate case number and status of case N/A			

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Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.
(Name of county)

Tyrone Mayorga
(Applicant's signature)

05/09/10
(Date)

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Tyrone Mayorga
(Applicant's signature)

05/09/10
(Date signed)

Tyrone Mayorga
Application for Commutation

On March 18th, I Tyrone Mayorga was with my brother Derek Mayorga helping our Father Louis M. on a welding project of his in a home in Orange County, but in that morning the project site was closed so we headed back home. Back home after unloading some of my father's tools I went out to walk the dog as I do every morning.

Later that afternoon a friend comes by my home to ask me to hang out with a group of friends a block away. I told him yes and walked to my friends and hung outside his home. A little time later Alex Morillo came by and decided to stay for he was considered a friend, but a little older and drinking. A little time later I told all my friends I was going to head out to Leo's house for he was expecting me. Alex ask to tag along for he also new Leo, but ask me to wait for he needed to do something at home first, the came back moments later as we headed out to Leo's.

Half way to Leo's house Alex pulled me to a deserted street where I was threatened to hold a gun of his and to do what I was told by him for he also had another gun for himself. I grabbed the gun out of fear. We still headed to Leo's house until Alex saw one of his enemies. We walked where he saw the guy who's name is Francisco Neri. By the time we got there he was gone, when we were heading back Francisco Neri came out from a home and then Alex confronted him. Alex and Francisco were arguing and moments later Alex told me to shoot Francisco as he was pointing his gun towards me so I did out of fear. Francisco was shot one time in the buttocks and ran away to safety. Alex shot his gun as Francisco ran away. Moments later Alex told me to start walking. Couple blocks later we heard the police sirens Alex and I ran to a little street away from the main street, there he saw a dumpster where he stashed his gun and the one I carried. Moments later the police stopped us and arrested both of us and was taken to Francisco Neri to identify me and Alex.

I ask this request to be granted for a second chance in life. I was 16 years old when the crime was committed and felt so much guilt and remorse for what I have done. I reflected on my mistakes and wrong doings to positive deeds. I could say I've learned from this experience and made better one's for my future. I never got in trouble when I was in the halls, but worked my way to earning a GED and credits in a college program now in vocational welding in prison as I want to make it my career for the day I get out. I'm surrounded by positive people in my life that I love and care as I know I will be a positive influence for the people in need and for the future society.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ferrari Moody

On March 15, 2003, David Thomas, who was engaged to Ferrari Moody's mother, punched Mr. Moody's cousin during an altercation, and Mr. Moody told Mr. Thomas to stay away from his cousin. A short time later, Mr. Moody's mother told him that Mr. Thomas and two other men were looking for him and were armed. On March 16, 2003, Mr. Moody saw Mr. Thomas approaching his cousin and intervened, which started a fight. During the fight, Mr. Thomas punched Mr. Moody. Mr. Moody pulled out a revolver and shot Mr. Thomas in the calf and abdomen, killing him. On February 4, 2004, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Moody to 15 years to life for second degree murder and 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

In prison, Mr. Moody has dedicated his time and energy to self-improvement, avoiding any gang activity, furthering his education, and pursuing vocational training. He has never been disciplined for misconduct while incarcerated. He earned his GED, a business literacy certificate, and a diploma in Christian ministries. He has completed vocational training in addiction recovery counseling and office services. Mr. Moody participated in self-help programs, in a San Quentin News forum with prosecutors, and a forum with elected officials about public safety.

Mr. Moody has earned the respect of correctional staff. A correctional officer with 34 years of service wrote in 2017, "I can safely say this is a man of growth." Another wrote, "[I]t is clear that [Mr. Moody] takes full responsibility for these decisions and he understands the impact that his crimes have had on both his victims and the community." An additional correctional officer wrote, "I can personally bear witness that Inmate Moody is a changed man. . . . Inmate Moody has the skills needed to be a productive, beneficial and responsible citizen to society, and his family members if parole is granted." In 2017, a self-help sponsor wrote, "Mr. Ferrari Moody is a rare gem who has a lot of good work ahead of him when released."

Mr. Moody has been incarcerated for almost 15 years and told an investigator that he is not the same young man who was angry and fearful. He understands it is his social responsibility to give back and be a positive influence in his community. Mr. Moody has distinguished himself through his self-improvement and exemplary prison conduct. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Moody deserves an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ferrari Moody to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Ferrari Moody Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 82 Inmate ID: V-24989

Address: 1 Main st San Quentin Ca. 94974 Facility: CSP- San Quentin

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
187	3/16/2003	Los Angeles	15 yēars to: life
12022.53(d)	3/16/2003	Los Angeles	25 years to life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
(See Attachments)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
(See Attachments)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
(See Attachments)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Ferrari Moody declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Ferrari Moody
Applicant's Signature

11.21.17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Attachments

2. Response:

At the time of the crime, I (Ferrari Moody) was 20 years old, unable to manage my emotions, and unaware of the issues that caused me to feel insecure, powerless, worthless, and unloved. I grew up in a single parent home, and my mother was addicted to drugs, but being too young to understand her addiction, I attributed her frequent absenteeism to the men that I saw her with before falling asleep, only to wake up alone. I learned early how to alienate myself from having to feel those intense emotions, and my inability to skillfully process those emotions manifested on March 16, 2003, when I chose to shoot and kill Mr. David Thomas who was my mother's fiancé. David and I had a number of verbal altercations and the last one was on March 15, a day before I killed him. David beat my cousin Paul up over a card game (poker), later that night, Paul went to David's grandmother's house, armed with a gun, looking for him. When David was told that Paul was looking for him, he came to my house in the hopes to address Paul who wasn't there, and we got into a heated argument. My mother called me about an hour later and told me that David was riding around the neighborhood with two men armed with guns looking for me. I immediately called my friend Kenyon Vasser who gave me a .38 revolver, and that night I slept at a friend's house who stayed about seven houses from me. On March 16, 2003, (my friend) Brandon Black and I were watching T.V., when we decided to walk to the store for some goodies, which was about 10 houses away. I armed myself with the .38 revolver and we left the house. As I walked through the front gate, I saw David driving slowly towards us on the wrong side of the street. Suddenly, he stopped in front of my cousin Paul's house, left his truck double parked in the middle of the street and got out. Paul stood in the driveway, David walked towards Paul as he back paddled. Brandon and I approached, I yelled, "What's up man, why are you tripping?" David turned, walked towards me and stated, "This don't have nothing to do with you, I mess with your mother." I replied, "So what?" This is my family." Before I could finish the sentence, David punched me in the face and head. I drew the .38 and started firing. David turned and ran towards the front of the truck. I fired six shots, emptying the gun and then ran into my house. I put on a T-shirt and then ran and hid at another friend's house.

My Mother drove David to the hospital, where he underwent surgery. I shot David twice, one bullet grazed his calf and the other bullet lodged into his lower abdomen causing sever complications. David died about 2 ½ hours later.

I used the facts of David beating up my cousin, verbally threatening me, and punching me in the face, all as means to justify me victimizing him, but in reality, the truth of the matter is that, my choice to shoot and kill David on March 16, 2003 was only the physical manifestations of a choice that I had made in my mind and heart years before, that generated from hurt, fear, and envy. I was hurt because I felt like my mother chose him over me, I had a fear of being abandoned by her again, and I envied the relationship he had with her.

3. Response:

I am requesting a commutation of my sentence due to the changes in law set forth in sec.4801(a) of Senate Bill 261. Before SB-261, I didn't have this chance, so, I elected to enter this petition based on the work and improvements I've made in regards to my rehabilitation. Other factors that should be taken into consideration is that my trial Judge, the Honorable Judge Allen J. Webster voiced regret during my sentencing hearing for the fact that the law (at the time) obligated him to impose the 40yrs to life sentence, due to the gun enhancement and mandatory sentencing. He said he had to give me the sentence because his hands were tied by the law, but If I come to prison and did what I was supposed to do, I'd be home before I turn 40 yrs. old. To commute my sentence now would coincide with SB-620, which now gives judge's discretion not to impose gun enhancement terms. Currently I am eligible for youth parole in 2027, my minimum parole date is 2036, and my maximum parole date is 2043. I am a first term offender and I have had no violent criminal history before my current crime which has become the worst mistake of my life.

I'm approaching the 15th year of my incarceration, in which I haven't received any 115 rule violations. I have a god rapport with inmates of all races as well as staff, and I'm committed to being a productive and influential member of society. I've been given the privilege to be a part of the Graced-Out youth Ministry Program at San Quentin Garden Chapel. Graced-Out mentors young men both inside and outside of prison, offering the different resources, depending on their needs, giving them a better view of positive thinking, and helping them become better human beings. I've dedicated my life unto the service of others both inside and outside of prison. I'm currently n training to become a domestic

violence counselor and crisis intervention counselor. I repented, surrendered my life to God, through Christ Jesus, and was baptized, July 4th, 2004 at Calipatria state prison. I became a licensed Minister with the American Evangelical Churches in 2015, and I've been preaching, teaching, and most importantly living God's Word without compromise. I've also participated in various rehabilitation programs for 9 years. I've obtained my high school equivalence certificate (G.E.D. 2008), a certificate of Business Literacy (Palo Verde College, 2010), a CLD-Diploma in Ministry (Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, 2013), a CLD-Diploma in Theology (Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, 2015), and I am currently (6) six units from obtaining an Associate's Degree in Business (CoastLine Community College). I've completed and obtained training in the Office Services and related Technology program Level 1-3 which taught me Job Preparation, and knowledge of utilizing computer software such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and Access. My current vocation is in Building Apartment Maintenance where I'm learning Construction; Distance Measurement; Leveling; Placing Concrete; Masonry; Roofing; Exterior Finishing; Electrical; Pipe Fitting, and Vent Systems. I've also completed various Self-Help groups such as G.R.I.P. (Guiding Rage into Power), an offender accountability program which has taught me emotional intelligence, awareness of my sensations, feelings, thoughts, and actions in the midst of conflict which allows me to make informed decisions and respond to situations maturely, rather than making an impulsive reaction. G.R.I.P. also has helped me to identify both the causative and contributing factors that lead to my prior criminal thinking, and negative behavior, by revisiting traumatic events from my past, recognizing how those events have shaped me, and how to deal with the triggers that cause emotions to surface from those painful events. I've also completed groups such as V.O.E.G. (Victims Offender Education Group), and No More Tears, which made me aware of the impact and the ripple affect that my negative behavior had, not only on David and his family, but on society as a whole. I've completed A.R.C. (Addiction Recovery Counseling), C.G.A. (Criminal and Gang Anonymous), NA/AA, Criminon, Life Cycle, Anger Management and Conflict Resolution, Project Choice, Kairos, Malachi Dads, the Positive Parenting Program, and I'm determined to take all that I'm learning from this experience and give back, in order to strengthen community ties, increase public safety, and be of service unto others.

4. Response:

Granting me a commutation would not only be safe in regards to public safety, it would also be a benefit to the community where I return. My rehabilitation has gone beyond correcting the negative beliefs and behaviors of my youth when I made the decision to shot and kill David Thomas. I'm not the

same fearful, confused, angry young man who based his worth upon outward esteem, but today, I'm a totally different person with new healthy beliefs, values, and principals that are conducive to building and maintaining the moral structure of society. My spiritual principals and foundation has shaped my character in such a way that not only changed my behavior, but also changed my heart. So not only do I now have the ability to love instead of hate, forgive instead of resent, be humble instead of proud, selfless instead of selfish, faithful instead of faithless, but I've also developed the willingness and openness to allow people with similar characteristics to teach my how to identify and remedy the character defects that led me to victimize and hurt people. It is safe to commute my sentence because I now have the tools that will ensure and help keep me from committing another crime. I've developed the ability to manage and regulate my emotions in ways that are helpful for myself and beneficial for others. I now have the capability to control my anger which affords me the ability to respond instead of react in the midst of conflict or challenging situations. I'm committed to being a productive member of society and I'm deeply aware of the factors that caused and contributed to my criminal thinking and behavior, and I'm dedicated to employing the psychological, social, and emotional tools that I've learned and developed in order to neutralize that thinking and those behaviors.

The commutation is also safe because not only am I deeply sorry for murdering David Thomas, but I vow to live the rest of my days making amends and redeeming David's death through my actions and lifestyle. Because of my selfishness, I violated David's God given right to live and I robbed him of the chance to maximize his potential on earth. His possibilities to love, learn, grow, to succeed in life, to witness his six children and all those who he loved celebrate special moments, were cut short because of me, and David didn't deserve to be shot dead in the streets.

I deprived his kids Mother, Andrea McCarey, his parents Mr. and Mrs Jackson, his biological father Johnny Ray, each of his kids, his siblings, and all of his family members and friends of the chance for advancement in life with someone who meant the world to them, and I can only imagine the pain and trauma caused by the stupidity of my senseless actions upon all those effected. Because of me, so many lives were forever changed, and possibly ruined. My decision to shoot and kill David stays at the forefront of my mind, and it motivates me to live on purpose daily, while never losing sight of the preciousness of life again.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Quincy Darnell Robertson

On December 27, 1998, Quincy Robertson heard a noise outside his apartment, retrieved his handgun, and went outside to investigate. Mr. Robertson saw Rick Harris and Khinde Riley taking the hubcaps off his car and fired shots at them. As Mr. Harris and Mr. Riley fled, Mr. Robertson fired several more shots, hitting Mr. Harris in the foot and Mr. Riley in the back of the head, killing him. On May 17, 2001, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Robertson to 15 years to life for second degree murder and 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

Judge Julie Conger, who presided over Mr. Robertson's trial, "wholeheartedly" recommended clemency for Mr. Robertson. She wrote that Mr. Robertson's case haunted her because she felt that he received an unjust sentence and "shot the would-be burglars in a moment of panic and fear for his family's safety." Judge Conger noted that "the inherent inflexibility in the law can lead to terribly unfair results in particular cases," and that "correcting the inequity that was done by commuting Mr. Robertson's sentence is the state's last chance to bring about substantive justice in Mr. Robertson's case." She urged clemency as an "opportunity to show mercy to Mr. Robertson, and, through mercy, mend an awful tear in the fabric of our criminal justice system."

Mr. Robertson has accepted responsibility for his actions and expressed remorse. Prior to this incident, Mr. Robertson had no criminal history, and he has not been disciplined for any serious misconduct in almost two decades of incarceration. He has avoided gangs, drugs, and violence in prison. Mr. Robertson has earned above-average to exceptional work ratings from his supervisors. A correctional supervisor commended Mr. Robertson in 2017 on his work ethic and stated that he "has demonstrated nothing but pure respect and class to all the staff and his fellow workers." Another correctional supervisor praised Mr. Robertson's work ethic and attitude, noting that if released, Mr. Robertson "would bring a positive impact to society." A correctional officer wrote in 2017 that he believed Mr. Robertson would serve as a positive mentor for the youth of Oakland if paroled.

For all the foregoing reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Robertson's sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Quincy Robertson to 19 years.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name Robertson		FIRST Name Quincy		MIDDLE Name	
Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1973	Place of Birth Oakland	Social Security Number [REDACTED]	Prison Number T-18261		

Current Residence

Address San Quentin State Prison		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc.
City San Quentin	State California	Zip code 94964

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

- Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01
 Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
 Commutation of current sentence
 Compassionate Release
 Pardon based upon innocence
 Other

Why are you requesting clemency?

See attached application.

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense Second Degree Felony Murder			
Date of offense 12/27/1998	Date of conviction 5/17/2001	Arresting agency Oakland Police	County of conviction Alameda
Superior court case number C135605	Your trial attorney's name and address Lorne Brown, 1017 Miller Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94708	Sentence 40 years - life	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any?
Did you appeal your case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, appellate case number and status of case A095055 - Affirmed, after grant of review by California Supreme Court			

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:
Your current physician's name:
Physician's address:
Physician's telephone number:
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Give a brief account of your offense.
Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.
Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)
When were you discharged from probation or parole?
Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.
Why you are requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

See attached application.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

Habeas petition, California Supreme Court - S172768

Habeas Petition - Northern California Federal District Court C05-3101 PJH; 10-cv-02633 PJH; Ninth Circuit 08-15173; 16-15075

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Alameda County: Please take notice that I, Quincy Robertson,
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was convicted of the crime of second degree felony murder,

committed in Alameda County, California, on the date of Dec. 27, 1998.

RECEIVED

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Quincy Robertson
Applicant's Signature

8-14-17
Date

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, David Cook for the, District Attorney of the County of Alameda,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Quincy Robertson,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Date

9-20-17

[Signature]

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICATION OF QUINCY DARNELL ROBERTSON FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Quincy Robertson hereby applies, through counsel, pursuant to California Penal Code section 4800 and Section 8, Article 5 of the California Constitution, for the Governor to grant him executive clemency as to the prison term he is currently serving and to commute his sentence to 18 years imprisonment, which would result in his immediate release from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Mr. Robertson's CDCR number is T-18261 and his date of birth is [REDACTED] 1973. He is presently housed at San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, California, 94964. Mr. Robertson is serving a sentence of 40 years to life imprisonment. The following Memorandum includes all of the information required on the Application for Commutation of Sentence form published by the Governor's Office.

INTRODUCTION

The issues presented to us, a federal court of appeals, are in essence state issues. The facts show a law-abiding person converted into a felon in a few moments of provoked anger and excitement. We cannot change the facts or alter the law. I can and do express regret at the rigor of the law. (Judge John T. Noonan, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in the court's decision denying Mr. Robertson's federal habeas petition.)

Nearly nineteen years ago, Mr. Robertson emerged from his home in East Oakland, in which his wife and young two daughters and were sleeping, in the middle of a foggy night, to confront four men who were burglarizing his car that was parked in the driveway adjacent to his home. When one of the men turned toward Robertson while holding a screwdriver in his hand, Robertson fired a burst of gunshots. One of the would-be burglars, Mr. Kehinde Riley, was hit in the head and killed, while another, Mr. Ricky Harris, was hit in the foot. Mr. Harris was later killed in an unrelated shooting.

As Judge Noonan recognized, Mr. Robertson committed his crime in a instant of fear and provocation. The penalty imposed on him for his offense is simply too severe. Mr. Robertson therefore asks that the Governor exercise his authority to correct the injustice of Mr. Robertson's sentence.

Mr. Robertson was sentenced to 40 years to life imprisonment on May 17, 2001. His conviction was based on a theory of criminal liability - second degree felony murder based on the negligent discharge of a gun - that is no longer valid under California law. Simply stated, the jury instructions given at Mr. Robertson's trial were wrong and resulted in his being erroneously convicted of murder. Mr. Robertson submits that the crime he actually committed was voluntary manslaughter and that his life sentence for that crime is far in excess of what is justified in his case.

Mr. Robertson has served nearly 19 years in prison (Mr. Robertson was held in custody prior to trial and was arrested on December 28, 1998).

To put the sentence Mr. Robertson has already served into perspective, had Mr. Robertson been convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to the aggravated term of 11 years, Mr. Robertson would have completed his term of imprisonment in the spring of 2008.

THE APPLICABLE LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The Governor has plenary constitutional power to grant clemency, subject only to "application procedures provided by statute." (Cal. Const., art. V, § 8, subd. (a).) The constitutional executive clemency power traces back to English common law. (*People v. Bowen* (1872) 43 Cal. 439, 442.)

Executive clemency is an ad hoc "act of grace" that may be granted for any reason without reference to any standards. (See *Solem v. Helm* (1983) 463 U.S. 277, 300-01; *In re Rosenkrantz* (2002) 29 Cal.4th 616, 663; *People v. Blocker* (2010) 190 Cal.App. 4th 438, 443.) *Solem* held the possibility of commutation under South Dakota law did not save a life sentence without possibility of parole from being cruel and unusual punishment. The high court distinguished a prior case where there had been a possibility of parole. "As a matter of law, parole and commutation are different concepts, despite some surface similarities. Parole is a regular part of the rehabilitative process. Assuming good behavior, it is the normal expectation in the vast majority of cases. The law generally specifies when a prisoner will be eligible to be considered for parole, and details the standards and procedures applicable at that time. [Citations.]. ... Commutation, on the other hand, is an ad hoc exercise

of executive clemency. A governor may commute a sentence at any time for any reason without reference to any standards.” (*Solem, supra*, 463 U.S. at 300-301, internal citations omitted.)

As a result, “the governor, on conditions the governor deems proper, may grant a reprieve, pardon, and commutation,” subject to specified exceptions. (Cal. Const., art. V, § 8, subd. (a).)

MR. ROBERTSON’S HISTORY

As the letters from his family and friends explain far better than counsel ever could, Mr. Robertson was raised in a close-knit family that continues to support Mr. Robertson to this day. At the time of his arrest Mr. Robertson helped care for his mother and several extended family members, in addition to his wife and their two young daughters. Mr. Robertson is a loving and caring parent who was deeply involved in his daughters’ care, as well as his entire extended family’s well being. Should Mr. Robertson be released, he will return to a rock-solid web of family support.

Mr. Robertson was born and raised in East Oakland. Despite having grown up in a crime-ridden environment, Mr. Robertson had never been arrested until the offense for which he is imprisoned.

As a young man, Mr. Robertson was a good student who played several sports and participated in the Oakland Boys’ and Girls’ Club and several other youth groups. Mr. Robertson also began working at a very young age in order to help his mother raise not only his siblings, but also two nephews who came under the care of Mr. Robertson’s mother, Geneva Williams, when they were very young.

Mr. Robertson began dating his wife, Michelle, when they were 16. They were married soon after high school and had two daughters, Quinisha (who is now 25) and Quinne’ (who is now 19). After he started his young family, Mr. Robertson secured a full-time job as a postal worker at the Oakland main branch of the U.S. Postal Service. Mr. Robertson was still employed with the Postal Service when he was arrested.

Tragically, Mr. Robertson’s wife Michelle was killed on a car accident

on August 28, 2016 (Mr. Robertson applied for, but was denied a pass to attend his family's service for his wife). Mr. Robertson's mother, Geneva Williams, is now 76 and suffering from several issues with her health.

Through his 19 years of incarceration, Mr. Robertson has been a model prisoner. He has not become involved in gangs or criminal activity inside the prison and he has no disciplinary history. He has participated in several ongoing counseling groups and has undergone vocational training. Submitted with this application are not only some of Mr. Robertson's recent work and counseling records from CDCR, but also several letters from correctional guards and staff recommending that Mr. Robertson be released. These letters describe Mr. Robertson as "respectful" and "positive", and exhibiting "integrity" and "exceptional" work ethic and behavior during his time in custody.

At the time of the offense for which Mr. Robertson was convicted, though he had never been involved in committing a crime, he had been a victim of several violent crimes. Mr. Robertson was seriously injured on March 26, 1998, as a result of a gunshot. He was a passenger in a car driven by his nephew, which was involved in a minor traffic incident. His nephew and the driver of the other car got into a verbal argument, during which someone in the other car pulled out a gun. Mr. Robertson was shot as he attempted to push his nephew out of danger. After this incident, and living in a neighborhood in which it seemed everyone had a gun, Mr. Robertson unfortunately decided he also needed a gun to protect himself and his family.

THE OFFENSE

Nine months after he was shot, on the night of December 27, 1998, Mr. Robertson was in his home with his wife and children when he heard noises outside his window. Thinking that someone was trying to break in, he went out on his porch, carrying the firearm. He was frightened and thought he may need to protect himself and his family.

After coming out of his house, Mr. Robertson saw young men by his car, which was parked just outside his home. Kehinde Riley, Ricky Harris, Bradley Gentry, and Lamont Benton had parked their car on 99th Avenue Court in Oakland. Riley and Harris got out of the car, and began to steal the hubcaps from Mr. Robertson's car. Mr. Robertson fired shots from his porch to scare

them away from his house. Mr. Harris was shot in the foot; Mr. Riley was shot in the back of the head and killed.

Immediately after the shooting, Mr Robertson went back into his house, put his gun away, and sat down to wait for the police. When they arrived, Mr Robertson admitted he had done the shooting and was arrested. He was transported to the Oakland Police Department where he waived his *Miranda* rights and was interviewed by the police, including DA Investigator Louis Landini, who has submitted a letter in support of Mr Robertson's release. According to Mr Landini, Mr Robertson was quite distraught during his confession. Mr Robertson admitted shooting toward the men who were at his car, but indicated he was attempting to scare them away from his home, not kill them.

On the day the shooting occurred, Mr. Robertson was 25 years old. He is now 43.

MR. ROBERTSON'S TRIAL AND THE EFFECT OF THE IMPROPER JURY INSTRUCTION

At Mr. Robertson's trial, at the prosecutor's request, the jury was instructed they could find Mr. Robertson guilty under the second degree felony murder doctrine as defined in CALJIC No. 8.32, predicated upon the felony defined in Penal Code section 243.6 (grossly negligent discharge of a firearm), which would alleviate the necessity of finding malice necessary for a murder conviction. The California Supreme Court has now admitted it was wrong for the trial court to instruct the jury on the felony murder rule theory.

During summation, the prosecutor repeatedly told the jury they did not need to decide whether malice was proven beyond a reasonable doubt, all that was required to return a verdict of guilty on the murder charge was to find Mr. Robertson guilty of the crime of grossly negligent discharge of a firearm. This argument allowed the jury to put aside Mr. Robertson's defense that he had an honest belief in the need to defend himself and his family. Had the jury been properly instructed, it is not only reasonably probable, but almost a certainty, the jury would have found Mr. Robertson not guilty of murder.

The evidence at trial indicated Mr. Robertson, who had been the victim

of several recent violent, crimes including being shot following a minor traffic accident (*see* Excerpts of Reporter's Transcript, submitted with this application and cited as "ER", at 936-938), fired wildly in the direction of three men who were stealing Mr. Robertson's car, which was parked directly in front of his house. Mr. Robertson apparently began shooting from the front porch of the house and then proceeded to the street while still firing. At the scene of the shooting, the police found casing from Mr. Robertson's gun on his front porch, at the foot of the stairs to his porch, and on the street immediately in front of Mr. Robertson's house. (*See* ER at 194-195, 578, 629-630, 634, 648.) The police also located bullet holes in the windshield of Mr. Robertson's car, two feet above the ground in a camper parked across the street from Mr. Robertson's house, in a tree branch seven feet off the ground and ten feet from the camper, and eight feet above ground in the wall of an adjacent house on 99th Avenue. (*See* ER 205-207, 635-639, 705-706, 667-668.)

According to his post-arrest statement, Mr. Robertson believed the men might try to enter his house, and fired his gun in the air with the intention of scaring the men away. (*See* *People v. Chun* (2009) 45 Cal.4th 1172, 1193 ("As we later summarized, '[t]he defendant in *Robertson* claimed he fired into the air, in order to frighten away several men who were burglarizing his car.'")); *see also* *People v. Robertson* (2004) 34 Cal.4th 156, 178 (Kennard, J., dissenting) (Justice Kennard noting that "defendant's claimed objective [was] to scare the victim.")). In his taped statement to the police, Mr. Robertson indicated he fired his gun after one of the would-be robbers spun to face him when he yelled from the front porch of his house. (*See* People's Exhibit 37A; *see also* ER 546.)

In his recorded post-arrest statement, Mr. Robertson told the officers, "[t]hey looked, they looked at me kind of like they was gonna do something. Then that's when I shot in the air. . . . My heart was beating too fast. I didn't know what they were gonna do." (ER 1336.) Elaborating on what he thought when he saw the men in his driveway around his car, Mr. Robertson told the officers, "I don't know. I can't really say because all I saw is somebody looking at me like they was gonna come back and try and do something to me. . . I don't know what they was doing or what they was carrying." (ER 1336.) Mr. Robertson also told the officers he was afraid because "I've been shot before, I know how it feel. I didn't know if I was gonna live or die." (ER 1335.)

During deliberations, the jury asked to listen to both of Mr. Robertson's taped statements to the police. (*See* ER 1458.)

At trial, Dr. Robert Kaufman testified as an expert that Mr. Robertson was, at the time of the shooting, suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. (ER 1082-1085.) Dr. Kaufman testified that Mr. Robertson's condition rendered him excessively fearful and easily aroused and agitated. (ER 1089-1090, 1113-1114, 1263, 1272-1273.) In Dr. Kaufman's opinion, Mr. Robertson's condition likely caused him to react impulsively to perceived threats, with compromised judgement and without much forethought. (ER 1264.) As the Federal District Court acknowledged, at trial the prosecution conceded that Mr. Robertson's PTSD "could contribute to whether Robertson had an honest belief in the need for self-defense. RT 1400." (ER 27; *see also* ER 1320.)

Several of the people who knew Mr Robertson at the time and have submitted letters of support also noted the change in Mr, Robertson's demeanor - his fearfulness and wariness - in the months after Mr. Robertson was shot.

At Mr. Robertson's trial, the jury was instructed with second degree felony murder predicated on the crime of grossly negligent discharge of a firearm (CALJIC No. 8.32), second degree murder (CALJIC No. 8.30), and implied malice second degree murder (CALJIC 8.31). Mr. Robertson's defense was that he harbored no malice, either express or implied, in that he acted in an honest belief in the need for self-defense and that he acted in the heat of passion. An honest, but unreasonable belief in self defense and/or acting in the heat of passion negates malice, express or implied, needed for a conviction of second degree murder.

In closing argument, the prosecutor told the jury to ignore the element of malice. Recognizing that the jury would not find beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Robertson harbored the element of malice necessary for a murder conviction, the district attorney told the jury that they need not bother to determine whether or not Mr. Robertson harbored malice, as all the jury needed to do was follow the instructions on second degree felony-murder and find Mr. Robertson guilty of murder because he was guilty of the crime of grossly negligent discharge of a firearm. The district attorney told the jury:

If the defendant intentionally commits a dangerous felony and a human being dies as a result of that felony that's second degree murder. *Intentionally, unintentionally or accidentally, it doesn't matter. If he commits a dangerous felony and someone dies as a result of it it's second degree murder. Discharging a gun in a reckless manner is second degree murder - - is a reckless felony.*

So even if you believe the defendant's statement, even if you believe him that he discharged that gun up in the air, second degree murder. *There's no way around it. There's no way around it. It's second degree murder because the dangerous felony was intentionally committed.* Believe his statement. Go ahead. He fired that gun up in the air. That is a grossly negligent discharge of a gun. Instruction 9.03. Even if you believe his statement - - because Kehinde Riley died as a result of that dangerous action, Kehinde Riley is dead as a result of the defendant firing that gun intentionally firing that gun. So even if you believe his testimony, Ladies and Gentlemen, second degree felony murder.

(ER 1305 (emphasis added).)

Later in his argument, the prosecutor told the jury:

Even if you actually believe that the defendant had an honest belief that he was - - his life was threatened right then and there when he shot that gun, even if you believe that you don't get around recklessly discharging that firearm and killing somebody. *You still get felony murder.* When he recklessly discharged that gun as they were running away from him, Kehinde Riley died, you still get second degree murder. *There's no way around this fourth theory. There really isn't.*

(ER 1316 [emphasis added].)

In his rebuttal argument, the prosecutor again argued the felony-murder theory:

The best way to figure out what the defendant was thinking is the defendant himself and we have that in the statements. We see what he's saying, we see what he's thinking. We hear that he intentionally fired the gun. Even if you believe it was fired up in the air he still intentionally fired that gun and someone died. Kehinde Riley died as a result of it and that is murder.

(ER 1363.)

During deliberations, the jurors asked the court if they could see "the definition boards which define murder, manslaughter, malice, used by the DA in his closing arguments." (ER 1378.) The court refused to give the jury the visual aids the prosecution had used and instead referred the jury to the court's instructions. (*Id.*)

The jury began deliberations on January 25, 2001. On February 1, juror number 7 approached the court and asked to be excused from the jury. Juror 7 told the court, "[i]t's real heated in there ... It's just too much stress." (ER 1382.) There was no real dispute as to the fact that Mr. Robertson fired numerous shots, resulting in the death of Mr. Riley. The only issue the jury could have considered for six days was Mr. Robertson's state of mind when he fired the gun.

On February 7, 2001, the jury returned verdicts finding Mr. Robertson guilty of second degree murder and assault with a firearm, and finding true the allegation of personal use of a firearm. On May 17, 2001, Mr. Robertson was sentenced to 40 years to life in prison.

POST-TRIAL PROCEEDINGS AND ADMISSION OF ERROR BY THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT

It has now been 13 years since the California Supreme Court affirmed Mr. Robertson's conviction in a decision the court has now admitted it decided wrongly, and more than 9 years since California's high court acknowledged its mistake in deciding Mr. Robertson's appeal, but denied Mr. Robertson relief.

Mr.. Robertson's conviction was first affirmed by the California Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Four, in a published opinion filed

on June 30, 2003. The appellate court found it was error to give second degree felony-murder instructions predicated on a violation of Penal Code section 246.3, grossly negligent discharge of a firearm, but found the error harmless. *People v. Robertson* (2003) 109 Cal.App.4th 1740.)

The California Supreme Court granted review on the issue of whether the crime of grossly negligent discharge of a firearm could be the basis for a second degree felony-murder conviction. On August 19, 2004, the California Supreme Court affirmed Mr. Robertson's conviction, holding that when a defendant has no intent to commit an assault, but instead has a "collateral purpose" for discharging the firearm, the merger doctrine will not bar a second degree felony-murder instruction based on the underlying crime of discharging a firearm in a grossly negligent manner. (*People v. Robertson, supra*, 34 Cal.4th 156.) The court affirmed the conviction, stating that because Mr. Robertson's asserted underlying purpose was to frighten away the young men who were burglarizing his automobile, and not to kill them, the discharge of the firearm was undertaken with a purpose collateral to the resulting homicide, rendering the challenged instruction permissible.

Dissenting from the court's opinion affirming Mr. Robertson's conviction, Justice Werdegar warned that the second degree felony murder rule, as then formulated, created an unacceptable potential for unjust results:

The anomalies created when assaultive conduct is used as the predicate for a second degree felony-murder theory are too stark and potentially too productive of injustice to be written off as "characteristic of the second degree felony-murder rule in general". It simply cannot be the law that a defendant who shot the victim with the intent to kill or injure, but can show he or she acted in unreasonable self-defense, may be convicted of only voluntary manslaughter, whereas a defendant who shot only to scare the victim is precluded from raising that partial defense and is strictly liable as a murderer. (*Robertson, supra*, 34 Cal.4th at 185.)

Justice Kennard, also dissenting from the affirmation of Mr. Robertson's conviction, described in considerable detail how the felony murder rule as applied to in Mr, Robertson's case could lead to absurd results. (See

Robertson, 34 Cal.4th at 182-183.) Justice Kennard noted Mr. Robertson “would have been better off had he testified to firing at the victim intending to hit him, because then the second degree felony-murder rule would not apply . . . the majority has twisted traditional concepts of criminal law. After today’s decision, prosecutors will try to obtain murder convictions by arguing that defendants lacked an intent to kill, while defense attorneys, to prevent their clients from being convicted of murder, will be compelled to argue that their clients intended to kill.” (*Robertson, supra*, 34 Cal.4th at 180-181.)

Justice Brown succinctly lamented in her own dissent, “Why? What purpose does the second degree felony-murder rule serve that justifies the fitful and erratic course of our jurisprudence?” (*Robertson, supra*, 34 Cal.4th at 189.)

Following the California Supreme Court’s decision, Mr. Robertson filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. (*Robertson v. Runnels*, No. C05-3101 PJH.) The district court denied the petition on January 3, 2008, concluding claims that a state court error interpreting the elements of a state offense are not cognizable on federal habeas review.

Mr. Robertson appealed, and on February 2, 2009, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the decision of the district court. (*Robertson v. Runnels*, case No. 08-15173.)

Shortly thereafter, on March 30, 2009, the California Supreme Court decided *People v. Chun, supra*, 45 Cal.4th 1172, in which the state court again sought to clarify the contours of California’s second degree felony-murder law, and, as the Court admitted, correct its past errors in interpreting the rule. The *Chun* court explained that decisions that followed the ruling in Quincy Robertson’s case had brought “into sharp focus the anomaly that we noted in *Robertson* and accepted as inherent in the second degree felony-murder rule,” which was “questionable for the reasons discussed in the [dissents] in *Robertson*.” (*Chun, supra*, 45 Cal.4th at 1197.) The court then held, “[i]n light of these problems, we conclude we need to reconsider our merger doctrine jurisprudence. As Justice Werdegar observed in her dissenting opinion in *Robertson*, ‘sometimes consistency must yield to a better understanding of the developing law.’” (*Id.* at 1198.) The *Chun* court also stated that “the majority and dissent agreed on one thing - that the current state of the law regarding

merger is ‘muddled.’ We agree that the scope and application of the merger doctrine as applied to second degree murder needs to be reconsidered.” (*Id.* at 1189.) In other words, the Court acknowledged it needed to apply the law more equitably, in order to attain more just results.

The Court explained that its reason for re-interpreting California’s felony murder rule was to avoid the “absurd” and unjust results that could occur under the courts prior version of the rule enunciated in *Robertson*:

To avoid the anomaly of putting a person who merely intends to frighten the victim in a worse legal position than the person who actually intended to shoot at the victim, and the difficult question of whether and how the jury should decide questions of merger, we need to reconsider our holdings in *Robertson, supra*, 34 Cal.4th 156 . . . When the underlying felony is assaultive in nature, such as a violation of section 246 or 246.3, we now conclude that the felony merges with the homicide and cannot be the basis of a felony-murder instruction. (*Chun*, 45 Cal.4th at 1200.)

The *Chun* court went on to expressly reverse its decision in Mr. Robertson’s appeal. In so doing, the court adopted much of the briefing submitted by Robertson in his appellate briefs and acknowledged that the prior versions of the rule had caused unacceptable outcomes in the criminal justice system. The *Chun* decision noted, “[w]e overrule *People v. Robertson, supra*, 34 Cal.4th 156, and the reasoning, although not the result, of *People v. Randle* (2005) 35 Cal.4th 987.” (*Chun, supra*, 45 Cal.4th at 1201.)

Following the California Supreme Court’s decision in *Chun*, on May 8, 2009, Mr. Robertson filed in that court a petition for a writ of habeas corpus (Cal. Supreme Ct. No. S172768) in which he alleged that in light of the holding in *Chun*, his conviction violated his federal constitutional rights to due process, a fair trial, and trial by jury. The California Supreme Court denied the petition without reasoning in a “postcard denial,” on October 14, 2009.

On December 23, 2010, Mr. Robertson filed a second habeas petition in the Ninth Circuit. On December 16, 2016, the court denied the petition and noted: “no federal law prevents the California Supreme Court from deciding

that *Chun* states the correct interpretation of a statute now, while a different interpretation controlled when Robertson's conviction became final.” (*Robertson v. Walker* (9th Cir. 2016) 673 Fed. Appx. 681.)

THE GOVERNOR SHOULD COMMUTE MR. ROBERTSON’S SENTENCE BOTH BECAUSE MR. ROBERTSON’S PUNISHMENT DOES NOT FIT HIS CRIME, AND BECAUSE MR. ROBERTSON NEEDS NO FURTHER REHABILITATION

Mr. Robertson submits that while it might be true that no legal rule prevents the courts from changing the felony murder rule to a more just version, while at the same time refusing to correct a past injustice done to Mr. Robertson under the old rule, a fair criminal justice system would take action to correct such a mistake.

One of the primary reasons the executive’s clemency power is secured in the Constitution is assure that there is a forum of last resort for the correction of unjust sentences that are, unfortunately, an unavoidable part of our criminal court system. “Executive clemency exists to provide relief from harshness or mistake in the judicial system, and is therefore vested in an authority other than the courts.” (*Ohio Adult Parole Authority v. Woodard* (1998) 523 U.S. 272, 284.) Mr. Robertson’s sentence is just the sort of harsh mistake that warrants correction by the Governor.

The court’s erroneous jury instructions essentially destroyed what should have been Mr. Robertson’s defense to the murder charge. More importantly, it deprived the jury, as well as the trial court¹, of an opportunity to convict Mr. Robertson of an appropriate crime and impose a reasonable punishment for the acts Mr. Robertson committed. Robertson’s heat of passion and imperfect self-defense defenses were the key to his case. As Judge Noonan found, Mr. Robertson fired the shots “in a few moments of provoked anger and excitement.” The felony murder instruction deprived Mr. Robertson of these defenses and directed the jury to find him guilty regardless of whether he was provoked or honestly feared for his or his family’s safety.

¹ Unfortunately, the trial court had no discretion under the applicable statutes, Penal Code section 198 and 12022.53, to sentence Mr. Robertson to anything but 40 years to life.

Mr. Robertson's sentence does not reflect the seriousness of his offense; it punishes Mr. Robertson far more than is necessary or fair. As the Supreme Court noted in *Chun*, the alleged purpose of the felony murder rule is to deter "felons" from committing inherently dangerous crimes. (See *Chun, supra*, 45 Cal.4th at 1198.) Mr. Robertson was no felon, and he certainly was not committing some other dangerous crime - such as robbery or kidnaping - when he caused the death of Kehinde Riley. Instead, he was sitting in his home with his family, in possession of a gun he lawfully purchased for self-defense after he was victimized in a violent crime.

Just as importantly, the sentence on Mr. Robertson no longer serves any real purpose. Mr. Robertson has been a model prisoner. He has fully participated in every therapeutic and vocational program the CDCR has to offer him and has been successful in every respect. He clearly cannot be "helped" any further as he has been fully rehabilitated, and likely was some time ago.²

There is similarly no reason to incapacitate Mr. Robertson for public safety purposes. His crime was an aberration in his otherwise law-abiding life. He acted in a moment of irrationality brought about by fear, not anger. Most importantly, he has never shown any propensity for violence either before or after that brief moment 19 years ago. If he were to be released, there is no chance Mr. Robertson will offend again.

Finally, while Mr. Robertson clearly serves no public good in prison, if released he will be able to help several people who are in dire need. His mother and daughters, who have supported him throughout his incarceration are now in need to help from Mr. Robertson. His is now the only parent of Quincee' and Quinisha, and his mother's health is beginning to fade. Mr. Robertson would be of great help and comfort to his family, if given the opportunity to repay them for their love and support. He prays that the Governor will see his way clear to give allow him a chance to begin giving back to his family.

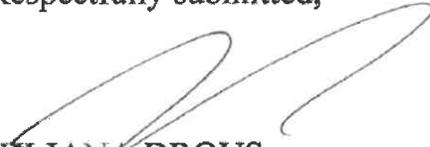
CONCLUSION

As the result of an outdated, widely criticized penal law, Mr. Robertson

² Mr. Robertson's exemplary record in prison appears quite similar to that of former inmate Luis Calderon, who received executive clemency in 2016.

was given a sentence that was far out of line with his conduct. As the courts have not seen fit to correct their mistake, the Government should do so. Commuting Mr. Robertson's sentence would see that substantive justice is done, and would return to society a man that is fully rehabilitated and ready to return to being the positive, hard working, loving family man he has always been.

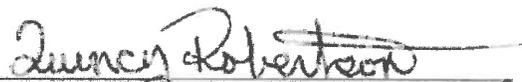
Respectfully submitted,



JULIANA DROUS
Attorney
QUINCY ROBERTSON

VERIFICATION

I, Quincy Robertson, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me. Executed this 24 day of August, 2017, at San Quentin, California.


QUINCY ROBERTSON

STATEMENT OF COMPENSATION

I, Juliana Drous, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, pursuant to California Penal Code sections 4807.2 and 4807.3, that I have been paid no fee in connection with this application, and no person who has provided Mr. Robertson a letter of support has been paid any fee or provided any consideration in connection to this application.

Dated: September 18, 2017.



JULIANA DROUS

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Aurelio Sanchez

In September 1983, Aurelio Sanchez participated in the kidnapping of his former employer, Jack Lee. Mr. Lee escaped while in transit and suffered injuries to his head, leg, and chest, including a broken nose. On February 15, 1985, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Sanchez to life without the possibility of parole for kidnapping for ransom with substantial bodily harm.

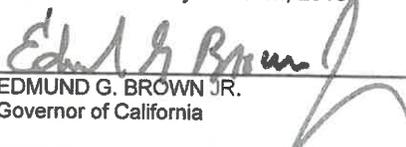
Mr. Sanchez has been incarcerated for over 34 years and is 67 years old. Mr. Sanchez has not been disciplined for any misconduct in prison for almost 15 years, and an investigation by the Board of Parole Hearings revealed that Mr. Sanchez is programming well. Mr. Sanchez was unable to read or write when he arrived in prison. Since then, he has successfully worked to better himself. He furthered his education through English as a Second Language courses and earned above-average work ratings. An English as a Second Language instructor wrote, "He is a very positive student who always stays on task and puts efforts into his classroom assignments." In 2017, a supervisor noted that Mr. Sanchez is a reliable and hard worker who always takes on new responsibilities without being told to do so. Mr. Sanchez participated in self-help programs and resided on the Progressive Programming Facility at Lancaster State Prison for many years.

Mr. Sanchez was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for his role in this kidnapping. He has programmed well in almost 35 years of incarceration and has avoided gangs, drugs, and violence for well over a decade. For all of these reasons, Mr. Sanchez should have an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Aurelio Sanchez to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State

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This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.
Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name SANCHEZ		FIRST Name AURELIO		MIDDLE Name FIGUEROA	
Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1950	Place of Birth MEXICO	Social Security Number NONE	Prison Number D-02166		

Current Residence

Address P.O. BOX 4430, FAB1-238		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. N/A	
City LANCASTER	State CALIFORNIA	Zip code 93539	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01
 Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome

Commutation of current sentence
 Compassionate Release

Pardon based upon innocence
 Other

Why are you requesting clemency? **(1) I have been incarcerated for over (30) successive years. (2) I am (65) years old. (3) I do not pose a threat to public safety.**

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense **PC 209(A); 12022(A), KIDNAPPING OF A PERSON.**

Date of offense OCTOBER 14, 1983	Date of conviction AUGUST 27, 1984	Arresting agency LAPD	County of conviction LOS ANGELES
Superior court case number A395505	Your trial attorney's name and address WILBUR F. LITTLEFIELD (Public Defender).	Sentence Life without possibility of parole (LWOP)	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? N/A

Did you appeal your case? Yes No

If yes, appellate case number and status of case **Court of Appeal No. B011671; Cal. Supreme Court No. S028801/and S044855; United States District Court No. CV93-410/and CV86-6740; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals No. 93-56345. AFFIRMED.**

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY

Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency.
Your current physician's name:
Physician's address:
Physician's telephone number:
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Give a brief account of your offense.
Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.
Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you.)
When were you discharged from probation or parole?
Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.
What would you request in pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency. (1) I have been incarcerated for over (30) successive years. (2) I am (65) years old. (3) I do not pose a threat to public safety.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

Yes, I have appealed my case and have exhausted my appellate remedies.

My conviction has been affirmed by the courts.

III
NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county in connection, written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney **before** you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of

LOS ANGELES

with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.

(Name of county)

Aurelio Sanchez
(Applicant's signature)

5/28/015
(Date)

IV
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Aurelio Sanchez
(Applicant's signature)

5/28/015
(Date signed)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

This Notice is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 4804

To the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County
County of Conviction

Please take notice that I, AURELIO FIGUEROA SANCHEZ was
Full Name - First, Middle and Last
convicted of the crime of PC 209(A); 12022(A), Kidnapping of a Person.
Give offense and Penal Code section
committed in the County of LOS ANGELES, State of California,
County of Conviction
convicted on 8/29/1984 and sentenced to Life without possibility of parole + 3 years.
Date of conviction Sentence

I will submit an application to the Governor of the State of California requesting a

- Pardon based upon rehabilitation
- XXX Commutation of current sentence
- Pardon based upon innocence
- Compassionate release
- Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
- Other
If other, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN

AURELIO FIGUEROA SANCHEZ
Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED

Aurelio Sanchez
Applicant's Signature

Month, Day, Year

P.O. BOX 4430,

Applicant's Street Address

LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA 93539

Applicant's City, State, Zip Code

This Section to be Completed By District Attorney Only

State of California

County of _____ } SS.

I, _____ District Attorney of the County of _____
of _____, State of California, do hereby
acknowledge receipt of notice from _____ (that
Name of Applicant
he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon

[Signed] _____

District Attorney of the County of _____

DATE:

5/28/15

COMMENTARY

I, petitioner, AURELIO FIGUEROA SANCHEZ, willfully accept responsibility for my actions which lead to my incarceration and sentence of Life Without the Possibility of Parole.

I also willfully announce my remorse and contriteness for my actions committed against the victim in my case (Mr. Ching Lee), I apologize to him, I ask for his forgiveness.

I apologize to the citizenry of the state of California for my actions and for the social disruption that I caused within our society. I have spent the last (30) years making amends for my social mistakes, and at this elderly stage of my life I have achieved understanding, compassion, and love for my fellow Humanity. During the course of my incarceration I have committed myself to social, academic, and psychological rehabilitation. I have made continuous progress with my life which is verifiable through my post-conviction prison record.

- * I have been incarcerated for over (30) successive years, literally half of my life.
- * I am now (65) years old. I have accumulated health problems that continue to worsen due to my advancing age.
- * The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has recently evaluated my case factors through their validated California Static Risk Assessment (CSRA) system, and have determined that I pose a "LOW RISK to public safety and are less likely to reoffend," (see attached supporting document).

I submit this application for Commutation of my sentence to the current Governor of the state of California, Mr. Edmond G. Brown Jr., respectfully requesting that my current sentence be Commutated to a Lesser Life With the Possibility of Parole sentence in the interest of Justice. Thank you. May God's grace be upon you.

Aurelio Figueroa Sanchez
Aurelio Figueroa Sanchez
CDCR# D-02166

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Oliver Thomas

Oliver Thomas worked as a security guard for a bank for about a month. Mr. Thomas and his brother decided to commit a robbery at the bank. On November 8, 1991, Mr. Thomas and his brother went to the bank. Mr. Thomas remained in the car as his brother went around the corner and confronted Donald Lee, a man who regularly made large cash withdrawals. Mr. Lee and Mr. Thomas' brother exchanged gunfire; Mr. Lee was shot in the abdomen and died at the scene. On December 22, 1993, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Thomas to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus a one-year firearm enhancement.

In his application for a commutation, Mr. Thomas wrote about his rehabilitative efforts and said, "Daily, I regret my actions on November 8, 1991, and daily I pray for Mr. Lee's family." He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that at the time of the crime, he was "struggling for direction and understanding," but that now he has matured and developed the skills he needs to support himself if released. He explained that in prison, he has dedicated himself to self-improvement and focused on giving back to society:

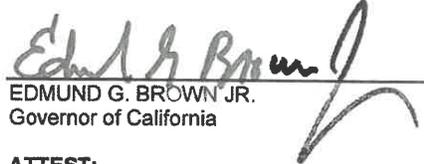
Mr. Thomas has now been incarcerated for 26 years. During that time, he has only been disciplined once for misconduct. Although his sentence offered him no hope of release from prison, he has avoided drugs and stayed away from gangs. Mr. Thomas earned his GED, receives positive ratings from his supervisors, and has learned marketable skills through his work assignments. For several years, he has participated in a program that trains rescue dogs; he was recently commended by the organization's director and an associate warden for his work as a leader mentoring other inmates in the program. They wrote that Mr. Thomas "is to be commended for his exceptional efforts and dedication to this worthy and vital program." He has lived on an honor yard for years.

Mr. Thomas participated in a tragic crime, but since then he has been a model inmate – he has never been violent and has avoided drugs and gangs. He has earned a chance to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.

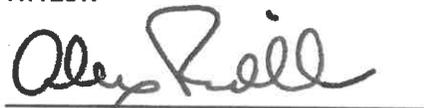
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Oliver Thomas to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Oliver Thomas 302 Date of Birth: [Redacted] 66 Social Security Number: _____

Address: Post Office Box 4430 Lancaster, CA 93539

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<i>M Battery</i>	<i>4-16-1991</i>	<i>Los Angeles</i>	<i>Discipline</i>
<i>First Degree Murder</i>		<i>Los Angeles</i>	<i>LWOP</i>
<i>Robbery</i>		<i>Los Angeles</i>	<i>5 yrs</i>

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting commutation of the first degree murder special circumstance, life without the possibility of parole sentence. I worked at a bank and planned a summer robbery of the bank with my brother and his friend. On 11-8-1991, I approached the bank and looked in. I felt the bank was too full, so I went back to the

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

① There was never supposed to be any guns used and I didn't know about the victim Mober and my brother being armed. ② The only reason I received a LWOP sentence, is I refused a 16 to life deal and chose to go to trial. At the time that the D.A. offered me the 16 to life deal, I felt that my actions

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

① The DA offered a 16 to life deal to me before trial and felt that was the sentence that I deserved. ② The only reason that I received a LWOP sentence, is because I exercised my constitutional right to have a trial.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Mr. Oliver Thomas 3rd declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles County with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Mr. Oliver Thomas 3rd
Applicant's Signature

March 30, 2017
Date

N/A
*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Mr. Oliver Thomas,

was convicted of the crime of Murder - Robbery,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of Nov. 8, 1991.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one)

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: J-07413.

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APPELLATE DIVISION

Mr. Oliver Thomas
Applicant's Signature

March 30, 2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Woff HD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Oliver Thomas,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Woff

Date 4/20/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Continued Question Two

car and told my brother and his friend, that the bank was too full. My brother wanted to check for himself. While myself and the driver stayed in the car parked down the street, my brother approached the bank and decided to rob the first person, who came out the bank. An argument occurred, and both men pulled out guns and shot at each other. Both were shot, Mikee died because of his injuries. I did not know either man was illegally armed with a weapon. We planned to rob the bank with a note; demanding money. My brother ran down the street and turned the corner and got into the car. We drove off.

Continued Question Three

although criminal, could not and would not, cause any harm to anyone. I didn't plan a armed robbery and I didn't know about any guns. Also, no one ever testified, that I did, nor did the D.A. present any evidence during the trial, that I had known or could have known about my brother or victim being armed. I felt that I was guilty of robbery and a involuntary manslaughter. I didn't know, that the trial judge would refuse my request for lower included offenses.

Continued Question Four

③ This is my first time in prison ④ An LWOP sentence is for someone who has committed the most heinous crime(s) and society believes can not be rehabilitated; I did not directly commit the robbery

of murder, I was down the street and around the corner sitting in the back seat of the getaway car, when the robbery-murder occurred and not in a position to stop it. ⑤ I have spent over 25 years in prison, and only have one minor write-up [Ex. 1]. ⑥ I've earned several certificates [Ex. 2] and I've earned my G.E.D. [Ex. 3] and I'm one of the founding members of PAWS FOR LIFE here on the Progressive Programming Facility yard. I've dedicated over two years and counting of my life rehabilitating and training dogs, for they can be easily adopted to a forever home. otherwise, they would be put to sleep. [Ex. 4]. This has not only allowed me to give back to society, but also in the process, set a foundation for CDCR to assist in thousands of other inmates to be rehabilitated, save dogs and give a loving living creature to society. Through this program, we give back to the society, that we've taken so much from.

Daily, I regret my actions on 11-8-1991 and daily I pray for Mr. Lee's family. I'm not asking for my immediately release, I'm asking you to not give up on me and not to turn your back on me. I will continue to take the self-help classes to better myself. Please give me a chance for parole.

I thank you for your time.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Kiilu Washington

In 1988, 18-year-old Kiilu Washington and two friends attempted to rob Jeffrey Love. While his crime partners were inside Mr. Love's home, Mr. Washington held Mr. Love's 16-year-old girlfriend, Krisnia Hubbard, outside at gunpoint. After hearing someone fire shots, Mr. Washington shot Ms. Hubbard multiple times, then fled. Ms. Hubbard survived but suffered serious injuries. One of Mr. Washington's friends, Wayne Puckett, was shot and killed by Mr. Love. On October 12, 1990, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Washington to life without the possibility of parole plus 5 years for kidnapping for ransom, attempted robbery, and a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Washington has now been incarcerated for almost three decades and is 47 years old. Mr. Washington has shown that he is willing to work hard to transform his life and help those around him. He has not been disciplined for any misconduct in over 15 years, and has turned away from drugs and gang activity. He earned above-average to exceptional work ratings, and participated in self-help programs including Anger Management, Alternatives to Violence, and Men for Honor. Mr. Washington's wife and friends are prepared to provide him with housing, help finding employment, and assistance as he transitions back into the community.

Mr. Washington also earned commendations from multiple correctional staff members who interact with him on a regular basis. One correctional officer reported that Mr. Washington "has stood out as a positive role model for the inmate population...He should be commended for his efforts to rehabilitate." In 2015, an associate warden praised Mr. Washington's positive attitude and wrote, "It is my belief that if Washington is given a chance to return to society, he would be a positive contributing member and a good addition to any community." One correctional lieutenant who has known Mr. Washington for 15 years noted, "Over the years I have witnessed Washington become a positive individual who mentors other inmates to not fall victim to prison culture or the gang culture in prison. Washington consistently demonstrates how to program not only by his words but also by his actions...In the event Washington is granted parole it would be my privilege and honor to have Washington live in my community or even be my neighbor."

Although he is serving a sentence that gave him no hope of release from prison, Mr. Washington has dedicated himself to rehabilitation and has worked hard to set a positive example for his peers. I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kiilu Washington to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Kiilu Washington Date of Birth: 1970 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
Address: Kiilu Washington (E-73618); Cal. State Prison, Los Angeles County; PO Box 8457/ Lancaster, CA 93539-8457

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Larceny	7/9/81	Los Angeles	Counseled and Released
Attempted burglary	4/20/88	Los Angeles	Juvenile Jurisdiction Terminated

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached memo.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached memo.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached memo.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Charles Carbone, Esq.; Law Office of Charles Carbone; PO Box 2809, San Francisco, CA 94126; Paid: \$ 3,500

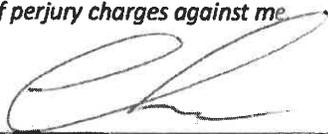
STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Charles Carbone, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

10/23/13

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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13 In re Kiilu Washington

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19 **I. Introduction**

20 Petitioner Kiilu Washington has been incarcerated since 1988 for crimes he committed during a
21 failed attempt to rob a drug dealer. He was just 45 days past his 18th birthday when he committed the
22 crime, and he was sentenced to serve life without any chance at parole. During his 25 years in prison,
23 Washington turned his life around. At least 11 employees of the Department of Corrections and
24 Rehabilitation wrote chronos praising his character and supporting his release. He asks that the
25 Governor commute his sentence to 25 years to life so that he may earn his release through the Parole
26 Board.
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1 **II. Criminal conviction**

2 The facts of the offense come from the Court of Appeal's opinion dated July 1, 1992, which is
3 attached as Exhibit A.

4 Washington's convictions stem from a misguided and tragic attempt to rob a drug dealer, Jeffrey
5 Love, of his drugs and money on November 3, 1988. Love was at a bowling alley with his girlfriend,
6 Krishna Hubbard, when someone paged him. He called and learned that someone wanted to buy \$1,500
7 of cocaine. Love obtained the cocaine and went to the arranged meeting place, but the buyer never
8 arrived, so Love and Hubbard headed home.

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10 On the way, Love received another page, so he stopped at his parent's house to return the call.
11 No one answered the door, so Love left Hubbard at the side of the house while he went to find a pay
12 phone. As Love made the call, Washington and his two friends arrived and pointed handguns at Love,
13 threatening to kill him unless he gave them money and drugs. After some argument, Love finally
14 claimed that he had money and drugs at his parents' house.

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16 When they arrived at Love's parents' house, they found Hubbard, who was still waiting for
17 Love's return. Washington grabbed Hubbard by the arm and took her to his car.

18 Meanwhile, Love and one of the robbers walked into Love's parents' house (the parents were
19 home this time) where Love told the robber to wait in the living room while he got the money. But Love
20 did not get any money—he got a revolver, returned to the living room, and shot the robber in the chest
21 and head. Love then went outside where he exchanged gunshots with Washington and Washington's
22 friend.
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24 As Washington would later explain to his step-mother, when he heard gunshots from inside the
25 house, he did not know what to do and shot Hubbard. She survived but was badly injured. About two
26 months after the crimes, Washington's step-mother turned him over to the police when she learned what
27 he did.
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1 Washington was convicted of kidnapping for the purpose of extracting property and with
2 inflicting great bodily harm, attempted second-degree robbery, and willful, deliberate, and premeditated
3 attempted murder. He was sentenced to life without parole, plus a concurrent life term, plus three years.
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5 **III. Laudatory chronos from prison staff demonstrating good behavior and rehabilitation.**

6 **A. Many prison employees believe that Washington is ready for release and would**
7 **welcome Washington as a neighbor.**

8 Remarkably, 11 employees of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation—including two
9 Associate Wardens—wrote laudatory chronos essentially recommending Washington’s release. Several
10 wrote that they would welcome having Washington as a neighbor.

11 The two associate wardens, L. Parker and C.L. Wofford, praised Washington for his
12 accomplishments and added, “I believe if Washington were to be released he would not only maintain
13 his positive attitude, but also strive to continue bettering himself.” (Ex. B at 4.) Each of the associate
14 warden has known Washington for at least several years, with L. Parker knowing him for about 10
15 years. (*Id.*)

16 A Correctional Captain, T.L. Cromwell, has known Washington for 13 years and believes that
17 “whenever Washington is released he would maintain his positive attitude and become a productive
18 member of society.” (*Id.* at 7.)

19 Lieutenant D.J. Williams believes that Washington will be “a successful and productive
20 member, not only to his family but to society as well.” (*Id.* at 7.)

21 Correctional Officer M. Bennett believes that Washington’s “positive attitude and work ethic”
22 will let him “flourish upon his release.” (*Id.* at 9.) Bennett has 20 years of experience as a correctional
23 officer, and notes that “Washington has such a strong and positive moral character, I would be more
24 than comfortable if he was my next door neighbor or paroled to my community.” (*Id.* at 16.)

25 Speaking directly about Washington’s effect on public safety, correctional officers B. Wilkerson
26 and J. Robbins believe that Washington “would not pose an unreasonable risk to society, and would
27 successfully adapt to changes within society since his incarceration.” (*Id.* at 10.)
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1 Another Correctional Officer, J.P. Middleton, has 30 years of experience in corrections and a
2 Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science, so he is adept at discerning which inmates maintain their
3 criminal dispositions and which are rehabilitated. (*Id.* at 12.) Middleton has known Washington for 13
4 years and is convinced of his improvements: "Washington has matured and grown into a self aware,
5 responsible man that is ready to be a productive member of society." (*Id.*) If Washington were released,
6 Mr. Moore "would be *honored* to have him as [a] neighbor or a member of [his] immediate
7 community." (*Id.* (emphasis added).)

8 Lieutenant C. Campbell III echoed what Middleton said about being Washington's neighbor: "I
9 commend Washington on his transition and believe that if released he would pose no threat to society.
10 In fact, it would be my pleasure to have Washington as a neighbor." (*Id.* at 13.)

11 R. Esparza is a correctional officer who has known Washington for 10 years. (*Id.* at 14.)
12 Esparza thinks that Washington will be a productive member of society and "an asset to any
13 community that he was a part of." (*Id.*) Washington would be welcomed if paroled to Esparza's
14 community. (*Id.*)

15 Correctional Officer A. Melendrez added to the consensus, writing that Washington would be a
16 productive member of society and would be welcomed as a neighbor. (*Id.* at 15.)

17 These people—all prison staff and long-time correctional workers—are not fooled by inmates
18 playing the straight man. The reason these people support Washington's release is because they have
19 seen him grow and, as the next section shows, actively rehabilitate himself.

20 **B. Chronos praising Washington's active rehabilitation and personal growth**

21 There is no shortage of prison staffers willing to praise Washington's rehabilitative efforts and
22 successes. Associate Warden Parker commended the "tremendous strides [Washington] has made to
23 better himself, along with the noticeable changes he has made in his life, which [are] evident in his day-
24 to-day activities." (Ex. B at 4.) The phrase "tremendous strides" appears in several of the laudatory
25 chronos, including from Associate Warden Wofford (*id.* at 4), Officer Wilkerson (*id.* at 10), Officer
26 Cromwell (*id.* at 7), and Lieutenant Williams (*id.* at 7, although noting only "strides"). Officer
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1 Cromwell added that Washington is a “respectful, mature person who demonstrates a positive attitude
2 towards staff and inmates alike.” (*Id.* at 7.)

3 Officer Lee has known Washington for 10 years and reports “noticeable changes in his attitude
4 and life [that are] evident in the way he carries himself.” (*Id.* at 6.)

5 Lieutenant Hughes, who has known Washington for 12 years, has seen a “transformation” in
6 Washington from a person involved in crime to a “responsible man that carries himself in a respectful
7 manner as well as adhering to the rules and regulations of the department of corrections.” (*Id.* at 11.)

8 Sergeant Williams, who has known Washington for 10 years, “watched Washington grow from a
9 person still trying to discover who he is, to the responsible hard working man he has become.” (*Id.* at
10 11.) Further, Williams added that Washington “has overwhelmingly demonstrated consistency in the
11 betterment of himself in the pursuit of positive career goals relevant to becoming a productive member
12 of society.” (*Id.*)

13 Over 13 years, Lieutenant Middleton has seen Washington “mature[] and grow[] into a self
14 aware, responsible man that is ready to be a productive member of society.” (*Id.* at 12.)

15 Similar comments come from Lieutenant Campbell, a 26-year veteran of CDCR who knows
16 whether an inmate remains immersed in prison politics or has reformed. (*Id.* at 13.) Campbell places
17 Washington in the latter category: “I have observed Washington turn his life around.” (*Id.*) Washington
18 “has become a positive role model.” (*Id.*) Campbell notes that Washington counsels new inmates and
19 advises them to attend education and rehabilitation courses. (*Id.*) He has also seen Washington counsel
20 at-risk youth to deter them from crime. (*Id.*)

21 Like other prison staff, Correctional Officer Esparza has known Washington for 10 years and
22 praised “Washington’s growth into a positive, mature, respectful person that communicates well with
23 staff and inmates alike.” (*Id.* at 14.) In Esparza’s “professional opinion,” Washington has used available
24 programming to “rehabilitate himself.” (*Id.*)

25 Officer Bennet also reports that Washington “is now a rehabilitated man,” in light of his change
26 in attitude and behavior and use of the system in a positive way. (*Id.* at 16.) Bennett reports that
27 Washington has a “strong and positive moral character.” (*Id.*)
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1 **IV. Washington's certificates, prison work, and self-help programming**

2 Washington's rehabilitative programming earned him several certificates and even more
3 laudatory chronos from prison staff.

4 In 1997, the Universal Life Church awarded a certificate to Washington for completing the
5 Credentials of Ministry. (Ex. C at 1.) A program called Crimion gave Washington certificates in 1997
6 for completing two courses: The Way to Happiness, and The Learning Improvement Extension Course.
7 (*Id.* at 2-3.)

8 The Crossroad Bible Institute in 2004 gave Washington a certificate of achievement for the
9 course, Great Truths of the Bible. (*Id.* at 4.) The Institute gave Washington another certificate in 2006
10 for the course, Ten Men You Should Know. (*Id.* at 6.)

11 In 2005, Washington received a certificate from the Corrections Learning Network for taking the
12 course, Success From the Inside Out, *Transition: Life Skills, Anger Management.* (*Id.* at 5.)

13 Washington took a course in Parenting Education during 2008 and earned a certificate for his
14 effort. (*Id.* at 7.)

15 Finally, the Department of Corrections, CSP-Corcoran, gave Washington a certificate of
16 appreciation for his service on the Men's Advisory Council. (*Id.* at 8.)

17 As for chronos, several prison staff members commended Washington's self-help programming.
18 He earned chronos for participating in Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. (Ex. B at 1-
19 2.) He earned two for completing business courses. (Ex. B at 8, 18.) Officer Melendrez praised
20 Washington for taking advantage of several educational programs, including a Parenting Class, Business
21 Class, Pure Education Program, Malachi Dads/Men Program, and the American Cancer Society's Relay
22 for Life Walk-a-Thon. (*Id.* at 15.)

23 **V. Washington's personal statement**

24 Washington wrote a paper called, My Talk, in which he explains his feelings about being in
25 prison and rehabilitating himself. It is attached as pages 1 and 2 of Exhibit D.

26 Washington explains that when he was sentenced, 25 years ago as an 18-year-old, he was "a lost
27 male that had no direction in life." (Ex. D at 1.) He didn't care about his life or anyone else. (*Id.*) He
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1 looked up to drug dealers, hustlers, and gangsters as role models. (*Id.*) He lacked a positive male role
2 model and eventually started robbing, selling drugs, and doing what he felt necessary to feed and clothe
3 himself. (*Id.*) Nevertheless, Washington blames himself, not his circumstances, for his bad choices. (*Id.*)

4 Washington describes that he felt numb when sentenced to life without parole. (*Id.*) He felt
5 angry about being told that he was beyond redemption. He dove into the prison lifestyle that involved
6 fighting and rebelling against authority. (*Id.*) During several terms in Administrative Segregation and
7 the Security Housing Unit, he began to reflect on his life. (*Id.*)

8 In 2004, Washington decided to change his life. He forgave himself and turned his negative
9 feelings into self-acceptance and love. (*Id.*) He cut out negative influences and eventually learned that
10 his own positive behavior would naturally repel negative influences. (*Id.* at 1-2.) He actively practiced
11 loving people around him. (*Id.*)

12 At first, expressing his love made him uncomfortable because he had never been so emotionally
13 vulnerable before. (*Id.* at 2.) But he started liking his new self and turned his life around. (*Id.*)

14 Now, Washington's goal is to help others avoid falling into a life of crime and prison. (*Id.*) He
15 realizes how much his friends and family have suffered due to his confinement and wants to spare other
16 families that pain. (*Id.*)

17 **VI. Washington's parole plans and community support**

18 Even though Washington has no pending parole date or realistic chance of release, he has plans
19 to succeed in society. (Ex. D at 3-4.) He divided his parole plans into 7 steps. First, accepting that he
20 needs a healthy living environment to aid his transition to free society; his wife Crystal Chavez-
21 Washington will provide that environment. (*Id.* at 3.) Second, obtaining the necessary official
22 documents (driver's license, social security card, etc.) necessary to get a job. (*Id.*) Third, finding support
23 programs such as AA, NA, or other programs that aid in self-reflection. (*Id.*) Fourth, frequently
24 communicating with his parole officer and following the officer's directions. Washington will also
25 surround himself with positive, supporting people. (*Id.* at 4.) Fifth, acting deliberately, meaning thinking
26 through each situation before deciding on a course of conduct. (*Id.*) Sixth, actively pursue job offers
27 and, if he does not have a job within 30 days of his release, seeking help from his parole officer. (*Id.*)
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1 Finally, reconnecting with his family and give back to the community through charity work, especially
2 by aiding his wife with the charity work that she regularly does. (*Id.*)

3 People outside of prison are ready to give Washington any necessary support. An organization
4 called 2nd Call, Second Chance at Loving Life, offered to help Washington develop additional job skills
5 and let Washington participate in weekly group meetings with potential employers. (Ex. E (support
6 letters) at 1.)

7 Washington's friend Dr. Shannon Sims, a professor at El Camino College in Los Angeles,
8 describes seeing Washington's personal growth and development into a man of character. (*Id.* at 2.) She
9 has personally seen Washington's positive attitude and offers to "personally take responsibility for
10 [Washington] to become active in [her] church, as well as in the community." (*Id.*) Sims also offered to
11 provide Washington with transportation to and from any job he gets, as well any other support. (*Id.*)

12 Washington's wife, Crystal Chavez-Washington, has seen Washington's "transformation first
13 hand from a troubled youth with no direction to a well-spoken, responsible, empathetic man." (*Id.* at 3.)
14 She notes that when released, Washington will have a stable home, reliable transportation, financial
15 support, and a loving family. (*Id.* at 4.) She does charity work and will be sure that Washington "will be
16 surrounded in positivity and giving back to society instead of taking" if he is released. (*Id.*)

17 Another friend, Eva Williams-Bly, knows Washington through his wife, and over 12 years has
18 seen Washington transform himself into a "positive and productive man." (*Id.* at 5.) Williams-Bly notes
19 that Washington accepts responsibility for his crime and will be a productive member of society on his
20 release. (*Id.*) She is sure of this and will provide any support needed to help Washington achieve his
21 goals. (*Id.* at 5-6.)

22 Maurice Butler has been Washington's friend since 1981, and he offers "unbridled support" for
23 Washington's clemency. (*Id.* at 8.) Butler served 18 years as a military officer who praises
24 Washington's "accomplishments, advancements, and positive influences." (*Id.*)

25 Lest there be any doubt about Washington's support network, several members of the prison
26 staff have seen Washington and his family in the visiting room and confirm that he has loving family
27 willing to give needed support. Sergeant Williams reports that on several occasions, he "had the
28 pleasure of meeting and interacting with Washington's family, [and] he has a loving support system that

1 really cares about his well being.” (Ex. B at 11.) Officer Campbell reported the same thing. (Ex. B at
2 13.)

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4 **VII. Conclusion**

5 Washington was barely 18 years old when he committed his crime. He has spent 25 years in
6 prison, so he is more familiar with prison than he ever was with freedom. All accounts show a reformed
7 person of great character who would pose no threat to anyone.

8 Commuting Washington’s sentence to 25 years to life will reward his rehabilitative efforts
9 without endangering public safety. The Parole Board will not release him until he is ready, and if the
10 Board sets a release date, the Governor will have a chance to review it before Washington is released.
11 He merely asks for that chance.

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14 Dated: 10/23/13

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Winona Marie Weathers

In 1990, Winona Weathers and several friends confronted William McClelland at his home over a debt that Mr. McClelland owed to Ms. Weathers. During the confrontation, one of Ms. Weathers' crime partners shot Mr. McClelland, killing him. On July 20, 1993, the Fresno County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Weathers to life without the possibility of parole plus 4 years for murder, assault with a firearm, and a firearm enhancement.

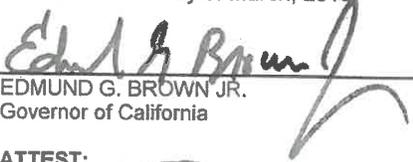
Ms. Weathers is now 57 years old and has been incarcerated for 27 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. Weathers wrote, "I use my past mistakes now to teach others not to make the same ones...I have a newfound appreciation for life." She has participated in numerous self-help programs, including White Bison, Narcotics Anonymous, and Freedom to Choose. Ms. Weathers has worked for years in the Prison Industry Authority, including as the lead inmate in the dental laboratory, and earned positive work ratings and commendations from her supervisors. One PIA superintendent praised her work ethic and noted that she "exhibited an attitude of good team spirit... Her work and efforts are very much appreciated by the laboratory." Another supervisor wrote, "I would endorse Ms. Weathers for any position whether inside the institution or in the free world where I hope she will be someday released." Although her sentence gave her no opportunity to be released from prison, Ms. Weathers earned her GED and developed marketable skills. She has been accepted to multiple transitional housing programs, and her family is prepared to help her if she is released.

Ms. Weathers participated in a very serious crime, but she has accepted responsibility for her actions and has worked hard to turn her life around. I believe that it is appropriate to reduce her sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether she is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Winona Weathers to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th Day of March, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



**Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814**

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

**I.
APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants**

LAST Name Weathers		FIRST Name Winona	MIDDLE Name Marie
Date of Birth ████████ 1960	Place of Birth Fresno Ca.	Social Security Number ██████████	Prison Number W# 49193

Current Residence

Address 23370 RD. 22 P.O.Box 150b 514-03-041ow		Apt, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. /////////N/A////////
City Chowchilla	State California	Zip Code 93610-1501

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commutation of current sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based upon innocence
<input type="checkbox"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Why are you requesting clemency?

There are several issues I would like to address regarding this question. First and foremost, due to my age and the fact I'm not getting any younger, I will be 52 in May and my life continues to pass me by.

I am seeking release before I'm too old to work and support myself. I do

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... have a couple of medical issues but they will not hinder me from holding a job and taking care of myself. I do not want to be a burden on Society or my Family when I'm released. I am, and always have been an independent individual whom, while in society, held jobs for long periods of time. I was trustworthy and dependable; As I have also been throughout my years in Prison, Report-cards will reflect.

Before my incarceration, I had never ever been in any trouble. I am not a repeat offender, nor am I a violent or troublesome person. I've lived with great regret and remorse through these years and wish, still today, to take it all back if I could! I made a grave mistake because of my own poor judgement and still, I feel the remorse for the loss of another persons life. I would never take another persons life intentionally, even if my own were on the brink of death, Though the regret weighed heavy on me for many years, I can say I've learned how to take something so awful and turn it into a positive tool. I use my past mistakes now to teach others not to make the same ones. I use myself as a bad example and let it be known that sometimes horrible things do happen even if it's not intended. I do this with the hope it will deter and change these women's lives, giving them new hope and a push toward a better future for themselves; If I can turn one life around, I believe I have done some good for Society. I work hard at this at every AA and NA meeting I attend. I have a newfound appreciation for life, and because of that, I take my sobriety very serious and will continue to do so throughout the rest of my life.

I am a humble Women, not Religious but very Spiritual. I have found through that Spirituality, Gods grace and His forgiveness. With the acceptance of that, I've learned to forgive myself. This I admit, did not come easy! I was riddled with the burden of guilt and as time passed, I found it helped praying for peace for my Victims family and the suffering they had to endure because of their loss. They however, were not the only ones who suffered for the price of my actions. My own family, my Parents, and my Children suffered as well. For when I was sentenced, they too were sentenced to a life without me in it. Unfair to all is an understatement! I was blind as to how many other human beings would be affected by my selfless actions. I was selfish and wrong beyond explanation.

However, my past does not make me a bad person, nor who I am today. I learn from my mistakes. I work hard now daily, making amends, helping others through their troubles, or simply giving of myself wherever or whenever the need arises, even within these walls. I've reached out to people outside of these walls as well, seeking forgiveness from all who I've hurt. As for my behavior while incarcerated these past 21 years, I believe my record speaks for itself. I can't make excuses for what trouble I've gotten into while incarcerated. I know better. Unfortunately we all fall sometimes. I will continue to learn from those mistakes and in the future remove myself from such things before anything happens. Otherwise I've done fairly well following the rules and regulations of CDCR. I did receive (8) eight infractions (115's) in all of these 21 years I've served, my most serious was the last one I received in January 2010. My infractions are minor compared to most, but not excusable. I have never, as a Lifer, been involved in any physical altercations (Fights). It is

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..... not in my nature to be violent, I have always walked away from confrontation and I have continued to remain disciplinary free since my transfer back here to CCCWF, Central California Womens Facility. In closing this section, I ask that you take note of all chrono's and disciplinary history when reviewing my Central File. You will see, the good behavior does out weigh the inappropriate. Thank you for taking your time to read this section.

You will find all letters of support attached at the closing of this application.

Current Attorney Information

Are you currently represented by an attorney? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:	
First and last name: <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	Telephone number: <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>
Address:	

Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2

Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:	
First and last name: <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	Telephone number: <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>
Address:	

**II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY**
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.	
Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency: <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	
Your current physician's name: <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	Physician's telephone number: <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>
Physician's address:	
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, what was the result? <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Give a brief account of your offense.

N/A

Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.

N/A

Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)

N/A

When were you discharged from probation or parole?

N/A

Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.

N/A

Why you are requesting a pardon?

N/A

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

N/A

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

N/A

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

N/A

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime:

N/A

Was this evidence presented at trial?

N/A

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

N/A

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

My reason for requesting Commutation is because I am an Indigent Inmate who for the most part cannot afford an Attorney to appeal my case. Though I do believe I have excellent grounds for Appeal, I have no Finances to replace the some 4,000 or so pages of transcripts which were lost. The grounds I speak of are as follows. First was my 6th amendment to be violated. During trial, I/ my Attorney was unable to cont: Have you sought relief from the courts? pg.7a
Initial appeal was all that was sought due to loss of Transcripts later on in sentence.

III

NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of Fresno with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.
(Name of county)

Winona Weather
(Applicant's signature)

04-02-12
(Date signed)

IV

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Winona Weather
(Applicant's signature)

04-02-12
(Date signed)

Cross-Examine my number one accuser, witness for the D.A. Micheal Allen due to him taking the Fifth Amendment during questioning to avoid incrimination. Mis-Trial Motion was declared at once, however, Judge Fitch, who was the Judge for our trial, denied our motion stating he was letting it slide and to take it up with the higher Courts and at that time instructed the jury to disregard the witness and his testimony. Unfortunately, the D.A. managed to plant that seed of questioning in the Jury's minds. During direct Appeal this was also denied. Second violation of my rights was the violation of my Fourth amendment. This happened when the Judge allowed evidence obtained without search warrant, from my personal property, into evidence for the Trial. Both pieces of evidence obtained, were obtained from two separate properties. This showing the D.A. felt he was above the law and didn't have to follow it. He had ample time to obtain a Search Warrant but chose not to. My Attorney Motioned to suppress the Evidence, but again, the Judge denied the Motion and stated he was tired of our case and wanted it out of his Court room. Motion Denied! Third was Jury Misconduct. This took place when one of the jurors took it upon himself to travel to Cathy's Valley, where I resided and took several pictures of my property there. Returning to Court the next day, he then shared with the other jurors the pictures while on lunch break in the Court house lunch room. All Attornies were made aware of this behavior and upon resuming Court proceedings after lunch Motioned for Mis-Trial once again, due to Jury Misconduct. Judge Fitch was becoming very short on patience, making it very clear with his gavel that he would deny any further motions for Mis-Trial, ordering all attornies to get their closing arguments together because he was done and wanted our case out of his Court Room now!! The D.A. then called his witness, Debbie Baker to the stand. This witnesses behavior was very unsettling. So much so that she had a problem staying focused on the questioning. Shortly after the questioning began Ms. Baker was shaking so bad the Judge stopped the questioning and asked her what her problem was. At first she refused to answer, the Judge then told her he would find her in contempt of Court if she refused any further questioning. Again he asked her what her problem was, was she high on drugs. She then answered yes to this question. When the judge asked where she obtained the drugs, she hesitated but then told him they, the drugs were delivered to her by the D.A. or his assistant to her Hotel room where he had housed her for the trial. Our attornies attempted to declair a Mis-Trial, all knew it was fruitless because the Judge didn't even respond, all we got was a fierce glare.

From there the trial moved on and after the testimony of the defendants forensic expert, the D.A called for a recess. We were coming to the end of the forth week of trial. While out of the presents of the jury, the D.A. offered all defendants their own plea bargains. I and one of my Co-defendants was offered (11), Eleven years plus one for the enhancement. I, alone jumped on it. I felt it was fair because I did owe some kind of time to the State for what had happened. A humans life was lost and I was willing to take my part of the responsibility. However, none of my Co-defendants accepted theirs. At that time Court was ajourned with proceedings picking back up the next day. Upon resuming the Trial the next morning, and before the jury was allowed in the Court room, the D.A. again offered us all the plea agreements. Again I accepted mine a second time. Unfortunately, my Co-defendants did not accept theirs and at that time the D.A turned to me and said he was taking mine back because it was a package deal, if they were'nt taking theirs I couldnt have mine!

Now here I sit 21½ years later, I've served Three Quarters of the time I was sentenced to. With no regrets, I believe I've learned more about life in here than I ever would have had I lived my life as a normal citizen. Before all this happened I knew nothing about the law. It has only been through trial and error that I've learned about the Law and how badly my Constitutional Rights were violated. What I've reiterated above, I've done to the best of my ability. Court / Trial transcripts should reflect the same.

Please take note, all chronos and certificates were to many to have copied. I was told to have copies made I would of had to go through a copy service. However, I have enclused those which have not reached my Centeral File as of the date this Application was completed.

Follow-Up Per Cal Jur 3d
Pardon- Reprieve and Commutation
Penal Code §8
Conditional Commutation

Conditions commonly attached to conditional Pardons include abstention from use of intoxicating liquor, bona fide exertions to support dependents, Avoiding subsequent conviction of any offence against the States Criminal law and, DEPARTURE from the State of California immediately after receiving the Pardon/Commutation and promising never to return.

I am aware of the above mentioned conditions and am willing to comply to all conditions that it states. This I do of my own free will and have not been coerced.

I have, without the help of any other, acquired this Application myself. I have prepared it in it's entirety, including the research, collection of support letters, supplying chrono's which were not, or, I did not see in my "CDC" file (Olson Review) and did the actual preperation of the application without assistance within or outside of this Institution.

Signed 

Winona M. Weathers W#49193

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ardell Adams, Jr.

On September 18, 1993, Ardell Adams shot and killed Kristoffer Brown in a botched robbery attempt outside a market. On August 8, 1994, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Adams to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus five years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Adams has been incarcerated for almost 25 years and has expressed remorse for the crime he committed. In his commutation application, he wrote, "I regret every single second of that night, and I wish I could undo all the pain and suffering I caused the victim and everyone affected by my crime." He told an investigator that he applied for a commutation based on his positive programming and his terminal colon cancer. He said that he has been given only months to live due to his Stage IV colon cancer. Mr. Adams said, "Even if I don't benefit from this commutation, I'd still like to take responsibility for the crime and show that I am a better person and have changed, show that I am no longer a threat to society and that I have turned my life around."

Mr. Adams has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Adams has resided on the honor yard since 2014. He earned his GED, is currently enrolled in college classes, and completed vocational training in auto mechanics. An instructor in the vocational auto mechanics program wrote regarding Mr. Adams, "He has been a disciplined student and has been no trouble, working well with his peers and superiors." The instructor noted that Mr. Adams "has excelled and stood as an example to his peers," while also showing remorse for his past actions. Mr. Adams participated in self-help programs, donated to charity, and participated in the Inmate Peer Education Program. He currently tutors other inmates.

I am also moved by Mr. Adams's illness. He suffers from terminal colon cancer, which has metastasized to the rest of his body. Mr. Adams endured aggressive chemotherapy, which was ultimately unsuccessful. He is currently undergoing further treatment, but his life expectancy remains short. Mr. Adams has demonstrated his commitment to his rehabilitation. I believe that he has now fundamentally altered his way of thinking and is worthy of mercy. For all the foregoing reasons, I believe Mr. Adams has earned the opportunity to present his case immediately to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ardell Adams, Jr. to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Ardell Adams Jr. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 74 Inmate ID: J-27538

Address: 44750 60th Street West Lancaster, Ca. 93536 Facility: CSP-LAC AS-225

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Carrying a concealed weapon	1992	Sacramento	10 Days of Comm. Service

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

My life crime occurred on Sept. 17, 1993 in Sacramento, Ca. At approximately around midnight, I made the worst mistake of my life. I shot someone in the process of trying to rob him of his money, and unfortunately he lost his life because of my actions. I regret every single second of that night, and I wish I could undo all the pain and suffering I caused the victim and everyone

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commute to my sentence because I am no longer the same 19-year-old miss guided youth who was sentence to LWOP 24 years ago. First, I want you to know that I take full responsibility for my life crime, and I deeply despise the negative impacting choices I made while living as a

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I should be granted a commutation of my sentence of LWOP because im no longer that 19 year old criminal I was 24 years ago. Maybe the person I was at the time of the crime deserve to be sentenced to LWOP. However, some studies by

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Sacramento County: Please take notice that I, Ardell Adams Jr.,
was convicted of the crime of First Degree Murder and attempted Robbery,
committed in Sacramento County, California, on the date of 8th of August 1994.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: J-27538.

Ardell Adams Jr. Applicant's Signature 12-23-2017 Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Anne Marie Schubert, District Attorney of the County of Sacramento,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Ardell Adams Jr.,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Anne Marie Schubert

Date 1/16/18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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effected by my crime...

(Continuation Q#3)

Criminal all those years ago. Before my life crime, I did not have the capacity to discern the true nature of the situation, or the lasting impact it would have on everyone's life. After several years of incarceration, continuing my criminal ways of drinking and smoking marijuana. I reached a turning point in my life, I made the decision to change my ways and start to make a difference for myself and those around me. I began to educate myself and study for my GED, because I knew that an education was a key foundation to build on. With my GED finally in hand, I began to fully participate in as many self-help classes as I could, beginning with N.A & A.A. I then took a trade for Automotive Technician and received a Certificate of Graduation. I continued to take other self-help classes, GOGI, Personal Development, Motivational Interview, Autogenic, Suicide Prevention, Work Force Development, Domestic Violence, and several Health Care classes. I eventually enrolled in Antelope Valley College for an A.A in Business and a Certificate in Computer Science. In the process of educating myself and participating in the Personal Development classes, I looked deep within my core of whom I was, to gain a deeper understanding of the ripple effect that my past actions have caused. I realized the true impact of my crime internally and externally. I relived it, felt it, and allowed myself to completely understand the core meaning of empathy. I realized the emotional and physical pain and suffering I have caused Mr. Christopher Brown, his family members, my family members,

friends and everyone else who was effected by my actions. With empathy and shame, I truly despise the person I was at the time of my life crime. Right then, I made a promise to myself and to God, that I denounce all forms of illegal and criminal activities, and that I would try to make a difference in other people's life. I am requesting a commutation because inside this rehabilitated soul is a heart that is connected with the people, humanity, and the unity of all lives. I am more than capable of making moral and rational decisions on my own. I am requesting commutation to my sentence so I can have an opportunity to go to the Parole Board and plea my case of how I have become a better person from all the hard work I have done through rehabilitations classes. Thank you for your time Mr. Governor.

(Continue Q#4)

Expert psychologist discovered that a 19 yr. old mind is still under developed, and shouldn't receive such a definitive and harsh sentence of LWOP. Even the D.A in my case offered me a 29 year-to-life deal before trial, so he must have thought I could possibly be rehabilitated at some point. Never the less, I should be granted a commutation because I did the work to change and rehabilitate myself. I used my insight and empathy to understand the causative factor's in my life crime. I changed the way I thought, and what I believed as a criminal. I learned my triggers, and developed coping skills so that I can deal with any situation with a rational mind. I educated myself, received honors, and engrossing myself in every human development class I could. Mr. Brown, I should be granted a commutation to my sentence because I am a completely changed person that wants a second chance.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Deryus Tramaine Brown

On January 11, 2004, 19-year-old Deryus Brown drove two fellow gang members into an apartment complex. One of Mr. Brown's passengers fired multiple shots into Mario Vasquez's car, hitting him once and killing him. On September 28, 2006, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Brown to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 25 years to life for gang and firearm enhancements. His crime partners – including the shooter – accepted plea deals and received shorter prison terms than Mr. Brown; they will be eligible for parole hearings in 2019 and 2020.

Mr. Brown is now 34 years old and has been incarcerated for 13 years. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct, has never been involved with drugs or violence in prison, and dropped out of his gang. Mr. Brown has participated in self-help programs, including Lifers With Optimistic Promise, Parenting, Defy Ventures, and the Truth Project. He is a member of the Gavel Club and the Inmate Debater's Organizational Group. Mr. Brown earned his GED and routinely receives above average to exceptional work ratings. In 2012, a correctional counselor commended Mr. Brown for his work ethic and wrote, "Brown has demonstrated professionalism, dependability, and efficiency in the performance of his duties." Mr. Brown told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he appreciates all that he has learned in prison and that he now has a much more profound respect for life.

When Mr. Brown came to prison, he had no hope of ever leaving. Despite this, he has distanced himself from the toxic influences of gangs, drugs, and violence. While he was the driver in a serious and fatal crime, there is no indication that public safety requires that Mr. Brown be incarcerated for the rest of his life. He has made admirable efforts to change his ways and has earned the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Deryus Brown to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



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This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

**I.
APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants**

LAST Name Brown		FIRST Name Deryus	MIDDLE Name Tramaine
Date of Birth 1984	Place of Birth Riverside County	Social Security Number [REDACTED]	Prison Number F-45512

Current Residence

Address C.S.P-Solano P.O. Box 4000		Apt, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. Cell 103
City Vacaville	State California	Zip Code 95687

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commutation of current sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based upon innocence
<input type="checkbox"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Why are you requesting clemency?
 I'm requesting clemency because I did not kill the victim in my case, yet I'm treated as though I did. My sentence of life without parole plus 25 years to life is more than the sentence of the actual perpetrator in my case. I feel that this is unfair.

Current Attorney Information

Are you currently represented by an attorney? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:

First and last name:

Telephone number:

Address:

Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2

Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:

First and last name:

Telephone number:

Address:

II.

REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY

Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:

Your current physician's name:

Physician's telephone number:

Physician's address:

Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? Yes No

If yes, what was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Give a brief account of your offense.

Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.

Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)

When were you discharged from probation or parole?

Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.

Why you are requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

I was 19 years old when my co-defendant killed the victim in my case. He took a deal and received a 31 year sentence. I was offered a deal for a 22 year sentence, but I refused. This request doesn't come easy for me. Yes, I've made mistakes. But what 19 year old hasn't? This is all I have.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

I have sought relief from the courts through a number of habeas corpus petitions and they have all been denied. I'll soon seek further relief under people v. Chiu, but like I said, this is all I have.

III

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of Sacramento with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.
(Name of county)


(Applicant's signature)

5-29-17
(Date signed)

IV

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


(Applicant's signature)

5-29-17
(Date signed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Wayne Weston Burleson

In September 1997, Joel Baptiste and Wayne Burleson lured Stephen Preston into a borrowed van under the pretense that they were all going to steal rims from a Porsche. Instead, while they were driving, Mr. Burleson shot Mr. Preston in the neck, killing him. Mr. Burleson and Mr. Baptiste then stole Mr. Preston's money and watch. On December 10, 1999, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Burleson to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a four year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Burleson has now been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Burleson wrote that he began participating in criminal activity after his unstable childhood and the losses of his father, uncle, and a close friend to suicide, which led him to "abandon [himself] to drugs, drinking, and violence" when he was 18 years old. He reported that he has now been sober for 20 years and has dedicated himself to turning his life around. Mr. Burleson wrote, "I have made significant contributions to the lives of my peers and their families during my time in prison, and I think that I have significant contributions to make to society as a result of the things I have learned and the time I have invested in my maturation. And I will continue to make those contributions whether I receive a commutation or not."

During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Burleson has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his GED and a career readiness certificate from Baylor University. Mr. Burleson has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Denial Management, Alternatives to Violence, Nonviolent Conflict Resolution, and Victim Awareness. Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Burleson has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see him on a regular basis.

Most importantly, the warden of the prison where Mr. Burleson has been housed since 2012 has personally recommended him for commutation. He also receives excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. A correctional sergeant who supervised him wrote, "Each and every day Mr. Burleson has come to work with a respectful, positive attitude [and] a want and desire to make a difference. . . . I am recommending, if Mr. Burleson is going to be given consideration to have his sentence commuted and/or a chance to prove himself to the parole board, he be given that chance." A correctional officer who has worked at CDCR for 22 years wrote, "Looking at the person that Burleson has become, I do believe that if he was granted a parole date, he would be successful and a great contributor to our society." In the event of his release, Mr. Burleson plans to live in a re-entry facility, and his friends have offered him employment and housing to help him transition into society.

Mr. Burleson committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Burleson has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Wayne Burleson to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Wayne Weston Burleson Date of Birth: [redacted] 77 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: P. O. Box 4000, Vacaville, CA 95696 (CDCR# P63809)

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include Murder 1st Special Circum., Vandalism & Terrorist Threats, and Theft by Fraud & Property Crimes.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

In 1997, a few months after my twentieth birthday, someone I thought was a friend, Joel Baptiste, approached me with a proposition to participate in the murder of Steven Preston who had supposedly wronged his family in some way. Joel spoke about an undefined sum of money he would get from taking (see attached)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting that my sentence be commuted to twenty-five to life because I believe that having the opportunity to earn my way out of prison would allow me to re-enter society as a man for whom incarceration worked, as an example of true transformation and rehabilitation. My life has now become a tool (see attached)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I don't believe that I "should" be granted a commutation. It would be an act of mercy which I don't think can be earned. However a commutation is an intrinsically merciful act. It seems to me that mercy should not be wasted and (see attached)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

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I, Wayne Weston Burlison, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Orange with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

7-20-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Orange County: Please take notice that I, Wayne Weston Burleson,
was convicted of the crime of Murder First, Special Circumstances,
committed in Orange County, California, on the date of 9/22/97.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: P63809.

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Wayne Burleson

8-21-17

Applicant's Signature

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Susan J. Laird, District Attorney of the County of Orange,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Wayne Weston Burleson,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed

D. David

Date

12-27-17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

WAYNE WESTON BURLESON

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1) DUI Dec. 1996 Orange County Suspended License

Note: I don't remember exact dates, Counties, or sentences for my misdemeanors.

2) Steven's possessions, including a Rolex watch, and selling them which he would give me a portion of. I had come to the end of being able to sustain a year of cocaine addiction and believed that participating in the murder would allow me to continue the destructive path that I was on. After the loss of multiple family members during my adolescent years culminating with the suicide of a close friend when I was eighteen, I chose to abandon myself to drugs, drinking, and violence. I did not look for other options to my pain and loss. I was at the lowest part of my life when Joel brought the proposition. To my great shame and deep regret, I chose to shoot and murder Steven when it looked like Joel was not going to. I am ashamed to say that I murdered Steven to get money in order to continue my criminal lifestyle rather than turn away from it.

3) for positive change and influence on others. I want to continue to use my life and all that I have learned in ways that will be of more value to society. It would be a great honor just to have a chance to be measured by the Board of Parole Hearings.

4) certainly not given to those who would cause greater harm. My post-incarceration record shows that I have matured and become the kind of person who will not use mercy as a means for further harm, but even more that I would use it for good.

Tangible examples of what I would do with mercy can be seen in the consistency of what I have done for almost twenty years. I received mercy when I was sentenced to Life Without Parole instead of the Death Penalty and I have used it to turn my life into a positive, motivating contribution to others. I took responsibility for murdering Steven by telling the truth during my court process. I agreed to pay for his burial costs and worked hard to do so, having fulfilled that obligation in March 2017 (a \$9,772.98 obligation). I have remained disciplinary free throughout my time in prison, maintained sobriety, and avoided gang involvement and violence for almost twenty years. I have obtained my GED, learned and taught New Testament Greek for National Bible College, and graduated from Defy Ventures' Entrepreneurial and Career Readiness Program with certification from Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business. I have participated in numerous self-help groups and Bible based programs for my personal development, and grown into a Facilitator and teacher to help my peers. I have mentored others, starting with my time in the County Jail, and obtained the respect and appreciation of my peers, Prison Staff, and the families of many of the men I've helped. My chronos, certificates, and support letters all demonstrate these facts about who I have become.

Mr. Governor, I wish that I could do more than I have to make atonement for the terrible things I have done, especially what I did to Steven and his family. But I have done all I could imagine to do, to the best of my ability, and with all my

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

WAYNE WESTON BURLESON

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heart. My time and the mercy I have received in the sparing of my life has not been wasted. I believe that the only reason I was allowed to live was because God wanted to turn my life into an instrument of blessing and change for others. So I have lived like it. I have made significant contributions to the lives of my peers and their families during my time in prison, and I think that I have significant contributions to make to society as a result of the things that I have learned and the time I have invested in my maturation. And I will continue to make those contributions whether I receive a commutation or not. But if there are reasons why I "should" receive a commutation, these are those reasons. Thank you, sir. God bless.

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Autumn Cruz

On January 25, 2005, Autumn Cruz and some fellow gang members decided to confront Melvin Liufau over the numerous calls Ms. Cruz had been receiving on a cell phone she purchased from Mr. Liufau. On the way to Mr. Liufau's house, Ms. Cruz suggested they rob Mr. Liufau. While attempting to rob Mr. Liufau, a fight broke out and Ms. Cruz shot Mr. Liufau, killing him. On July 20, 2007, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Cruz to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement.

Ms. Cruz wrote in her application, "I committed my crime when I was a reckless, impulsive 20-year-old." She continued, "However, I am no longer that 20-year-old impulsive, self-absorbed little girl. I am a 33-year-old woman who takes full responsibility for the poor choices that led directly to the killing of Melvin Liufau." Ms. Cruz has been incarcerated for 13 years and has worked to turn her life around. She no longer associates with gang members, and has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation through her commitment to self-improvement and furthering her education. In her commutation application, she wrote, "I was once told that my sentence meant that I was not even 'worth' rehabilitating, again reinforcing the belief that I [was] 'worthless.' With a broken heart and broken spirit, I picked up the pieces, piece by piece and sought to rehabilitate myself with hard work, growth, and determination." She told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, "Whether I get my sentence commuted or not, I'm going to continue to change...to grow and everything I learn, I'm going to continue to pass on, no matter what happens."

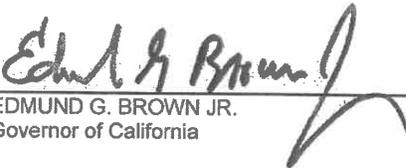
Ms. Cruz had no prior criminal history before committing this crime. She has resided in the honor dorm of her prison since 2014. A correctional officer wrote that "It is enlightening to witness Inmate Cruz become an avid mentor to her peers and her undeniable passion to help others, without being conformed to the negative environment around her." Ms. Cruz earned her A.A. degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences, and participated in numerous self-help programs, including Anger Management, Relapse Prevention, and Victim Impact Awareness. She is a participant of the Juvenile Offenders Committee, donated to charity, and contributed to several activities sponsored by the Big Sister Mentor Program.

Although Ms. Cruz is serving a sentence that gave her no hope of release from prison, she has dedicated herself to rehabilitation and education. Ms. Cruz is on the right track and should continue her efforts to improve her life in the coming years. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Cruz has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Autumn Cruz to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Autumn Cruz Date of Birth: [REDACTED] / 84 Social Security Number: 552-83-1045

Address: PO. BOX 1508 CHOWCHILLA, CA. 93610

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<u>N/A</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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N/A

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I, ANTONIO CRUZ declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of ORANGE with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Antonio Cruz
Applicant's Signature

1-10-18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Dear Governor Jerry Brown,

I write this with my heart torn wide open for all to see. I beg you to please allow me the opportunity to go before the parole board to demonstrate my growth, and to humbly stand and account for all my transgressions before the family of Melvin Liafau.

I stand accountable for the negative impact my violence had on Melvin, his family and the community. My actions will continue to be felt for the remainder of all our lives, actions that I can never make right. I am no longer a 20-year- old impulsive, reckless child. I am no longer a young life prisoner too immature to seek help.

I was once told that my sentence meant that I was not even "worth" rehabilitating, again reinforcing the belief that I had my whole life "worthless." With a broken heart and broken spirit, I picked up the pieces, piece by piece and sought to rehabilitate myself with hard work, growth, and determination.

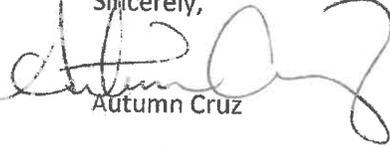
My desire is to tell of this transformation that that has taken place in my heart. It is not to stand, boast, and baffle you with all my achievements, chronos, accolades and commendations, as if to somehow prove my worth that warrants me forgiveness through my own works. It is my hearts desire to stand before the commissioners and Melvin's family and tell how my own devastating sinful nature, my pride, selfishness, moods, fears, and my distorted perceptions led me to commit my life crime. To be able to stand and speak of all the heart retching pain, suffering, and torment that crushed my pride and arrogance, that brought me to a place of repentance, the unimaginable suffering of body, mind, and spirit that brought me to the end of myself. I came to a place of total dependence on the Lord.

Through my own suffering by way of causing others pain and heartache this increased my capacity for empathy. I have learned to fulfill one of Christ most fundamental desires for us: that we love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The greatest good is to be conformed to the image of Christ.

This relentless love of Christ has filled my heart. I have come to love and value others and myself. I want to share my new heart with everyone. I am no longer concerned with presenting an "image" for people to approve my worth. I found my worth in the Lord. Today I choose the path of humility.

Governor Brown I beg you to please take this application into consideration, when choosing potential candidates for commutation.

Thank You

Sincerely,

Autumn Cruz

Application of Commutation of Sentence (Attachment Question #2)

- **Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime for which you are requesting a commutation.**

I Autumn Cruz was found by a jury to be guilty of first-degree murder, under special circumstances of it having been committed in the commission of an attempted robbery and to further gang activity a crime enhanced by personal discharge of a fire arm causing death of Melvin Liufau, and having been committed to benefit a criminal street gang. I was rightfully sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, plus 25 to life for the firearm enhancement and 15 to life for the gang enhancement. The 15 to life was stricken on direct appeal. I am solely responsible for the shooting of Melvin Liufau, who was shot and killed in the comfort of his own home.

Application of Commutation of Sentence (Attachment Question #3)

- **Explain why you are requesting a commutation?**

I committed my crime when I was a reckless, impulsive 20-year-old. I was in a state of emotional turmoil. I had no identity and no self-worth. I had no regard for my life or the lives of others. My life at this time was completely unmanageable. Throughout my incarceration, I have come to learn the root of all my dysfunction. With growth, maturity, and a willingness to search deeply for the insight that directly led to me taking the life of Melvin Liufau, I have come to accept my actions and take the responsibility for them.

In the past, I have made all my decisions not on basic right or wrong principles, but on a self-gratifying selfish basis. Today I have morals and values based on my belief in Jesus Christ. Today all of my decisions are based on those morals and values, under no circumstances do I compromise the integrity on which I stand.

I know that I can never come to fully comprehend the magnitude of my crime, (my actions). It is truly immeasurable. My act of violence stole a life and stole peace of mind in the families and communities. I so senselessly caused destruction and chaos. However, I am no longer that 20-year-old impulsive, self-absorbed little girl. I am a 33-year-old woman who takes full responsibility for the poor choices that led directly to the killing of Melvin Liufau. I take full responsibility for the pain and suffering I caused Melvin's family.

I am requesting a commutation so that I might be afforded the opportunity to stand before the board but most importantly to humbly stand before the family of Melvin Liufau and publicly express to all his family the true nature of my crime. I would like to humbly stand before them and take full responsibility for my actions in this horrific crime. I am asking for the chance to express my heart cry of remorse, to express how this great pain and regret drove me to my knees in repentance. A chance to express to them that I know I deserve nothing because I do know that I can never right this wrong.

In essence, to maybe give them some type of healing, a closure that Melvin's killer takes responsibility for her actions, and truly understands the harm and pain I caused everyone.

Governor Brown this is why I am requesting a commutation of sentence, To have the opportunity to stand in account for my crime before the family of Melvin Liufau and the board of commissioners.

Application of Commutation of Sentence (Attachment Question #4)

- **Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.**

I do not believe that I "should" be granted anything. I am guilty of killing a man a crime that cannot ever be rectified. There is no changing that not ever. There is no amount of chrono's education, nor insight or remorse that I could ever show that would allow me to be "deserving" of a commutation of sentence. However, I do have hope. I am hopeful that grace and mercy would be extended to me, to allow me the opportunity to express the continuous progression of transformation that has taken place in the heart.

All I am asking at this point is to be heard on an interview. From there you can decide if mercy should ~~be~~ extended to me. I ask this with a humble heart.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Stephen Edmond Davis

On October 29, 1995, 19-year-old Stephen Davis and a friend were trying to buy methamphetamine from Willie Yen. During the transaction, Mr. Yen was shot and killed. On June 13, 1997, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Davis to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus four years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Davis cooperated with law enforcement during the investigation of the murder and at the time of sentencing, the investigating officer recommended a sentence of 25 or 30 years to life. The Probation Officer's Report found, "The defendant, especially if he is drug free, is not seen as a likely recidivist; rather, this offense and all of the circumstances (including state prison) which flow from it are likely to have a profoundly deterrent effect on him. If he is released in the future, it seems likely that he will do everything in his power to become a constructive force and productive member of society." Indeed, even faced with the prospect of spending the rest of his life in prison, Mr. Davis has committed himself to transforming his life.

Mr. Davis has only been disciplined six times during more than two decades of incarceration, and has never been involved with gangs or participated in violence. He has participated in college courses and has excelled in jobs in the prison, routinely receiving above-average work ratings. Mr. Davis has participated in mental health programs and self-help groups including Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Criminal Thinking, Responsible Living, Anger Management, and Houses of Healing. He worked with the DARE program to counsel at-risk youth on the consequences of using drugs. He has earned the respect of staff members and volunteers, including a conference sponsor who noted that Mr. Davis was a "constant mentor" to other inmates, and a clinical psychologist who observed that he was responsible, hardworking, and respectful. In 2017, Mr. Davis was one of five inmates at his prison selected to give a TED Talk and spoke about finding purpose in life.

The trial judge in this case, Judge Francis Hourigan, wrote recommending clemency, noting the tremendous growth Mr. Davis has made – he believes this "drug-free, mature 42-year-old man" is far from the 19-year-old drug user who committed this crime. Judge Hourigan wrote, "Mr. Davis will not be a threat to re-offend if he is released on parole." Additionally, the former deputy district attorney who prosecuted Mr. Davis's case, Todd Rubenstein, also strongly supports his commutation. He wrote that Mr. Davis was younger and more passive than his crime partner, that Mr. Davis was never offered a plea deal, and that there was "little, if anything," to distinguish Mr. Davis's crime from others that receive lesser sentences. Mr. Rubenstein continued, "Most significantly, Mr. Davis has positively programmed for 17 years and has done so without any reasonable expectation that he will ever be released. This single factor more than any other demonstrates a great deal about his character and how he will conduct himself if ever released." A retired police investigator who worked on Mr. Davis's case also wrote to me urging clemency, saying, "I feel Stephen Davis has paid his debt to society... He made a horrible mistake in judgement that night in 1995 and should not spend the rest of his life incarcerated." Mr. Davis has the support of his family and a plan for housing and a job upon release. He has a Narcotics Anonymous sponsor and a relapse prevention plan.

There is no question that Mr. Davis's crime was senseless and left Mr. Yen's family and friends reeling in grief. But I believe Mr. Davis's record in prison after 22 years is such that he ought to have a chance to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Stephen Edmond Davis to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: STEPHEN EDMOND DAVIS Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1976 Inmate ID: K59177

Address: #2-101, 480 ALTA Rd, San Diego, Ca. 92179 Facility: R-J DONAVAN

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.				
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):	
① 187 w/spec.circ. (90.2)	10/29/1995	Los Angeles	Life without Parole	
② 211	10/29/1995	"	"	
+ enhancements for both ① 12022.5(A) 4 yrs ② 12022.5 "S"				

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

When I was 19, myself and a friend, while high on meth, went to buy more drugs. An argument occurred over quantity, which turned physical. My co-defendant shot and killed the victim Willie Yen; though I was also armed and in fact also fired my weapon.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have exhausted my appeals process without being granted any relief. The courts stating I would have received the same sentence due to the felony murder rule law. That leave me with one final hope for a possibility to one day sit before a parole board.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

During almost my entire incarceration I have worked with great effort to reform and rehabilitate myself even while serving a sentence of LWOP because I wanted to become a better person.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED: ~~REDACTED~~ MEMORANDUM for commutation, REMORSE LETTER, INSTIGHT LETTER, RELAPSE PREVENTION PLAN, OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

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I, STEPHEN EDMOND DAVIS, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Stephen E. Davis
Applicant's Signature

5/21/2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

STEPHEN DAVIS K5,, 77

My BIO

My name is Stephen Davis. I am A husband, father, Son, brother and uncle. I have been incarcerated for 22 years. Included with my sentence commutation request is A memorandum prepared by A friend who is also A lawyer. It lists legal reasons for my request, I however would like to detail my rehabilitation.

When first arrested and subsequently being sent to prison I refused to accept responsibility for my actions. I always had an excuse or shifted blame. Now after years of hard work toward self development, I can stand up and accept responsibility for my drug use and actions which led me to prison. And the thinking that fueled them. Not until I accepted the truth and sought help did things begin to change for me.

My transformation started with A 12 step N.A. class and some hard to face questions. This led me to seek mental health support as well. At the time CDCR have very few rehabilitation programming, so I took it upon myself. I read self help books such as 'The four Agreements', 'houses of healing', 'we're all doing time' etc. Then when classes became available I took all that were offered. These included Criminal Thinking, Mindfulness, Anger Management, Behavioral Modification, Restorative Justice and many more. I began to practice mindfulness on A daily basis and also began to deepen my spiritual studies. Coupled with Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) as well as group therapy, I began to witness my own transformation. I was even able to start teaching classes on meditation, yoga and spiritualism. I also enrolled in college, taking A wide range of class topics. I am currently one semester away from receiving 4 separate degrees (science and math, arts and humanities, sociology

and behavioral sciences). I have also been fortunate enough to be chosen to be one of the 11 people who make up the "core team" who were responsible for developing, organizing and hosting two separate TEDx events here at Donovan. Also in 2017 I was chosen to be one of only 5 men to be A speaker and create then deliver our own talk that was performed before an audience of 250 people, including members of the outside public. I delivered my talk on "Finding Purpose" which is now on YouTube with thousands of views. This led me to be interviewed by not only the San Diego Tribune, but also ABC news. (Please view Provided links). I have worked diligently throughout my incarceration, maintaining jobs, often as A clerk using computers, but also to recognize my wrongs; in behavior and thinking. I've utilized the skills I've learned to be independent, keep away from prison gangs/politics, think for myself, mend old wounds and maintain sobriety. I'm continually working to better myself and had started this process many years ago with the belief I would never again be free. However, I wanted to be A better person. Recognizing I not only wanted but needed to change.

I am fortunate ~~to~~ to have maintained strong support, from family and friends throughout the years and have even gained some new ones. In 2008 I was also reunited with A childhood friend. We rekindled our relationship, leading to A happy marriage in 2013 which blessed me with two beautiful step daughters who I've watched grow and love as my own. Though incarcerated I have played an active role as A parent in both thier lives.

I've maintained sobriety and healthy living in part, due to

my vast network of support, which has allowed me to flourish and grow, even in this harsh environment. I'm no longer that teenager ruled by drugs; I am now a 41 year old man who is self aware, independent, and mindful of my thoughts and actions. Striving to make amends for his past, recognizing all the harm I've caused to countless people.

My dream is to one day be able to sit in front of a parole board and be given an opportunity to show that I have changed. That I am no longer the person I was, and though I will always carry the shame and guilt for my crimes I can now use my past to help and teach others. I know I can be a productive, lawful member of society, working to not only help provide for my wife and daughters but my community as well.

Thank you for considering me for a possible sentence commutation.

- Stephen E. Davis

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Laverne Sharon Dejohnette

In 1994, Eddie Craven hired Laverne Dejohnette and Michael Phillips for prostitution. On April 9, 1994, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Dejohnette killed Mr. Craven in his home, ransacked his apartment, and stole his car and other possessions. On May 24, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Dejohnette to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

During an investigation by the Board of Parole Hearings, Ms. Dejohnette reported enduring an extremely difficult childhood. She was kidnapped by her abusive, alcoholic father and brought to California when she was just three years old. She endured sexual abuse from multiple family members, and was placed in foster care at age 13. Her foster mother introduced her to drugs and encouraged her to prostitute herself. Ms. Dejohnette ultimately ran away from home, and was working as a prostitute, using drugs, and living on the streets when she committed this crime. She is now 50 years old and has been incarcerated for 24 years.

In prison, Ms. Dejohnette has made a remarkable turnaround. In her application for clemency, she wrote, "I am no longer in denial of the destructive behaviors and the devastation and hurt I have caused. Today I have a strong desire to help others, especially incest survivors, that they may not find themselves in the same situations I landed myself in." Ms. Dejohnette stopped using drugs and reports that she has been now sober for more than two decades. She has never been involved with gangs in prison, and has not been disciplined for misconduct in years. Ms. Dejohnette has participated in numerous self-help programs including Celebrate Recovery, Anger Management, Alternatives to Violence, and Criminal and Addictive Thinking. She also created the curriculum for several self-help workshops, and facilitates multiple groups for her peers. Ms. Dejohnette receives positive work ratings, learned marketable skills during many years working in the Prison Industry Authority, and currently serves as an adult caregiver, helping elderly and infirm inmates who need assistance.

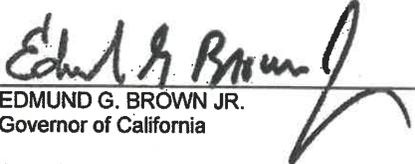
Ms. Dejohnette has also earned the respect and support of many staff members within the prison. Multiple officers have recognized Ms. Dejohnette for mentoring other inmates and encouraging them to renounce violence and pursue self-improvement. In 2017, a correctional officer commended Ms. Dejohnette for her work in the honor dorm and wrote, "Inmate Dejohnette is courteous, respectful, communicates effectively with both staff and her peers, and is eager to help others....Her desire towards self-improvement, rehabilitation, and serving as a positive role model in her community should be acknowledged." In 2015, a correctional sergeant who had known Ms. Dejohnette for 14 years wrote, "I have had an opportunity to personally observe her growth. . . . Her attitude continues to be positive in motivating others to strive for rehabilitation." Another officer praised Ms. Dejohnette as an example for other inmates and wrote, "I have personally observed her spending many hours counseling new inmates, and answering their questions about 'doing their time' in a more positive way." Additionally, the Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Ms. Dejohnette's case at an *en banc* meeting and recommended her for a commutation of sentence. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Ms. Dejohnette.

There is no doubt that Ms. Dejohnette committed a horrible crime after spending years lost in drugs and criminal thinking. However, despite serving a sentence that gave her no hope for release, she has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation and encouraged others around her to do the same. Ms. Dejohnette has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Laverne Sharon Dejohnette to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: LOVERNE DEJOHNETTE Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 68 Inmate ID: W# 32321

Address: 512-S-2 P.O. BOX 1509 CHICOHILLS, CA 93610-1509 Facility: CENTRAL CA WOMENS FACILITY

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Possession Controlled Sub	2-11-88	LA# A922468	1 Year 4 months
Possession Controlled Sub	1-13-90	LA# YA002458	1 Year 4 months
GRAND THEFT PERSON	4-15-91	LA# YA007386	2 YEARS + 1 Year Parole violation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I AM IN PRISON FOR THE MURDER OF MR. EDWIE CRAVEN. MR. CRAVEN WAS A 78 YEAR OLD MAN. MYSELF AND A CO-DEFENDANT MURKED MR. CRAVEN TRAW STATE HILL PROPERTY AND CAR OF JUNE OF 1994. I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THIS CRIME.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

IN SERVING THE PAST 20 YEARS FOR THE MURDER OF MR. CRAVEN, TO NOT LET THE LOSS OF HIS LIFE BE IN VAIN I MAKE DAILY LIVING AMENDS. I HAVE USED THIS TIME FOR PERSONAL GROWTH. UPON ENTERING PRISON I CONTINUED TO BE A HORRIBLE PERSON AND RECEIVED DISCIPLINES. I ~~THE~~ NOW TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF MY PRISON'S REHABILITATION.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I WOULD LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REDEEM MYSELF. I ENCLOSED ALL MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS WELL AS MY PROBLEM AREAS. I TRULY BELIEVED I DESERVED TO DIE IN PRISON AND GLADLY ACCEPTED MY LIFE SENTENCE. HOWEVER I HAVE GAINED INSIGHT INTO MY PERSUASIVE FACTS. THEY ARE ASTONISHING.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NO MONIES PAID. I DONT EVEN KNOW IF I DID THIS PROCESS RIGHT. NO HELP.

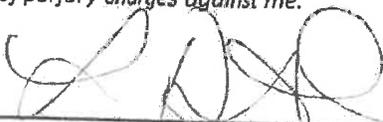
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I, Laverne Duphrette, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

3/20/17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Laverne Dejohnette W332321

I am serving a LWOP sentence. I would like to start by saying I have never written a letter to anyone concerning my crime or ever filed an appeal on my behalf. Even when I took my crime to a jury trial and wasted a lot of tax payers money I knew I was guilty. I don't not know this process of ~~commutations~~ and such. I do know I committed a heinous crime.

In 1994 I participated in taking the life of Mr. Eddie Craven. I accept full responsibility for my actions. While Mr. Craven did not die of my own hands he was murdered as a direct result of my actions. I can not begin to express my remorse or sorrow that I have. Just like his family can't begin to describe the pain I had to have caused them. My crime was senseless and brutal. I am truly sorry for my actions I can never replace what I so selfishly stole. Mr. Craven's life. I can only tell you today I make living amends.

I am writing this letter to hopefully give you some insight in to my back ground and the woman I've become today.

I entered the penal system in 1989. Before that I was arrested many times over for petty crimes like prostitution, disorderly conduct. I quickly accelerated to much larger crimes such as possession, weapons and assaults, then the ultimate crime Murder. Even in prison I continued to victimize my peers as well s men out there through pen pal scams. I received two serious disciplinarians for that. My first 10 years in prison was very hard for me I choose to do this Life with out parole my way. And I did it may way. However this past 12 or so years. I realized I needed to find a solution to the very serious problems that resided in me. It was a struggle and some days still are.

As a child I grew up in South Central Los Angeles. I had a step mother and a biological father. I also had 4 older siblings in the home. 2 sisters & 2 brothers. I did not know it was dysfunctional at the time. I assumed that all homes were like that. Incest was the norm. I was repeatedly raped by my two brothers. (One was recently arrested in Georgia for molesting his own children) And abused physically by my two sisters. Once even being pushed

from a moving vehicle by a sister. I managed to survive ages 6-12. At age 13 a school nurse noticed my ear split. While attending to it she noticed bruises and other marks under my collar. She ordered me to remove my clothes. Police came took photos and needless to say removed me from my family. I was soon placed in a foster home where I was introduced to horrors no grown up should participate in much less a child. It was there in a foster home I became a full blown addict to drugs and sex. If can identify anything from that chapter of my life. It is shame and a deep sense of embarrassment. I initially used drugs because they were given to me by my step mother. Eventually I used them because they were for me pain blockers.

As I got older I think the way I was brought up had a grate impact on the way I viewed the world. This in no way is an excuse or justification for all the crimes I've committed or the taking of Mr. Craven's life. I was selfish self centered and Always in survival mode. I have done some nasty hard core things living like a savage. Even today its is sometimes hard to accept that I still had choices. And that I did not question anything that was ever done to me I totally accepted my role as human trash.

Today I know who I am and even though it can not erase what I've done. I have come a long way from the horrible little girl who grew into a murderer. I am still working on myself. I do not think this process will ever end for me. But now I can finally breathe. I can finally do well. The first 10 years I could not see the goods in my self. I was still caught in the dysfunctional me. I know it's ok to see the good in myself and have high self worth and self esteem. I there have been so many experiences that have helped to shape who I am today. I have gained so much insight in to who I am and how to handle things. Just being in my living quarters with so many different people over the years has taught me to be a better person. Such as making the right choices at difficult times. A lot has happened over the past 22 years in here that has allowed me to practice good choice making to see how I have grown and where I still need to grow. I know the choices I make will determine the out come of any decision I make. .

Before coming to prison with LWOPP I was in denial hostile angry and a habitual criminal and addicted to drugs. To day I am truly grateful for prison it has saved my life. I am Sorry that Mr. Craven had to loose his for me to find mine. I can only honor him by never using any mind altering substance ever again; I have been sober for 22 years. My living amends to Mr. Craven keep me grateful and humble. It has allowed me to stay grounded. I have given my life over to my higher power who I proclaim as

Jesus Christ. I value my personal journey I have spent the past 12 years looking into myself with help of Celebrate recovery and of the self help groups and programs. Those are available to me. I am a great public speaker. And I know there will be difficult challenges and situations ahead of me. But I believe now I am equipped to handle them

The Alternative to Violence program is my best and favorite. Because I can't explain that even as a young child I knew that I was suppose to be protected and loved

I beg you to please take notice of the person I have grown to be. I am respectful, responsible, considerate and compassionate. I am no longer in denial of the destructive behaviors and the devastation and hurt I have caused. Today I have a strong desire to help others especially incest survivors, that they may ~~not~~ find themselves in the same situations I landed my self in. I ask in your duties as Governor of California that I may be no longer a life with out the possibility prisoner and be allowed to appear before the Board of prison terms. Thank you for your time and consideration.

I would also like to thank you on behalf of all the lifers that were released under you term in office., You have never seen anything like it when you see a lifer who has been given a date and the governor doesn't take it back.. BIG smile The air Crackles with excitement and even the most depressed here are happy, if only for that day.

Sincerely L. Dejohnette

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Neilvert Remingo Delacruz

On June 12, 1995, patrolling officers noticed Neilvert Delacruz and his crime partner in an alley wearing ski masks and gloves, and armed with guns. Mr. Delacruz admitted he was contracted to kill Michael Snow in exchange for money and drugs. On October 1, 2009, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Delacruz to 25 years to life for conspiracy to commit murder.

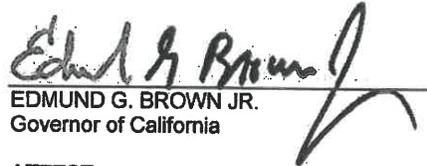
Mr. Delacruz was only 19 when he committed this crime, and has now been incarcerated for 20 years—over half of his life. During these years, he has shown exceptional commitment to rehabilitation and his conduct has been exemplary. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned a GED, an A.A. degree, and completed vocational training. He participated in self-help classes that targeted his issues with substance abuse, gang violence, and anger management. In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Delacruz explained, "I have learned a lot about myself being locked up.... I made a lot of mistakes in the past and I have learned from them." In 2017, a correctional officer wrote, "[Mr. Delacruz] has maintained disciplinary free behavior and a professional working relationship with all staff as well as his peers. He has been responsible in handling sensitive materials and has worked independently with limited supervision, proving himself trustworthy, responsible, and competent." Mr. Delacruz attributes his rehabilitation to his faith and is now an ordained minister. Upon his release from prison, Mr. Delacruz plans to volunteer as a pastor and find employment.

I do not discount the serious nature of Mr. Delacruz's crime, but it is clear that Mr. Delacruz has taken his rehabilitation seriously and has matured from the young man who committed this crime. Based on his age at the time of the crime, his excellent conduct in prison, and his commitment to his faith and education, I believe that Mr. Delacruz has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Neilvert Remingo Delacruz to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

INTRODUCTION

TO THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN AND THE DISTRICT
ATTORNEY OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY:

Pursuant to Penal Code section 4800 and Article V, Section 8, of the California Constitution, Petitioner Neilvert DelaCruz is asking the Honorable Governor Brown to commute his sentence of 25 to life indeterminate sentence to 15 years to life indeterminate sentence. Inmate DelaCruz was first arrested in 1991 at the age of 15 for Burglary and Vehicle Theft with an unknown disposition. Inmate DelaCruz's adult criminal history includes arrests/convictions for Minor in Possession of a Firearm, Conspiracy to Commit Crime, and Attempt willful, deliberate, premeditated Murder.¹

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Petitioner, Neilvert DelaCruz pleaded guilty in 1996 to attempted murder, with an armed enhancement, and conspiracy to commit murder. At the tender age of 19 years old he solicited the assistance of others to take the life of another. Neilvert was extremely immature and prone to impulsive choices. He was unable to understand and appreciate the risks and consequences of his actions. Fortunately, law enforcement was able to intervene before his plan came to fruition. Mr. DelaCruz feels deep remorse for his reckless and irresponsible conduct. He accepts full unqualified responsibility for his actions and the life long suffering incurred by Michael S and his family. Admittedly, it took some time before Mr. DelaCruz was prepared to accept his responsibly. A review of his file will show that after he plead guilty he failed to appear for sentencing. He was released before sentencing pursuant to a Cruz waiver (People v. Cruz (1988) 44 Cal.3d 1247) on the understanding that, if he returned for sentencing, count 2 would be

¹ Exhibit 1.

dismissed and defendant would receive a sentence of eight years to life on count 1. Mr. Delacruz did not appear for sentencing and he fled to the Philippines. On October 1998, Mr. Delacruz was detained in the Philippines on his outstanding warrant. While in custody in the Philippines Mr. Delacruz challenged extradition. He returned to California in 2009. His minimum eligible parole date (MEPD) is 07/23/2023.²

INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIOR

Mr. Delacruz behavior throughout his incarceration demonstrates he is a special inmate. He has been discipline free throughout his entire period of incarceration. He has never received a rules violation report (RVR). This is an objective example of Neilvert having improved long term impulse control and a pro-social mentality. He has never involved himself in gangs or negative peer groups. He has been able to resist the temptations of drugs, alcohol, and prison politics. Prison has allowed him to come to terms with his life crime and more importantly have a thorough understanding of his insight and poor decision making that led up to his commitment offense. Neilvert has demonstrated a commitment to self improvement through his participation in various self-help groups/programs over the years. Some of the programming he has participated includes: Partnership for Re-Entry Program; School of Christ International Correspondence Course; Crossroad Bible Institute-Ten Men You Should Know, Survey of the Bible, Great Truths of the Bible; Bible Correspondence Course-Walk the Talk; Studies in Grace; ECS Prison Ministry; Emmaus Correspondence School; Herbert W Armstrong Bible Correspondence Courses; Anger Management; Re-Entry In Society; Addiction; Nonviolent Communication; Parenting; Victim Awareness; Conflict Resolution; Domestic Violence; Bible Correspondence Courses at Mount Hope Prison

² Exhibit 2.

Ministry; Worldwide Bible Broadcasters; Quiet Hour Ministries; Breaking Barriers; The Way of Life Correspondence; Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous; Exodus Bible Correspondence School; Amazing Facts Bible School; Salvation Army Bible Correspondence; Sonlight Ministries.³

CAUSATIVE FACTORS/TRIGGERS

Low Self Esteem: Growing up as a child Neilvert had a very low opinion of him self. He often felt insecure and he had an unhealthy desire to be accepted by his peers. His insecurities led him to want to hang out with “cool kids” who were actually hardened gang members with a criminal mentality. He found acceptance and security when he befriended these negative peer groups. He wanted attention from others no matter how negative or harmful his actions may be.

Coping Strategies: Neilvert has learned to appreciate the value of human life. He now has a strong sense of self worth and he has learned to be content. He no longer pretends to be macho or “hard”. Rediscovering God has given him the assurance that he is someone special and he does not have to try to be somebody who he is not. His programming has enabled him to reject negative third party influences. He is no longer susceptible to negative peer groups.

Impulsivity: Ever since he was a child Neilvert hated waiting for something or someone. If he wanted something he would simply take it. He was never concerned about the consequences of his actions.

Coping Strategies: Neilvert has learned to be patient. He believes that his trust in God will guide him and give him the strength to make the right choice. He has learned to respect the property of others and to respect himself.

³ Exhibit 2.

Resolving Conflicts with Violence: Being around old friends Neilvert felt invulnerable and above reproach. He had a false sense of pride and security. When someone would talk bad about him or stare at him he would always confront them with violence. He would challenge any individual who he felt disrespected him.

Coping Strategies: In the event Neilvert encounters a difficult situation he will evaluate the situation and find an affirmative option(s) to resolve the conflict in a peaceful way. He understands he must remain calm and focus on a positive solution. Such strategies include: listening to another point of view, excusing himself and walking away to assess the situation, utilizing the S.T.A.R. technique which stands for Stop, Think, Assess, and React. With this technique Neilvert will be able to make calm reasonable choices.

EDUCATION

Neilvert has upgraded educationally by earning his High School Equivalency Certificate on 08/29/2013. He earned his General Education Development (GED) on May 6, 2014. and he made the Honor's List at Coastline Community College. He also earned a degree in Personal Psychological Development from the Prisoner Assistance Scholastic Service (PASS)⁴. He anticipates completing his studies for an Associate Degree by the middle of 2017.

MAKING AMENDS

Neilvert is no longer the same person he was when he committed his life crime. At the age of nineteen he involved himself in an unspeakable crime and he deserved to be severely punished. However, his ability to understand the motivations behind his crime has evolved through the therapeutic process offered by the California Department of

⁴ Exhibit 4.

Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). His programming has allowed him to identify his past defects of character and the causative factors of his criminality. This was only done through hard work and his unwavering commitment to self analysis. He has written a detailed Relapsed Prevention Plan ⁵ which has enabled him to manage stressors in prison and will assist him in the free community. His rehabilitation has enabled him to have the coping skills to someday succeed on parole.

One can reasonably opine that at the age of 19 Neilvert was irresponsible, immature, and he had a clear lack of understanding the consequences of his actions. His susceptibility to negative peer influences and impulsive behavior is undeniable. However, recent scientific evidence has shown that young adult development and neuroscience shows that certain areas of the brain, specifically, those affecting judgment and decision-making do not fully develop until the early to mid twenties. Numerous studies have confirmed that the process of brain development continues well beyond the age of 18. This research has been relied upon by judges and lawmakers.⁶

CONCLUSION

Neilvert DelaCruz, by and through his counsel, respectfully request that the **Honorable Governor Jerry Brown commute his 25 to life indeterminate sentence to 15 years to life indeterminate sentence** because Neilvert DelaCruz is no longer the same person when he committed his life crime. In over 18 years he has shown himself to be an exemplary inmate. He has never incurred a rules violation report. He continues to better himself through institutional programs and self therapy. He now has the coping

⁵ Exhibit 5.

⁶ Roper v. Simmons, 543 U.S. 551, 569 (2005); Miller v. Alabama, 567 U.S. (2012); People v. Caballero, 55 Cal. 4th 262 (Cal. 2012).

skills and pro-social mentality to make the right choices and most importantly he is no longer susceptible to negative third party influences.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dated: 1/13/12

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VERIFICATION

I, NEILVERT DELACRUZ, state:

I am the petitioner in this action. I have read the foregoing Application for Commutation Of Sentence and the facts stated therein are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this matter was executed on 11/11, 201~~6~~ in California.


Petitioner Neilvert Delacruz

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

Re: In re Neilvert Dela Cruz, On Application For Commutation Of Sentence

Case No: FWV-07614

I, the undersigned, declare that I am over 18 years of age and not a party to the within action. My business address is 7545 Irvine Center Drive Suite 200 Irvine, California. On 1/17, 2017 I served a true copy of the attached **APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE** on each of the following, by placing same in an envelope(s) addressed as follows:

ATT: Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor's Office
State Capital
Sacramento, CA 95814

~~Office of the District Attorney
303 West 3rd Street, 6th Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0502~~

Each said envelope was sealed and the postage thereon fully prepaid. Each envelope was deposited with the United States Postal Service in Los Angeles, California, on the above date.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on 1/17/17, at Los Angeles, California.



David J. Ramirez, Esq.



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APPLICATION FOR
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Neilvert R. Delacruz Date of Birth: /1975 Inmate ID: AB0747

Address: P.O. Box 2199 Blythe, CA 92226 Facility: Ironweed State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s)	Date of offense(s)	County of conviction(s)	Sentence(s)
SEE EXHIBIT 1			

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David J. Ramirez, Esquire 7545 Irvine Center Dr. Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92618.
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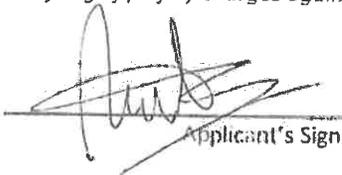
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I, Neilvert Remingo Delacruz, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of San Bernardino with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
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Applicant's Signature

12/21/16
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

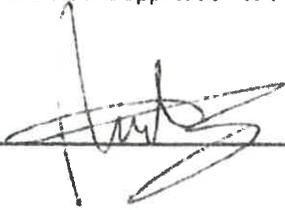
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Bernardino County: Please take notice that Neilvert R. Delacruz

was convicted of the crime of Attempted murder with an armed enhancement and conspiracy to commit murder

committed in San Bernardino County, California, on the date of 06/12/1995

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California AB 0747



Applicant's Signature

Date

12/23/16

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JAN 24 2017

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

Michael P. Dowd

District Attorney of the County of San Bernardino

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from

Neilvert R. Delacruz

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence

Signature



Date

1/18/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Dennis Damar Edwards

In 1987, 20-year-old Dennis Edwards shot and killed Jeffrey Randle El. Mr. Edwards claims that he met Mr. Randle El in the middle of the night for a drug transaction, and shot him after they got into an argument. On January 5, 1988, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Edwards to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder.

Mr. Edwards applied for a commutation of sentence based on his rehabilitation during his incarceration. In his application, he wrote, "I believe a commutation and parole will allow me an opportunity to make a positive contribution to society and my own life. . . . I am a changed person." In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Edwards described the major role his faith has played in his transformation. He spoke passionately about working to turn his life around after taking Bible college classes and reading scripture.

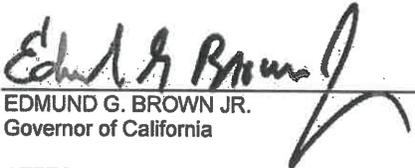
Mr. Edwards has been incarcerated for 31 years and is 51 years old. He stopped associating with gangs more than a decade ago, and has only been disciplined five times for misconduct. Mr. Edwards has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Addictions and Abuses, Peacemakers, and Men for Honor, along with numerous religious correspondence courses. He earned his GED and is pursuing his A.A. degree from Lassen Community College. Mr. Edwards regularly receives positive work ratings from his supervisors, and earned vocational certification in Janitorial Services. He lived on an honor yard for inmates with good behavior for several years. Mr. Edwards plans to participate in a transitional housing program in the event of his release, and reports that he will seek support from family members and the church to help him transition back into society.

There is no doubt that Mr. Edwards committed a senseless crime. But he has made a credible commitment to changing his life and expressed sincere remorse. In his Board interview, he said, "I'm sorry about [the crime] and I apologize for that; I can't stop apologizing for that. But there's other things I can get into to help. . . . It's not about me, it's about what I can do for the next man." For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Edwards has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Dennis Damar Edwards to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Dennis D. Edwards Date of Birth: 66 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 44750 60th Street West, A2-202, Lancaster, CA 93536

1. Conviction Summary: First timer

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was convicted of murder/robbery w/social circumstances

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have exhausted all legal remedies for reduction. In addition, I have served 29 years on this life without parole sentence. I was 21 years old when convicted and during these years of incarceration I have made every effort to rehabilitate myself. I have matured, recognizing the errors my previous thinking and decision-making. This is why I am applying for commutation.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I believe a commutation and parole will allow me an opportunity to make a positive contribution to society and my own life. I have been incarcerated for 29 years and have maintained a job and obtained my General Education Degree, some college credits from Lassen Community College, and an Associate's Degree with a certification in

Christian Counseling from Channel Islands Bible College. Also I have earned certification as a Peace Maker. I

9. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid (see Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Dennis D. Edwards, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Dennis D. Edwards 4-17-2017
Applicant's Signature Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ronald Harrison George

In the fall of 1979, Ronald George and his brother conspired to kill Kenneth Earl over a drug debt. On December 3, Mr. George's brother struck Mr. Earl repeatedly with a wrench, killing him. On July 2, 1981, the San Mateo County Superior Court sentenced Mr. George to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. George has been incarcerated for almost 39 years and has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. In his commutation application, he wrote, "I can affirmatively state that I am not, now, the same person that I was 38 years ago. I have attempted to serve my punishment with an attitude of service, rehabilitation and penitence." He continued, "I have tried to live a life of service to others and clear morality, and have worked to better myself through self-help rehabilitative programs and education."

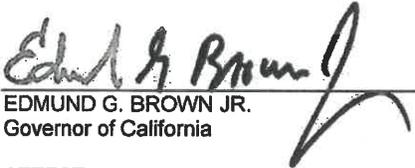
Mr. George's prison record is a testament to his statements. In almost four decades of incarceration, he has received only five rules violations, none of which were violent. He was last disciplined 24 years ago. Mr. George has completed vocational training in computer literacy and is taking college correspondence classes. He participated in self-help groups, the Addiction Counseling Program, and the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. In 2018, a supervisor commended Mr. George on his work ethic and attitude, noting that Mr. George "is always respectful in our interactions and has always shown a positive attitude towards staff and inmates alike." The supervisor wrote, "[Mr.] George is always willing to help inmates," and "is on a positive path and should be commended for his positive programming." Mr. George has served as a Youthful Offender Mentor, tutoring new students and acclimating them to the program. In 2017, a college coordinator with the Youth Offender Program wrote that Mr. George "has continually shown that he is a self-starter who needs little, if any, supervision in completing not only his assigned duties, but with all the volunteering work he does. . . ."

Mr. George wrote in his commutation application, "I am hopeful that I can be seen as the man that I now am instead of the 21-year-old impressionable mess of a boy that I was when I helped take a man's life." Mr. George has demonstrated that he has changed through his dedication to his rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. George has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ronald Harrison George to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Ronald H. George Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Inmate ID: C32697

Address: P.O. Box 2199, Blythe CA 92226 Facility: Ironwood State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Criminal damage to property	8/24/77	Union County, IL	364 days
Burglary	1979	Union County, IL	unknown

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

None.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Mateo County: Please take notice that I, Ronald H. George,
was convicted of the crime of Aiding in a murder (felony murder), Conspiracy to commit murder,
committed in San Mateo County, California, on the date of December 1979.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Ronald H. George
Applicant's Signature

8/30/2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Stephen M. Wagstoffe, District Attorney of the County of San Mateo,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Ronald H. George,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed Stephen M. Wagstoffe

Date September 13, 2017

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Application for Commutation of Sentence Ronald H. George, C32697

1. Conviction Summary:

I was in the course of a trial for burglary charges in Union County, Illinois, when I fled to California and the crime of my current conviction was committed. I do not know the exact outcome of that trial. The probation officer's report following my current conviction indicates that I was convicted of the burglary charges in Illinois and that sentence had not been pronounced at that time. I cannot affirmatively state the outcome of the burglary charges.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime for which you are requesting a commutation.

On June 5, 1981, I was found guilty of aiding and abetting a murder and conspiracy to commit murder with the special circumstance of lying in wait. The murder was directly committed by my older brother, Robert George, in December of 1979. I was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. I was 21 years old at the time of the murder.

My victim, Kenneth Earl, was a friend of my brother and I, and I was living with him along with my girlfriend, Sharon Brown, in Oakland at the time of the crime. The probation officer's report prepared following the subject conviction provides the following summary of the offense:

Suffice it to say that three subjects, including [Ronald George], formulated a plan to murder the victim [, Kenneth Earl]. The victim was lured into a particular portion of the house by one of the subjects and brutally assaulted leading to his death. The victim was then placed in his van and transported to the San Mateo County coastside where the body was dumped. It appears that the defendant's older brother [, Robert George,] was more culpable in the actual slaying. However, it should not go unnoticed that the defendant initiated the action which led to the victim's death. After dumping the body the defendant fled in the victim's van and was apprehended in San Luis Obispo County when an officer affecting a traffic stop learned the defendant was wanted as a fugitive from the state of Illinois.

These records reflect that on December 11, 1979, at approximately 6:00 p.m. the Sheriff's Office received an anonymous call stating that a subject had observed a

dead body on Verde Road south of Half Moon Bay. Sheriff's officers were dispatched to the location and located the body covered by a blanket hidden from view under some dead tree branches. The crime scene was secured and detectives and the coroner were notified.

The victim was later identified [as Kenneth Earl] through fingerprints and his residence was located in Oakland. It was then learned the victim and his van were both missing for approximately ten days. Investigation began to center on [Ronald George] who, accompanied by his girlfriend, had been living with the victim. It was learned that [Kenneth] became disenchanted with his boarders as [Ronald] failed to furnish financial support and [Sharon] failed to carry out household duties.

[Ronald] notified his brother [, Robert George,] who was in Illinois at the time. The brother came to California. At some time prior to or after [Robert's] arriving, the two brothers formulated a plan to murder the victim. It was agreed that when the victim returned home [Sharon] was to tell him that he had mail on a desk. Ronald was on the sofa in the living room and [Robert] hid in a bedroom. As the victim went to the desk to pick up his mail, [Robert] came out of the bedroom behind the victim and brutally struck the victim over the head repeatedly with a long-handled ratchet wrench. [Sharon] ran into the bathroom. She then heard a thumping sound and a gurgling sound. She also reported hearing one of the subjects state, "He's not dead yet."

After the murder, the body of the victim was placed in his van and driven to a coast-side location where it was dumped. All parties were subsequently arrested.

In the early part of 1979 I was standing trial for burglary charges in Illinois. In the midst of that trial I panicked about what seemed to be an inevitable outcome, and fled to California. After I arrived in California I met up with Kenneth Earl, a previous friend from Illinois and an associate of my older brother, Robert. I moved in with my girlfriend, Sharon Brown, into Kenneth's house. Robert and Kenneth were also business associates, in that they were selling and trafficking drugs together. They were distributing various types of drugs, and Kenneth was cultivating marijuana in a barn/greenhouse like structure that was on a lot near the house in which we were all living.

By the fall of 1979, tensions had risen between Kenneth and Sharon and me. Kenneth started to complain that I was not paying my share of expenses and rent, and that Sharon was not cleaning up around the house. The financial tension was due in large part to the fact that Kenneth owed a substantial amount of money to my brother, Robert, from their drug dealings. The crux of the tension lied in the underlying fact that Kenneth owed Robert for drugs, and Robert was in search of the money owed to him. Robert wanted his money, so Kenneth was

pressuring me for money. I refused to pay for anything until Kenneth paid Robert, and the circle continued to escalate.

I kept from Sharon the details of Robert's and Kenneth's dealings because, although she was an occasional drug user, she had a daughter that lived with us and I did not want her involved in dealing drugs.

The animosity continued to grow, and Kenneth ended up pressuring Sharon to pose for nude photographs and to have sex with him in order to pay for our way at the house. At first he tried to act like it was possibly just a joke, but he became more and more direct and forceful with his advances toward Sharon. I continued to stand firm on the position that he owed Robert a lot of money, and that he needed to pay Robert before I settled anything regarding my expenses.

I finally called Robert in Illinois and shared with him that Kenneth had told Sharon that she had to sleep with him to settle our debts. Robert decided to come out to California to handle the situation and to deal with the debt that Kenneth owed him. The decision was made that Kenneth would be killed and that Robert was going to take Kenneth's motorcycle and anything else of value that he could get in lieu of collecting the cash owed. I called Robert to deal with the situation, but it was Robert's decision that everything had gone too far, and that the only solution was to kill Kenneth.

Robert arrived in California and he instructed Sharon about his plan to guide Kenneth in a bedroom so that he could kill him. When Kenneth arrived at the house, Sharon directed him into a room and Robert beat him to death with a wrench. After the murder, we all attempted to clean up the mess and discard of Kenneth's body. I was later arrested after a traffic stop when the officer found out that I had absconded from the trial in Illinois. My involvement in the murder was unveiled when Sharon was arrested for unrelated reasons.

Initially, Robert and I were being tried together for Kenneth's murder, and Sharon was the primary witness that provided evidence of our conspiracy. While awaiting trial, Robert devised a plan to try to get our cases severed, thinking that I would have a better chance of not being found guilty of the murder if the trials were not joined. Robert's suggestion was that they would sever the trials if I suffered from "depression" and that I would have it better at trial if I acted suicidal. So, while detained in the county jail awaiting trial, Robert stabbed me with a make-shift knife and I played like I had self-inflicted the wound in an attempt to commit suicide. A jail psychologist interviewed me, and at that point the cases were severed and I was tried separately from Robert.

Thus, while Robert did plan and commit the murder, I was at all times a knowing and culpable participant in the conspiracy. The death of Kenneth Earl was, in large part, due to the tension that I helped create and the instigation that I provided in calling my brother out to deal with the situation.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

I am praying that my sentence may be commuted to a standard life sentence so that I may be afforded the opportunity to seek parole from the Board of Parole Hearings. I am not seeking forgiveness or pardon for my offenses.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

The briefest explanation as to why I should be granted a commutation is simply that I do not believe that anyone guilty of a crime *deserves* a commutation, so neither do I. The laws of this State demand that I serve the remainder of my life in prison, and thus, that is the only treatment of which I *should* have an expectation. I do not seek a commutation with an attitude that I should be granted one. I simply plead for an act of mercy that would grant me the opportunity to demonstrate that I am no longer the young 21-year-old boy that participated in the taking of a life, and that I am no longer a threat to my community.

I do not pretend to argue that I deserve a commutation. However, I can affirmatively state that I am not, now, the same person that I was 38 years ago. I have attempted to serve my punishment with an attitude of service, rehabilitation and penitence. I have tried to live a life of service to others and clear morality, and have worked to better myself through self-help rehabilitative programs and education.

I have participated in four separate anger management programs during my incarceration, and have completed Breaking Barriers, a comprehensive cognitive thinking and behavioral modification program that focuses on the reasoning behind destructive decisions and conduct. I have completed a series of rehabilitative programs through the Lifer's Group program, including; Cage Your Rage, Crime Impact Insight and Remorse, Emotional Intelligence, Life Goal Planning, and Relapse Prevention.

In pursuit of educational advancement, I have attended Palo Verde College and obtained certificates in Building Construction Technologies and Information Technology Literacy. I am completing classes this current semester to earn a certificate in Automotive Technologies.

I have worked for decades in assignments and positions that serve the institution's administration with a distinguishable and laudable record of performance. Seeking these assignments has been a deliberate choice to serve a purpose greater than myself. By working for the institution's administration I have sought to affirmatively do good in service of the institution in which I am incarcerated.

In continuance of my service to others, I am currently an active supporter of veteran's causes as a member of the Veteran's Group of Ironwood, and am a Youthful Offender Mentor in the mentoring program at my facility. In my role as a Mentor, I work with the many young inmates housed on my facility (a designated Youthful Offender Opportunity Yard) to guide them in their rehabilitative efforts and educational pursuits.

I am hopeful that I can be seen as the man that I now am instead of the 21 year old impressionable mess of a boy that I was when I helped take a man's life.

Respectfully submitted,


Ronald H. George

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Gregory Gibson

In 1995, Gregory Gibson broke into two unoccupied houses and stole musical and electronic equipment, jewelry, and clothing. Mr. Gibson had previously been convicted of several other burglaries. On November 13, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Gibson to 30 years to life for burglary and a prior felony enhancement.

Mr. Gibson has now served more than two decades in prison and is 47 years old. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I have come to a complete understanding of the root causes behind my drug abuse and criminal activities. I have and continue to take full and complete responsibility for my actions." In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Gibson explained that he started heavily using methamphetamine when he was 17 years old, and that his addiction quickly took over his life and led him into a criminal lifestyle.

The warden at Folsom State Prison recommended Mr. Gibson for a commutation of sentence. Mr. Gibson has been sober since 1995. He has participated for years in self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Relapse Prevention, and Celebrate Recovery. Mr. Gibson facilitated several groups focused on substance abuse and earned addiction treatment certifications from Palo Verde College and Stratford Career Institute. In 2017, the lead sponsor of a relapse prevention group praised Mr. Gibson for his contributions to the group and wrote, "His dedication to assisting others in their recovery is without parallel... He should be commended for his hard work and dedication to recovery." Mr. Gibson has also made other significant efforts to turn his life around. He earned his high school diploma and two A.A. degrees, and has completed several vocational certifications. He contributed to fundraisers for charity, regularly received excellent work ratings from his supervisors, volunteered as a literacy tutor, and participated in youth diversion programs. In 2014, he was one of just five inmates selected to participate in an international Narcotics Anonymous video conference.

Mr. Gibson's case was reviewed by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Lisa Chung; she wrote that in light of Mr. Gibson's "substantial efforts since his sentence and convictions to actively address his substance abuse issues, this court has no objection" to a grant of clemency. After conducting an investigation, the Board of Parole Hearings voted *en banc* to recommend Mr. Gibson for executive clemency. Additionally, the California Supreme Court made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Gibson.

It is clear that Mr. Gibson has transformed himself during his incarceration. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to his sobriety and shown that he is prepared to support himself and live a different life if released. I conclude that it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Gibson's sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Gregory Gibson to 25 years.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



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Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name Gibson	FIRST Name Greg	MIDDLE Name David
Date of Birth [REDACTED]/1970	Place of Birth Canoga Park, CA.	Social Security Number [REDACTED]
		Prison Number E-10798

Current Residence

Address Folsom State Prison (old) 5-AA1-15 P.O. Box 950	Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. 5-AA1-15
City Folsom	State California
	Zip code 95763

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

- Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01
 Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
- Commutation of current sentence
 Compassionate Release
- Pardon based upon innocence
 Other

Why are you requesting clemency?

Please See attached, Page "A".

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense Residential Burglary			
Date of offense May, 1995	Date of conviction 9/26/1996	Arresting agency Los Angeles Sheriff Department	County of conviction Los Angeles
Superior court case number MA010270 OR MA010233	Your trial attorney's name and address Ernesto Diaz Los Angeles Public Defender's Office.	Sentence 30-Years-to-Life	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? Max Date 2/12/24
Did you appeal your case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Abandoned appeal on advice of Counsel. If yes, appellate case number and status of case			

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:

N/A

Your current physician's name:

N/A

Physician's address:

N/A

Physician's telephone number:

N/A

Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? Yes No

What was the result?

N/A

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Give a brief account of your offense.

N/A

Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.

N/A

Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)

N/A

When were you discharged from probation or parole?

N/A

Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.

N/A

Why you are requesting a pardon?

N/A

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

N/A

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

N/A

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

N/A

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

N/A

Was this evidence presented at trial?

N/A

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

N/A

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

Please see attached pages, "A" and "A1" - "A12".

Have you sought relief from the courts?

N/A

CLEMENCY REQUEST ATTACHMENT

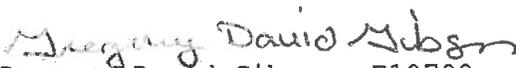
Reason(s) executive clemency should be granted:

I believe a reduction of sentence should be granted, as I have searched out those things within myself that have caused me to behave antisocially. I have come to a complete understanding of the root causes behind my drug abuse and criminal activities. I have and continue to take full and complete responsibility for my actions. I know now, that action is the clearest window into one's soul, and the only way to show true remorse is by those actions.

The epitome of remorse is giving back to the community, and I believe I have demonstrated, by my actions, true remorse and rehabilitation. Since my 12 - plus years of incarceration, I have matured a great deal, and have disciplined and dedicated myself to overcoming my addiction - which is the root cause of my past actions.

I have demonstrated, through my actions that I am ready once again to re-enter society. I now have the life skills, and job skills needed to become a contributing member of society. I have support of family and friends, as well as a secure job offer if a sentence reduction is granted. Once released, I will continue to make expiation.

Please see also attached comments by two United States Supreme Court Justices - speaking out against Mandatory Minimum sentences.//////////


Sincerely, Gregory David Gibson, E10798

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jarrett Harper

In 1999, 17-year-old Jarrett Harper and a friend robbed Phillip Piazza and his brother in Mr. Piazza's home. Several weeks later, Mr. Harper returned to Mr. Piazza's house and stabbed him, then set the house on fire and stole Mr. Piazza's car. Mr. Piazza later died at the hospital during surgery. On May 10, 2001, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Harper to life without the possibility of parole plus 10 years for murder, arson, and two counts of robbery. Due to Mr. Harper's age at the time of the crime, subsequent U.S. and California Supreme Court decisions, and related changes to state law, he is eligible for youthful offender parole consideration in 2024.

During an investigation by the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Harper reported that the victim, Mr. Piazza, had sexually abused him for years starting when Mr. Harper was about seven years old. Mr. Harper told no one about the abuse until he was 13 and learned that his younger brother had also been sexually abused by Mr. Piazza. Because of their extremely unstable home life, the brothers pledged to keep the abuse a secret. In prison, Mr. Harper started a discussion group for inmates who had been sexually abused, so they could confront more directly – and share – their experiences. Mr. Harper explained that working to understand his past strengthened his commitment to helping others who had experienced similar trauma, and gave him more remorse for his victim. In his application for clemency, Mr. Harper wrote, "I desire to show that I have learned from my past terrible choices and tragic events that I cast on the Piazza family. I have matured into a moral, responsible, and positive contributor to society. I ask for a commutation because I am not the same young boy who committed crime eighteen years ago."

Mr. Harper is now 35 years old and has been incarcerated for almost two decades. He has only been disciplined four times during that time, and has never been involved with drugs or gangs. He earned his high school diploma and several vocational certifications, including one in paralegal studies. Mr. Harper has participated in numerous self-help classes including Victim Sensitivity Awareness, Anger Management, Getting Out by Going In, and Creative Conflict Resolution. He has also facilitated multiple groups for other inmates. In 2017, a correctional sergeant commended Mr. Harper for his dedication to Lancaster's Progressive Programming Facility and wrote, "He participates in numerous self-help groups and peer to peer classes, both as a student and a facilitator, working to improve himself while providing a positive example to his fellow inmates... If the opportunity to return to society were ever given, I believe that Inmate Harper would be a model citizen." In 2014, one of Mr. Harper's supervisors wrote, "I have been a correctional officer for over 20 years and I've rarely come across an inmate with such a positive attitude as Mr. Harper... if Inmate Harper were to be released, I would feel safe with having him as my next-door neighbor." Mr. Harper's fiancée, brother, and friends plan to help support him if he is released.

Based on his age at the time of this crime, his sincere remorse, and his commitment to rehabilitation, I believe Mr. Harper has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jarrett Harper to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jarrett Harper Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 982 Social Security Number: _____

Address: California State Prison- Los Angeles County P.O. Box 8457, Lancaster, CA 93539-8457

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Please see attached letter brief.			

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I, Jarrett Nicholas Harper, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

 (ATTORNEY FOR JARRETT HARPER) 12/15/17
Applicant's Signature Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Jarrett Nicholas Harper,

was convicted of the crime of CNT 1: 187(A) PC FEL - MURDER; CNT 2: 469 PC FEL - BURGLARY; CNT 3: 211 PC FEL - ROBBERY; CNT 4: 451(B) PC FEL - ARSON:INHABITED STRUCTURE/PROP
CNT 5: 487(D) PC FEL - GRND THEFT-FIREARM,HORSE,AUTO; CNT 6: 211 PC FEL - ROBBERY; CNT 7: 211 PC FEL - ROBBERY; CNT 8: 469 PC FEL - BURGLARY;
CNT 9: 487(D) PC FEL - GRND THEFT-FIREARM,HORSE,AUTO.

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 1/6/2000

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: T19224

[Signature] (ATTORNEY FOR JARRETT HARPER) 12/15/17
Applicant's Signature Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

December 13, 2017
Governor Jerry Brown
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Attention: Legal Affairs Secretary
Sacramento, CA 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Dear Governor Brown:

I am the attorney for Mr. Jarrett Nicholas Harper (CDC No. T-19224). On behalf of Mr. Harper, I am petitioning you to commute Mr. Harper's sentence. On May 1, 2001, Mr. Harper was sentenced to the harshest punishment allowable under the law for a minor: life without the possibility of parole ("LWOP"). He was only 17 when he committed his crime, and has shown extraordinary growth and rehabilitation during his incarceration. His exemplary prison record alone is evidence that he is not a danger to society, nor is he the rare juvenile offender deserving of this punishment. For over 16 years, Mr. Harper has been serving out an LWOP sentence in state prison. Mr. Harper is respectfully requesting that you commute his sentence of LWOP plus 10 years to a sentence of 25 years to life.

For the reasons stated in this letter brief, I now petition your office for clemency on behalf of Mr. Harper, and formally request a commutation of sentence.

I. THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE LIFE CRIME

In 2000, Mr. Harper was sentenced to LWOP plus 10 years for killing and robbing Mr. Phillip Piazza, who had sexually and emotionally abused Mr. Harper throughout his childhood and adolescence. Mr. Harper was also convicted of the related charges of arson of an inhabited building; two counts of second-degree robbery, one count of first-degree robbery and two counts of grand theft auto.

In October 1999, Jarrett Harper, 17, went to the house of Phillip Piazza, 80, to ask him for the car that Piazza had promised him six years earlier. Mr. Harper would soon age out of the foster care system and potentially homeless. He hoped that Mr. Piazza's car would give him a way to get to a job, and also a place to sleep if he didn't have one. He also wanted the car to drive a girl to the prom.

Mr. Harper believed Mr. Piazza would give him the car because Mr. Piazza had promised it to him during the time that he was sexually abusing the Mr. Harper, then age 10. Whether Mr. Harper thought of this promise as a fatherly gesture, or payback for years of sexual assault, is a complicated question, particularly for a boy of 17. In any case, Mr. Harper naively approached his sexual predator to ask for the car.

Mr. Piazza was first very cordial to Mr. Harper, even when Mr. Harper asked for the car. But when Mr. Piazza heard what it was for – to take a girl to the prom – he became enraged. He taunted Mr. Harper, called him a “fag” and kicked him out of his house.

Mr. Harper roamed the neighborhood, until he met up with a young man he met at the park, Sotelo Vanisi, 19, who was known to be part of a local Tongan gang. Mr. Harper asked if Vanisi wanted to rob someone. Vanisi agreed and the two made a plan to rob Mr. Piazza. Mr. Harper went to Mr. Piazza’s home, pretending he needed his bicycle fixed. Two hours later, when Piazza had nearly completed the repairs, Vanisi walked up Piazza’s driveway wearing a white surgical mask and carrying a machete. Vanisi ordered Mr. Piazza and his brother, Leonard Piazza, into the garage and onto the floor and told Mr. Harper to tie them up. The boys went through the Piazza brothers’ pockets, taking ATM cards and cash. Mr. Piazza told police that Mr. Harper said, “I have to do this or he’ll kill me,” while he was searching Piazza’s pockets. During this robbery, Mr. Piazza told Mr. Harper that he was sick with cancer. “Man, you know pay back is a bitch,” Mr. Harper told Mr. Piazza. “Boy that’s good,” Mr. Harper continued, “God’s punishing you for the bad things you did.” Mr. Harper and Vanisi left with Piazza’s car and some cash and credit cards. Mr. Piazza reported the robbery and told police the person who took his car was “Tyree or Tyrone.”

Several months later, on Saturday, January 8, 2000, Mr. Harper and Vanisi arrived at Mr. Piazza’s home, planning to rob him again. Mr. Harper and Vanisi bound Mr. Piazza and stabbed him multiple times in the throat and abdomen, before setting his residence on fire. Vanisi and Mr. Harper also took his money, ATM card, and car keys. Mr. Piazza survived the incident and while he was being treated for his injuries, told both the police and the paramedics that “Anthony Carson” committed the crime. Piazza later died at the hospital from his injuries.

II. MR. HARPER’S REASONS FOR REQUESTING A COMMUTATION

Mr. Harper is the first person to admit that he committed a horrible wrong when he participated in the killing of Mr. Piazza. Mr. Harper was 17 years old when he committed the crime and he regrets the terrible decision he made on the day of the crime. However, Mr. Harper is no longer the same misguided child he was on that day. Today, Mr. Harper is a mature, thoughtful, introspective person. His relationships are different, his thinking is different, and his outlook on life is different. Mr. Harper has spent years in prison working tirelessly to better himself and reprioritize his life. Therefore, on behalf of Mr. Harper, I respectfully request that you commute Mr. Harper’s sentence from LWOP plus 10 years to 25 years to life.

The 2012 decision of the Supreme Court in *Miller v. Alabama* gave juvenile offenders like Mr. Harper hope that one day they could have a meaningful opportunity for release. Later, you, along with the California Legislature honored the premises set forth in *Miller*, *Graham v. Florida*, and *Montgomery v. Louisiana* that children are constitutionally different from adults and are inherently less culpable for the crimes they commit, by passing SB 9, and then SB 260. SB 260 requires the Board of Parole Hearings to consider youth and its attendant characteristics, as well as evidence of rehabilitation and remorse, so that people like Mr. Harper, who have committed their adult lives to making positive change in themselves and their communities, have a chance to live fruitful and productive lives outside prison walls. Mr. Harper deserves that chance.

III. REASONS MR. HARPER'S REQUEST SHOULD BE GRANTED

Mr. Harper's request for his sentence to be reduced should be granted based on Mr. Harper's status as a particularly vulnerable juvenile at the time of the crime, the abuse and mistreatment Mr. Harper suffered at the hands of his victim and others, and Mr. Harper's extraordinary record of rehabilitation and growth.

A. Mr. Harper Was A Child When He Committed The Crime And, As Such, He Could Not Extricate Himself From His Brutal And Dysfunctional Upbringing.

Mr. Harper was born in Flint, Michigan to a single mother who suffered from mental illness and struggled to hold a job and raise him. When he was almost two years old, Mr. Harper and his mother, who was pregnant at the time, moved to Los Angeles to start a new life. Upon their arrival in Los Angeles, Mr. Harper's mother gave birth to another son, Baylon. The hospital staff, concerned about Mr. Harper's mother's ability to safely raise her sons, sought assistance from the Department of Public Social Services. Mr. Harper's mother had two relatives in Los Angeles, Gloria and Bobbie, who offered to care for the boys. On one occasion, Gloria saw Mr. Harper's mother hit Mr. Harper in the side of the head, which eventually caused an infection in his ear. Shortly thereafter, Gloria became Mr. Harper's legal guardian and Baylon went to live with Bobbie.

When he was six years old, Mr. Harper began to suffer sexual abuse at the hands of Gloria's oldest son, Marlon. One night, Marlon climbed into Mr. Harper's bed and sexually assaulted him. Marlon told Mr. Harper he would "choke him out" if he told anyone what he (Marlon) had done to him. Mr. Harper was terrified of Marlon, who had already sexually abused Gloria's other foster children, and continued to sexually abuse Mr. Harper for the next few years. Mr. Harper began wetting his bed because he was too afraid to get out of his bed at night and wake Marlon. Marlon also physically beat Mr. Harper, and once tried to drown him in the bathtub. Later, he also pinned Mr. Harper down and tried to drown him with a water hose, and would punch and pinch Mr. Harper and the other foster children.

Gloria treated Mr. Harper and her other foster children terribly. Although Gloria had a 10-bedroom house, she housed her five foster children in the back part of her house and the garage. After the house was subdivided, the foster children's area of the home began to persistently smell like urine. Gloria left Mr. Harper and her foster children to clean their portion of the house and garage. But because they were so young, the foster children could not keep their living area sanitary without help from any adults. Their living spaces were always filthy.

Gloria also owned 13 Rottweiler dogs and demanded that her foster children wake up at 2 or 3 a.m. to clean their kennels. Mr. Harper and the other foster children would gag and complain their chests hurt from using the ammonia and bleach cleaning formula in the small kennels, but Gloria insisted that the foster children keep working. Gloria and her biological children bred and sold the dogs. She used the money to go on trips and buy her own children toys.

Mr. Harper watched Gloria cook meals for her biological children while he and the other foster children were given bologna sandwiches and even denied meals. Mr. Harper only wore

hand-me-downs from Gloria's biological children. Often, he looked so disheveled that his own cousin could not recognize him as her relative. This situation was complicated by Mr. Harper's strabismus, which impaired his vision and made him look "cockeyed." His strabismus remained untreated until his mid-teens, about ten years later than recommended by ophthalmologists. Despite this untreated condition, Mr. Harper's glasses were always broken.

B. Mr. Harper's Victim Abused Mr. Harper Sexually, Emotionally, and Psychologically.

When he was 7 years old, Mr. Harper met Phillip Piazza. Mr. Harper had gotten a flat tire on his bicycle and Mr. Piazza offered to fix it for him. Mr. Piazza became a father figure to Mr. Harper, who confided in Mr. Piazza about the abuse he suffered at Gloria's house.

When Mr. Harper was 7 years old, Mr. Piazza began raping him. According to an expert psychological evaluation completed by Dr. Manuel St. Martin, though Mr. Harper knew he did not want to engage in sex acts with Mr. Piazza, Mr. Piazza also showed Mr. Harper a form of paternal kindness that Mr. Harper had never experienced before, offering him candy, money, and a kind of familial attention. Because he was only a child when the abuse began, Mr. Harper developed an emotional conflict that made it difficult to decipher whether Mr. Piazza was his abuser or his protector.¹

Mr. Harper tried hard to keep secret the sexual abuse and suppress his negative feelings until he was 13 years old and he found out that Mr. Piazza had also molested his younger brother. On this occasion, Mr. Harper observed his younger brother, Baylon, walking up the driveway of Gloria's house after visiting with Mr. Piazza with blood streaming down his leg. Mr. Harper's brother told him that Mr. Piazza raped him. The brothers decided to keep the abuse a secret.

¹ Section 4801 of the California Penal Code sets out guidelines for how the BPH should handle prisoners who are victims of intimate partner battering (IPB). Cal. Pen. Code Section 4801(b)(1) states that, "The board...shall give great weight to any information or evidence that, at the time of the commission of the crime, the prisoner had experienced intimate partner battering, but was convicted of an offense that occurred prior to August 29, 1996. Though Mr. Harper's crime occurred after the date set forth in the text of section 4801, it is clear that the California Legislature intended to protect victims of IPB.

Under Cal. Penal Code § 243, IPB is defined as "a battery is committed against a spouse, a person with whom the defendant is cohabiting, a person who is the parent of the defendant's child, former spouse, fiancé, or fiancée, or a person with whom the defendant currently has, or has previously had, a dating or engagement relationship." While Mr. Harper was only a child at the time that Mr. Piazza sexually abused him and could not enter into a consensual sexual relationship with him, Mr. Harper *was* a victim of abuse by a person with whom he was intimately connected. As Dr. Saint Martin pointed out, not only was Mr. Harper in a sexual relationship with Mr. Piazza, but Mr. Piazza also occupied the role of a father figure in Mr. Harper's life. Therefore, the abuse Mr. Harper suffered at the hands of Mr. Piazza should be considered not only as evidence of a brutal and dysfunctional childhood, but also in the context of IPB and the effects of that type of abuse.

In October 1999, Mr. Harper went to Mr. Piazza's house to ask him for help with money so that he could take his girlfriend to a homecoming dance at Crenshaw High School. He turned to Mr. Piazza because he had given him money before and he promised to give him a car on his sixteenth birthday. Mr. Piazza was not willing to give Mr. Harper money and seemed upset that he had a girlfriend. Mr. Piazza called Mr. Harper a "fag" and told him not to come around his house again.

Following that interaction, Mr. Harper was disappointed and humiliated. He felt that his only source of support turned on him and let him down. Three months later, Mr. Harper and Vanisi robbed and killed Mr. Piazza.

C. Mr. Harper Has Shown Remarkable Remorse And Rehabilitation Since His Incarceration.

Despite the fact that Mr. Harper was sentenced to die in prison and had no hope of release, he has turned his life around. In prison, Mr. Harper has participated in nearly every rehabilitative program offered or available to him despite his sentence, which limits his eligibility for assignments and activities.

In all, Mr. Harper has received over 60 certificates of completion, ranging from self-help groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous courses to Victim Rights classes, in addition to his own facilitation of programs benefiting troubled inner city youth. Mr. Harper has also received over 70 laudatory "Chronos" from program facilitators and correctional officers alike, commending him for his positive attitude, respectful behavior, and inspirational work ethic.

In 2012, Mr. Harper was transferred to the Progressive Programming Facility (PPF) at California State Prison-Lancaster, which is a prison yard uniquely focused on rehabilitation and taking responsibility. On the PPF, inmates must be drug and gang-free, must be willing to live and program with inmates of all races, and are required to work and seek self-improvement. Mr. Harper was chosen for the PPF after a rigorous vetting process because of his nearly discipline-free prison record.

Most significantly, Mr. Harper has shown tremendous leadership while incarcerated. He is a co-founder of Men for Honor, a peer group and rehabilitation program that focuses on gang intervention and giving back to others. In Men for Honor, Mr. Harper helps other inmates understand their causative factors and triggers, and gives them the tools to express remorse for their crimes. Through his leadership in Men for Honor, Mr. Harper has gained the esteem of both his fellow inmates and prison officials.

Mr. Harper is sincerely remorseful for his crime. Despite his victimization at the hands of Phillip Piazza, he takes full responsibility for his crime, and realizes that nothing Mr. Piazza could have done would make him deserve his terrible manner of death. In 2014 letter to Mr. Piazza's family, Mr. Harper wrote:

"Mr. Phillip Piazza and Leonard Piazza and your entire family didn't deserve what I did. And I understand that your grief is lifelong. And I get that your family will never forget all that I did. Neither will I. What I did to you all haunts me daily and I'm sorry. The

same energy I use to remember my harm I caused you all is the same lifelong energy I will use to remember what your family endures daily. It also causes me to continue to work on myself to become a better human being and man every single day."

Mr. Harper's remorse about his actions has fueled his determination to rehabilitate and become a better man.

Mr. Harper works as a barber during the week. He has paid off his court-ordered restitution. He attends group therapy meetings on Tuesdays; and on Wednesdays he facilitates a victim sensitivity group. He facilitates a domestic violence group on Thursdays and a youthful offenders group on Fridays. He attends Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings on every other Saturday. On Sundays, Mr. Harper spends his time either attending religious services or watching and playing basketball. He also has social visits on Saturdays or Sundays.

D. Mr. Harper has Extensive Post Release Plans and Community Support

Upon release, Mr. Harper plans to enter a transitional living community where he will continue to focus on rehabilitation and growth. He will participate in self-help programming and gain the skills he needs to work as a truck driver and mentor for at-risk youth.

Mr. Harper will also remain a client of the Loyola Law School Juvenile Innocence and Fair Sentencing Clinic (JIFS), which will continue to represent him for the rest of his life. The JIFS Clinic, like the other clinics in the Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, is committed to holistic representation. For post-conviction clients like Mr. Harper, "holistic representation" means not just representing the client at resentencing and parole, but also addressing the root causes of his commitment offense, helping the client transition to life outside prison, and finally, helping the client "pay it forward" by giving back to the community, counseling at-risk youth and participating in social justice work. A team of students, attorneys, and social workers will support Mr. Harper through his transition by checking in on him frequently, and continuing to provide him with the best legal and support services possible.

Mr. Harper has a close relationship with his brother, Baylon, who is now a successful city employee. Baylon visits Mr. Harper often and the two work together to overcome the brutality and dysfunction of their upbringing. Baylon is a source of great strength and support for Mr. Harper and will be a large part of Mr. Harper's transition into the community.

Lastly, Mr. Harper is engaged to a successful, hard-working mother of one, Angelique Chappell. Ms. Chappell is a former US Marine and resides in Menifee, California. She first met Mr. Harper through mutual friends when he was in high school and she was in middle school. Ms. Chappell believes that Mr. Harper's time in prison and attending self-help groups has helped him to mature and remove his shame about being sexually abused. Ms. Chappell promises that if Mr. Harper is released she will be supportive and help him make the transition from prison to society. Mr. Harper thinks of Ms. Chappell's son as his own and speaks frequently about his desire to be a strong role model for him.

IV. CONCLUSION

There is no doubt that Mr. Harper deserved punishment for his actions. Mr. Harper will always regret taking Mr. Piazza's life and the devastating effect his behavior has had on the Piazza family and the community, at large. Mr. Harper has used that remorse as fuel to gather the tools and skills he will need to be a productive citizen. He has taken advantage of every possible rehabilitative program available to him. He has transformed from an immature boy with little control over his emotions and actions to a mature adult who is ready to take on the responsibilities of life. And most importantly, Mr. Harper will continue to give back in any way he can to restore justice to the Piazza family and the community.

On behalf of Mr. Harper and his family, we ask that Mr. Harper's sentence be commuted. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Christopher Hawthorne
Attorney for Jarrett N. Harper



Marisa Sacks
Attorney for Jarrett N. Harper

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Christopher Herrera

On May 25, 2010, Christopher Herrera and a fellow gang member drove past Juan Hernandez. Mr. Herrera pulled out a gun, yelled about a gang, and shot at Mr. Hernandez, hitting him in the leg. Mr. Hernandez survived. On October 07, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Herrera to 7 years to life for attempted murder and 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 32 years to life.

Mr. Herrera was just 15 years old when he was jumped into a gang and only 18 when he committed this crime. In his application for clemency, he described his conviction as a wakeup call that moved him to reevaluate his participation in the gang lifestyle. He wrote, "I wanted to become a better, productive individual and change my lifestyle. I transformed my life for the better . . . I realize the pain and destruction my old ways caused my family and my victim, and I am truly sorry for that and I would never go back that same path."

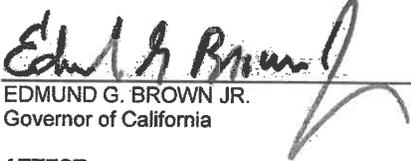
During almost eight years in prison, Mr. Herrera stopped associating with gangs and has committed himself to turning his life around. He is now 26 years old, has earned his GED, and is pursuing an A.A. degree. In 2017, Senator Andy Vidak, Assemblymember Vince Fong, and Congressman David Valadao each recognized Mr. Herrera for his completion of Bakersfield College courses in the Inmate Scholars program. Mr. Herrera routinely receives exceptional work ratings as a literacy tutor. One 2017 work report noted his "calm and understanding nature" and commended him for his passion for "not only enriching his own knowledge, but for showing, teaching and encouraging others to grow academically as well." The report concluded, "He has continued to be a positive role model for all students and encourages and challenges students to better themselves through knowledge and education." Mr. Herrera has also participated in self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Getting Out by Going In, and currently volunteers with a youth diversion program. When he is released, he plans to stay away from his old neighborhood; he reported that he will live with his mother and hopes to start his own business using skills he has developed in prison.

When he committed this crime, Mr. Herrera was clearly a reckless teenager who was caught up in the negative influences of gangs and violence. In prison, he has shown himself to be a mature young man who has accepted responsibility for his actions and worked to better himself and those around him. I believe he deserves an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Christopher Herrera to a total of 10 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Christopher Herrera Date of Birth: [redacted] / 91 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: Kern Valley State Prison, P.O. Box 5102 B-7-130 Delano, CA 93216

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
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2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have committed a crime on May 15, 2010 which I am not proud of and I'm deeply sorry for. I shot someone and got arrested for it which then I was charged with an attempted murder. An additional page is attached with number #2.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was charged and convicted of a crime of a attempted murder. I have never had a big record or violent all my charges that I had was when I was a juvenile, additional page attached with #3

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have improved and transformed my life I've successfully accomplished goals which I am proud of. I have attached an additional page with the number #4 for this question to continue.

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I, Christopher Herrera, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

12-20-17
Date

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Question #2

Christopher
Herrera

#2

I have committed a crime on May 15, 2010, I shot someone, and he got hit in the leg by the shooting that took place, then I ended up in a car chase that later ended up with me crashing getting in a foot pursuit that later ended with me getting arrested. The victim was taken to the hospital where he was treated and survived, then I was released I think a week later I'm not sure, but the circumstances of the crime was that I shot someone, and I am not proud of. I then was charged with an attempted murder charge that I got found guilty of.

Question #3

Christopher
Herrera

#3

I'm requesting a pardon or commutation I made a mistake in life that I am not proud of. I know what I did was violent and wrong, but I feel that I shouldn't have been convicted of a charge this high with a life sentence. This is an eye opener meaning this made me think about life is it worth living this lifestyle, and that's no, but this has helped me transform my life. I have never done anything violent before all my charges before was when I was a juvenile and those charges were disobeying court order, and possession of controlled substance. I feel and believe I deserve a second chance and I have shown and will continue to show and progress here.

Question

4

Christopher
Herrera
#4

My name is Christopher Herrera I'm 26 years old. I got incarcerated in 2010. When I first came to prison this gave me time to sit down and question myself what do I want in life? My answer to that was I wanted to become a better, productive individual and change my lifestyle I transformed my life for the better. I am no longer in my teenage mindset, my way of thinking is different from what it was in my past. I am currently housed at Kern Valley State Prison. When I arrived here I continued my education in 2014 where by 2016 I got my G.E.D. After graduating I wanted to pursue a higher education I then got put on a waiting list for college. For the time being with what I've learned I wanted to help other students out get there g.e.d. I knew I had the capabilities to achieving this. So I became a teachers assistant I was very good at what I did and I enjoyed helping others learn, this made me feel good at the end of the day. By the beginning of September 2016 I got enrolled into Bakersfield College which first began it's program here

in B yard, and also got enrolled into Coastline Community College, which then I started my higher education, I've been maintaining a g.p.a. above a 3.0, and excited about learning and educating the mind. I am pursuing to getting a business degree and communications. I have been in self help programs such as gogi, alcohol anonymous, and a program called Defy Ventures which I'm currently in that's been helping me build for management and leadership skills. I will be graduating from this program at the end of February. I've been on a path that's made me a better person. I took the wrong path when I was young but turned my life around, and I'm grateful for the life changing lessons. I realize the pain and destruction my old ways caused my family and my victim, and I am truly sorry for that and I would never go back that same path. I will continue my journey on achieving my goals making my family proud and others showing them that it's never too late to change and transform for the better.

I wanted to say thank you for taking the time out of your day to review my application for executive clemency. I appreciate it and may you continue to enjoy the rest of your day. Thank you.

Sincerely, Christopher
Hemera

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Virgil Eugene Holt

In January 1989, Kwami Davies fired Virgil Holt from his job at a fast food restaurant. On April 19, 1989, Mr. Holt went back to the restaurant with a gun at closing time. He forced an employee into the walk-in freezer and warned that he would shoot him if he tried to leave. Mr. Holt found Mr. Davies and ordered him to open the safe. Mr. Davies refused, and Mr. Holt shot him multiple times, killing him. On October 31, 1991, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Holt to life without the possibility of parole plus four years for murder, false imprisonment, and a firearm enhancement.

While acknowledging the significant impact of his crime, Mr. Holt applied for clemency based on his record of rehabilitation. In his application, he said, "I am no longer the out of control, reckless, immature, and irresponsible person that I was almost 30 years ago." He described deciding to turn his life around after informing his daughter that he would never be released from prison. Mr. Holt wrote, "I needed to understand my old self and I wanted to be able to heal as much of the hurt and pain I'd caused as I could. . . . I have changed my thinking and subsequent behaviors and I am now committed to a lifestyle of growth through rehabilitation."

Mr. Holt is now 49 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly three decades. He earned his GED and is currently taking courses through Coastline Community College in pursuit of an A.A. degree. Mr. Holt has participated in multiple self-help classes, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Houses of Healing, and Victim Sensitivity. He works as a trainer for the Paws for Life program, in which inmates train shelter dogs to prepare them for adoption. Mr. Holt has lived for years on an honor yard, and earned respect from the staff members who see him every day. A correctional sergeant who supervises Mr. Holt commended him in 2018 for his work ethic and conflict resolution skills and wrote, "I've also had multiple discussions with Holt regarding his efforts and desires to maintain a course of growth and positive change. . . . I am confident that should Inmate Holt be released from prison he would be a law abiding citizen and an asset to any community." Also in 2018, a correctional officer who has known Mr. Holt for eight years observed that Mr. Holt was "a very positive minded, sociable, and very respectful inmate. . . . I am confident that should Holt be released from prison, he will avoid gang involvement and do extremely well in society." Mr. Holt has been accepted by several transitional housing programs that can help him in the event of his release from prison, and reports that he will also receive support from members of his family and religious groups.

I do not discount the gravity of Mr. Holt's offense, but I also cannot overlook the many strides he has made in prison. In recent years, it appears that he has made a major change and has been seriously dedicated to turning his life around. He is on the right track and should continue his efforts in the coming years. Given all this, I believe it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Virgil Eugene Holt to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Virgil Eugene Holt Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/68 Inmate ID: H-17313

Address: CSP-LAC, 44750 60th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93536-7619 Facility: A2-115

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
459 2nd Degree	1-7-88	Alameda County	3 years probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
On 10-31-91, I was sentenced to Life without the Possibility of Parole plus 4 years for my 10-03-91 conviction of penal codes 187, 190.2, 236 and 12022.5 that I am now seeking a commutation of my sentence for. On 4-19-89, just one day after my 21st birthday, I committed a robbery of a Churches Chicken restaurant (see pg.3)
3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
I'm applying for commutation of my sentence because I've served 28 years of an LWOP plus 4 year sentence, and I would like to have an opportunity to appear before the Board of Prison Hearings to prove myself suitable for parole and a second chance at life. I came into this system as a boy with no morals, (see pg.3)
4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
Mr. Governor, I should be granted a commutation of my sentence because I am no longer the out of control, reckless, immature, and irresponsible person that I was almost 30 years ago. I have matured and grown into a responsible, (see pgs.3-5.)
5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):
N/A

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I, Virgil Eugene Holt declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Alameda with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Mr. Virgil E. Holt

Applicant's Signature

April 20, 2017

Date

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of ALAMEDA County: Please take notice that I, VIRGIL E. HOLT, ^{2017 APR 17 PM 4:47}

was convicted of the crime of Penal Codes 187, 190.2, 236, 12022.5

committed in ALAMEDA County, California, on the date of (Committed) 4/20/89
(Convicted) 10/3/91
(Sentenced) 10/31/91

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: H-17313

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Virgil E. Holt
Applicant's Signature

4/11/17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, David Cook, District Attorney of the County of Alameda,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Virgil Holt,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed David Cook

Date 5-26-17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting commutation (continued from page 1):
resulting in the killing of Mr. Quamena Davis. During the course of the robbery, I made Mr. Robert Yorke lay down in the walk-in freezer and upon being confronted by Mr. Davis when I exited the walk-in freezer, Mr. Davis and I began to argue and struggle for the gun and, regrettably, I ended up shooting Mr. Davis killing him. I then stole money from the cash register to buy more drugs and alcohol. I take full responsibility for my actions and the choices that I made on that dreadful day.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (continued from page 1):
no guidance, and out of control. I was irresponsible and I lacked accountability. I struggled with addictive personality disorders, sociopathic and disruptive behaviors, and addictions to drugs (narcotics) and alcohol. I was an immature kid who had spun my life out of control. I have since grown and matured and I have become a responsible, accountable, reliable, compassionate and, morally and spiritually grounded man. Through intense introspection and unyielding efforts at rehabilitation, despite having no hope at freedom, I have managed to change my prospective of life and I am no longer the immature kid that I was almost 30 years ago. I take full and complete responsibility for my committment offense and criminal behaviors which culminated in the pain, trama, suffering and loss that I inflicted on Mr. Quamena Davis and his family, Mr. Robert Yorke and his family, Miss Teresia Bagely and her family and Mr. Terrance Shaw and his family. Mr. Governor I'm terribly sorry for, and regret, having caused everyone so much pain, loss and sorrow, and I wish to be able to dedicate myself to giving back to the innocent people who's lives I distroyed (and to society as a whole) by becoming a part of social programs and events to share my story about drug addiction and criminal activity (coupled with the poor choices that accompany them and their inevitable consequences, to include but not be limited to death and imprisonment). I want to be able to convey that there are reasonable alternative options to the life choices that they make which could and would empower their lives and, I want to be able to work hard doing whatever I can to help change and save peoples lives. I feel tremendous sorrow and shame for what I did to Mr. Davis, Mr. Yorke, Miss Bagley and Mr. Shaw and I wish I could take it all back somehow. Mr. Governor, I have a 27 year old daughter who was Born one month after my committment offense, and her living dream is to see me come home to her some day. My daughter Christine and the rest of my family also continues to suffer as a result of my committment offense and ongoing imprisonment and, my family wants and needs me home. They too have witnessed the transformation in my thinking, maturity, my behavior and my prospective of life. They have witnessed my growth. Mr. Governor, I am a first termmer and would like to have an opportunity to appear before the Board of Prison Hearings to be assessed on the merits of the rehabilitive transformation that I have been fortunate to make over the course of my incarceration. Mr. Governor, I'm asking that you give me a second chaneé to prove to society that I am not the same person that I was 28 years ago. I'm asking that you please commute my sentence to 25 years to life or whatever you deem is appropriate.

4. Provide a brief statement why you should be granted a commutation (continued from page 1):
reliable, compassionate, self accountable, respectful, spiritually grounded, and loving man and, I have been rehabilitated. Upon my exceptance of my responsibility for my committment offense and criminal behaviors, I was able to recognize and understand the magnititude and impact that my committment offense has had on my direct and indirect victims (Mr. Davis Mr. Yorke, Miss Bagley , Mr. Shaw and thier families, thier communities, the Churches Chicken franchise and community, society as a whole and, my own family). I'm so very sorry for the hurt, the anguish, the

loss, the grief, the trauma, the damage and the destruction that I have inflicted on Mr. Davis, Mr. Yorke, Miss Bagley and, Mr. Shaw, their families and communities, society and, my own family.

After years of no hope and regrettably engaging in disruptive behaviors, I had a turning point in my life where my daughter learned for the first time that I was serving a life without the possibility of parole sentence and that I would never be coming home to her. Listening to little Christine as she wailed and screamed over the phone (crying and pleading for me to come home to her) not being able to hold and comfort her, it made me feel horrible. Something in me changed! I thought of all the people I had hurt just like my daughter was hurting (Quamena, Robert, Teresia and, Terrance) and I began to feel empathy for them and their families and communities and I wanted to change. I began to undergo a rigorous and thorough process of introspection of myself because I never wanted to hurt anyone else again in my life. I needed to be able to understand my old self and I wanted to be able to heal as much of the hurt and pain that I'd caused as I could. Lord knows, I wish I could take it all back and do things differently. I have changed my thinking and subsequent behaviors and I am now committed to a lifestyle of growth through rehabilitation.

I have been an active participant in the California State Prison Los Angeles County Facility A Progressive Programming Facility (PPF) Program since 2010. And despite having no hope of ever being released from prison, I have made the following rehabilitative accomplishments:

- I have remained disciplinary free for over 6 years;
- I have renounced and have not engaged in any disruptive group behavior in over 10 years;
- I have obtained my GED and I'm in pursuits of an Associated Degree in Social and Behavioral Science and, Business;
- I have taken the initiative to excel in each of my prison job/work assignments and continue to earn top rating performance remarks and evaluations from my correctional supervisors;
- I have acquired the tools necessary to always reach toward and grasp positive viable solutions when faced with challenging, difficult, trying, and adverse situations and circumstances in life (for example, I allow myself to breathe and think clearly to afford myself a clearer picture of a given situation and to enable me to make good choices and decisions, I reframe my perception of events to give myself a more positive outlook on preceivably adverse situations and circumstances and, I live by the 12 steps of AA and NA sobriety and also place my faith in God and my ability to make sound positive and resolute choices);
- I have completed several self help and rehabilitative programs and courses (Victim Sensitivity Awareness, Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Paving the Way Foundation, Positive Parenting Program, Creative Writing, Fundamentals of Business and Investment and, Recreational Department Contributions) and I am continuing to take other rehabilitative courses when space becomes available;
- I am committed to a lifestyle of self improvements and positive growth;
- I have maintained drug free sobriety throughout the course of my incarceration and, I have remained alcohol free for over 14 years (In NA and AA I've learned how my drug and alcohol addictions were contributing factors to my poor choices and poor decision making);

- I have developed strong Christian morals and values, and I maintain a faithful and excellent fellowship and repore with my christian sponsors and supporters who are in society;
- I have learn to love and respect others, and I have taken the initiative to donate to charities of my own volition;
- I have written letters of apology expressing my regret to my victims (Mr. Davis, Mr. York, Miss Bagley and, Mr. Shaw) for my crimes against them and for the pain and sufferings that I caused them and their families.

Once I am released from prison I plan to committ myself to volunteering to community services and social events to help give back to society and to continue to make amends for my crime. My daughter Christine and my family needs me home and wants me home. I have a strong support system on the outside who loves me and are willing and prepared to assist me with housing, transportation, meals, moral and spiritual support, life planning, job prospecting and opportunities, relapse prevention plans and, financial assistance and support if needed. I have served 28 years of an LWOP plus 4 year sentence and I have a low California Risk Assessment Score of (1) and: Mr. Governor, once I am released, I will never re-offend! I just need a chance to prove myself worthy of a second chance at life, and to prove that I will be a productive law abiding citizen. A commutation of my sentence will give me a chance to appear before the Board of Prison Hearings to demonstrate my rehabilitation and suitability for parole recommendations.

For the above reasons Mr. Governor, you should grant my application requesting a commutation of my sentence and allow me to demonstrate to you, the Board of Prison Hearings, to my victims and their families and, to all whom may be concerned, of my readiness and suitability for release from prison and re-entry into society.

Thank you for your compassion Mr. Governor and, may God always bestow blessings upon you for your mercy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Virgil E. Holt H-17313

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Hai Hong

In 1993, Hai Hong accompanied Aliyatham Silavong on a car ride. Mr. Hong fell asleep. Mr. Silavong broke into the Tanaka family's home and rounded up the four family members at gunpoint. Mr. Silavong demanded money and valuables, and took several of the family members to an ATM and forced them to withdraw money. Mr. Silavong woke Mr. Hong and told him to guard two of the family members at the house at gunpoint while he took the others to another bank. Mr. Hong, who was armed, sat in the living room with Janet and Greg Tanaka until a police officer who learned of the kidnapping knocked on the door. Mr. Hong was arrested as he tried to flee through a window; Mrs. and Mr. Tanaka were uninjured and escaped. On December 17, 1993, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hong to life without the possibility of parole plus four years for kidnapping for ransom and a firearm enhancement.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Hong described his rehabilitative efforts and his belief that his sentence was unduly harsh. He explained that at the time of the crime, he was a 24-year-old refugee from Vietnam who spoke no English, did not know in advance about his crime partner's plans to target the Tanaka family, and had little ability to navigate the legal system. In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Hong reported that his father was put in a concentration camp in Vietnam. Mr. Hong only attended school until the third grade in Saigon, and lived in refugee camps for several years before a family member sponsored him to come to the United States. Mr. Hong asked for a second chance at freedom, and pledged that he would try to contribute to the community if released.

Mr. Hong is now 50 years old and has been incarcerated for 25 years. He had no prior criminal history, and he has only been disciplined three times for misconduct during more than two decades in prison. Mr. Hong has never participated in gangs, drugs, or violence. He participated in several self-help groups, including Life Skills and a group for inmates serving life sentences. He also participated in Buddhist programs for years. Mr. Hong is currently taking education classes to learn English, and told the Board investigator that he hopes to become a Vietnamese-English translator so he can help other refugees in need of translation services. Mr. Hong reported that his mother and sister will help provide him with housing and a job in the event that he is released.

Mr. Hong participated in a deeply troubling crime, and I have no doubt that his actions have had a long-lasting impact on the Tanaka family. However, Mr. Hong has no history of violence before or after this offense, and he has taken his rehabilitation seriously and has clearly expressed remorse. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Hong has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Hai Hong to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: HAI HONG Date of Birth: /1968 Inmate ID: J-04174
Address: 480 ALTA ROAD, SAN DIEGO, CA. 92179 Facility: R.J. DONOVAN

1. Conviction Summary: **KIDNAPPING & ROBBERY VIOLATION PENAL CODE SEC. §209(a)(b)**

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
NONE			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
On December 17, 1993 before Honorable Judge Presiding Michael Byrne The Superior Court of Los Angeles County in the State of California, on my first offense I was jointly Charged & Convicted of Kidnapping and Robbery in violation of Penal Code Section §209(a)(b) and was sentenced to 116 years to life, plus Life Without The Possibility (Continue page attached)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
After two (2) decades of confinement in State Prisons system my ability to communicate in what has become my second language in perfunctory at it best. Nevertheless, I'm still need the assistant of my native (Vietnamese) fellow inmates to helped me with the translation if one is available. The prison law library doesn't provided any (Continued page attached)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
First, I don't know how to provided a right and effective Brief Statement, if explained not enough then I might loss my chances or opportunity for a second chance of freedom, but if explain too long I might over do it so please bare with me, I should be granted the Clemency/Commutation for the following reasons: (Continued page attached)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

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I, HAI HONG CDC# J04174
(Print Full Name), declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES
(Name of County*) with notice of my intent to apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Hong
Applicant's Signature

2/22/2015
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

Hong Hai
GA 0112

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County:

Please take notice that I HAI HONG CDC# J-04174, was convicted of the crime of KIDNAPPING & ROBBERY, committed in LOS ANGELES County, California on the date of Feb. 3, 1993. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Hong
Applicant's Signature

2/22/2015
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, John Morris for, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from See above, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed John Morris

Date 3/10/15

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SERVICE (Continued)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation: continued..

Of Parole in the offense where no victims is SERIOUSLY HARMED/INJURED, UNUSUAL ENDANGERED or even DEATH. In fact the only injuries victim during a entire ordeal is Mrs. Lauren Tanaka who's suffered minor injuries (Chipped nose, scratches on her legs) and it wasn't even cause by me (HONG).

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation: continued..

reading material in my own native language or provided me with an interpreter nor someone who's have well knowledge in law and legal skill "The Clerk's are hired inmates" with lack of financial support from my family, I'm relies heavily on incompetent Jailhouse lawyers for assistance (these jailhouse lawyers are self-learning inmates).

And for the past two (2) decades I have presented evidences to supporting my claims for relief in the State of California Supreme Court and U.S. Court of Appeals in which was unsuccessfully. These evidences are as follows: FIRST, based upon the records supporting will find I was accused and convicted as Aider & Abetter to the offense, I had no intention to harmed/killed anyone in the commission of the offense, furthermore I'm not the Major Participant in the commission of the offense, plus I've not demonstrated or acted with reckless indifference to human life. Even the Magistrate and the Prosecution Key witnesses all agreed I had no knowledge of the planning of the offense, and I was plainly less culpable (please review Opening Brief Petition attached Case #S213539, page 21 and exhibit 1, C.T. 105-108, R.T. 891-892, and R.T. 905).

SECOND, there are insufficient or no evidences to established that the primary victim Mrs. Lauren Tanaka was intentionally confined in a manner which exposing her to substantial likelihood of death (see petition attached page 17) however, Asportation is the Key element of the kidnapping offense, and I didn't removed any victims out of the house, and there was no victims has seriously injured or was intentionally exposed to the likelihood of death cause by me. Furthermore, the fortuitous of my codefendant (Silavong) of moving the car, in which cause the car chased from the Police resulting a crashes cause Mrs. Lauren Tanaka to have minor injuries were not the reasonable foreseeable consequences of I'm holding the other two victims at their house miles away from the car accident scene.

LAST, however, under Penal Code Section §209(a)(b) provision:

"Any person or person Aider & Abetter any such act Kidnap or carrier to hold or detain for ransom, in guilty of the felony, and upon conviction thereof, in cases, which any person is "Subjected to any such act suffer bodily harm or death", shall be punished by Imprisonment in State Prison for Life Without The Possibility Of Parole [or] in cases, "where NO such person is suffered bodily harm or death" shall punished by Imprisonment in State Prison for Life With A Possibility Of Parole".

Again the Penalty of (LWOP) Life Without A Possibility Of Parole can not applied to my conviction as Aider & Abetter to the Kidnap offense without violating both the State and Federal PROHIBIT AGAINST CRUEL & UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT (Cal., Const., art I, Sec. 17; Eighth Amendment) this included violation of Penal Code Sec. §209(a)(b) the same Penal Code which I was charged and convicted thereof.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jonathan Hubbard

In 1977, Louis Lovely asked 22-year-old Jonathan Hubbard to participate in the robbery of a local gas station. On December 29, 1977, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Lovely, Felix Wilson, and Henry Cousins pulled up to a gas station. After robbing the attendant Roberto Ramirez, Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Lovely shot and killed him. On February 8, 1980, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hubbard to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 2 years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Hubbard is 62 and has now been incarcerated almost 40 years. He has committed himself to his rehabilitation through his exemplary conduct in prison and his dedication to self-improvement. Mr. Hubbard has had only one rule violation in the last 30 years. For the last 15 years, he has resided on the honor yard, reserved for inmates with good behavior. He has engaged in various self-help courses, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, and parenting classes. Mr. Hubbard has donated to charitable causes and participated in a youth mentorship program. In 2017, a correctional officer on the honor yard commended Mr. Hubbard for his efforts and behavior. The officer noted that Mr. Hubbard's decisions are "positive, law abiding, and free from disrespect or violence." He stated that "if the opportunity to return to society were ever given, I believe that [Mr.] Hubbard would be a model citizen." In 2018, Senator Scott Wilk commended Mr. Hubbard on his participation in the Convicts Reaching Out to People program, noting Mr. Hubbard's commitment and service to the community. Mr. Hubbard's warden at Lancaster prison recommended him for clemency, praising his work and volunteer efforts. She commended him for staying free from disciplinary violations, drugs, and violence.

Mr. Hubbard's sentence gave him little incentive to change when he came to prison. He told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that although he had no chance of parole, he decided to take the initiative and turn his life around. Because of his youth at the time of the crime, his rehabilitative efforts, and the length of his incarceration, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jonathan Hubbard to a total of 40 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.




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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: JONATHAN HUBBARD # 613581 Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 55 Social Security Number: NOT KNOWN

Address: C.S.P.-L.A.-C-F-A-113^{LOW}, P.O. BOX 4430, LANCASTER, CA, 93539

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
ROBBERY	10-1973	LOS ANGELES	17 MONTHS
ASSAULT	9-1975	LOS ANGELES	8 MONTHS

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

IT WAS A ROBBERY & MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, A ROBBERY THAT WENT BAD. YES I KNOW NOW, IF I WASN'T THERE TO (ROB) THE GAS STATION, THINGS WOULDNT WENT BAD

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I WAS YOUNG WHEN THIS CRIME WAS COMMITTED, (22) YEARS OF AGE. I KNOW FOR SURE, I'M NO LONGER A THREAT TO SOCIETY OR ANYBODY ELSE. I FEEL I SHOULD BE GIVING A SECOND CHANCE. BY NO MEANS I'M I DISREGARD MY WRONG DOIN

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I HAVE TAKING MANY SELF-HELP GROUPS ON MY OWN TO HELP ME FIGURE OUT WHY I DONE THE THINGS I DID, AND HURT PEOPLES AND FAMILYS THE WAY I DID. FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART I'M SORI

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

= NONE =

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, JONATHAN HUBBARD, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jonathan Hubbard
Applicant's Signature

3-27-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

John Revola Irving

On February 3, 1994, 18-year-old John Irving, Bernard Ontiveros, and several friends targeted Jose Contreras Vasquez because they believed that Mr. Vasquez had raped Mr. Irving's friend. They drove Mr. Contreras Vasquez around and then Mr. Irving shot and killed him. On April 18, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Irving to life without the possibility of parole plus four years for murder and a firearm enhancement.

During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Irving explained that he thought he was helping get revenge for the rape of his friend. Mr. Irving decided to make a positive change in his life after realizing the many negative consequences of his violent lifestyle. In his application for clemency, Mr. Irving described the rehabilitative efforts he has made since coming to prison. He wrote, "In the 23 years of being incarcerated I have rehabilitated myself through self-help classes in cognitive behavior therapy and with spiritual growth I have gained insight into my thoughts and actions. Through these personal developments I have learned the true meaning and understanding of empathy, compassion and forgiveness."

Mr. Irving is now 43 years old and has been incarcerated almost 25 years. He has only been disciplined three times, with the last violation two decades ago. He has never been involved with gangs or drugs in prison. Mr. Irving consistently receives above average work ratings from his supervisors; in 2018, one supervisor praised Mr. Irving as a "team player, highly adaptive to an ever-changing environment, with the potential for success in any professional environment." He has earned multiple vocational certifications and has lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard at Lancaster, since 2010. Mr. Irving volunteers for a program that trains shelter dogs, and has designed and manufactured dog leashes, harnesses, and other equipment for the animals in the program. Mr. Irving has also been active in self-help groups, completing programs like Men for Honor, Houses of Healing, and Creative Conflict Resolution. In the event of his release, Mr. Irving plans to live in the Philippines with his wife and work with his brother.

There is no doubt that Mr. Irving perpetrated a senseless crime as a young man. But he has left violence behind and has instead dedicated himself to self-improvement in an extremely challenging prison environment. For these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Irving's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of John Revola Irving to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: John Irving Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1975 Inmate ID: K-05549

Address: CSP-LAC, 44750 60th St. West, Lancaster, CA93536 Facility: Honor Yard/P.P.F.

1. Conviction Summary: Murder, 1st Deg (PC 187); Special Circs. (PC 190.2); Use of Firearm (PC 12022.5(a))

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
No prior convictions			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On February 3, 1994, I found out that a friend of mine was raped. I made a life altering choice to murder Jose Contreras Vasquez in an act of revenge for the rape of Irene Montano.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

In the 23 years of being incarcerated I have rehabilitated myself through self-help classes in cognitive behavior therapy and with spiritual growth I have gained insight into my thoughts and actions. Through these personal developments I have learned the true meaning and understanding of empathy, compassion and forgiveness.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Over the course of 23 years through rehabilitative programs such as; Creative Conflict Resolution, Convicts Reaching Out to People, Catalyst Program, Victim Sensitivity Awareness, Houses of Healing, Paws for Life and introspection I have matured and (see attached page 2)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

(Not Applicable)

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, John Irving, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

I. Irving
Applicant's Signature

2-1-18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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4. (cont.) changed my behavior in honor of the life of Jose Contreras Vasquez which enabled me to become the man I am now from the person when I came to prison.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Joaquin Jordan

Between May 22, 2000 and June 2, 2000, Joaquin Jordan robbed several businesses by either simulating possession of a weapon or brandishing a knife. On March 3, 2002, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jordan to 25 years to life for robbery.

Mr. Jordan is 47 years old and has been incarcerated for over 16 years. Throughout his incarceration, he has sought ways to improve himself and has turned away from the substance abuse that drove his early criminal activity. Mr. Jordan proposed and developed the New Options for Wellness substance abuse treatment program; which he has facilitated since 2014, has attended Narcotics Anonymous for the past 12 years, and earned a Certification in Alcohol and Drug Studies through Palo Verde College. In addition to addressing his drug addiction, Mr. Jordan has earned three A.A. degrees in Human Services, Social Sciences, and Behavioral Science. Mr. Jordan has also committed to self-help programming; he has served as a facilitator for the Victims Awareness Offender Education Program for over a decade and has participated and facilitated classes in Anger Management, Domestic Violence, and Victim Impact.

Numerous individuals have concluded that Mr. Jordan is prepared for release including California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Secretary Scott Kernan, who in 2017 wrote that "Mr. Jordan has demonstrated exceptional behavior in prison and would not pose a threat to public safety if he were released from prison." In 2015, a chief deputy warden wrote that Mr. Jordan "has embraced everything he has learned and continues to demonstrate what the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation strives to produce." Also in 2015, a clinical psychologist who evaluated Mr. Jordan, wrote that Mr. Jordan "is bright, highly motivated, deeply committed to his self-improvement and is an excellent worker with good interpersonal and organizational skills. His level of discipline is striking." During the Board of Parole Hearings commutation investigation, a correctional counselor said that Mr. Jordan's "institutional performance/adjustment while being incarcerated has been nothing but exemplary." A correctional lieutenant who has known Mr. Jordan for over 15 years commended him for being "genuine, dedicated, diligent, and a hard worker." Furthermore, information and testimony Mr. Jordan provided led to the conviction of a double murderer, as documented in letters from the Los Angeles Police Department and District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Jordan's warden wrote in support of clemency. After a background investigation was completed, the Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Jordan's case at an *en banc* meeting and referred his application with a favorable recommendation for a commutation of sentence. Additionally, the California Supreme Court made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Jordan.

In his application for commutation of sentence, Mr. Jordan wrote: "My crimes have had a toll that cannot be quantified, but I do understand the ripples I created resulted in untold damage and permanently changed the landscape of the lives of my victims. I do not know how far-reaching the damage of my individual acts have been, but I have attempted to atone in every way possible." I conclude that based on his record of rehabilitation, it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Jordan's sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Joaquin Jordan to a total of 19 years.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Joaquin Few Jordan Date of Birth: [redacted] 1970 Inmate ID: [redacted]
Address: P.O. Box 409060 11-224Up, Ione, CA 95640 Facility: Mule Creek State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Content: See additional Page 1

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See additional Page 1

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See additional Pages 1-2

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See additional Pages 3-4

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I have not paid or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application.

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I, Joaquin Few Jordan, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

7/3/17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Joaquin Few Jordan,

was convicted of the crime of 2nd degree robbery,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of March 12, 2002.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Joaquin Few Jordan
Applicant's Signature

7/13/17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Wrepps AD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Joaquin Few Jordan,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Wrepps

Date 7/12/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

1. CONVICTION SUMMARY

LIST ALL PRIOR CONVICTIONS, INCLUDING OTHER STATES OR COUNTRIES.

Offense(s)	Date of Offense(s)	County of conviction	Sentence(s)
Grand Theft Property Poss. of CS (cocaine/Marijuana)	2/11/1986	Los Angeles	Suitable placement
Driving without owner's consent	6/24/1987	Los Angeles	Camp community placement
Attempted extortion and Petty Thief	4/11/1988	Los Angeles	Committed to CYA 3 years
Possession bad check/Money order	5/18/1992	Los Angeles	2 years
Sells of Narcotic / Controlled substance (cocaine)	11/20/1992	Los Angeles	4 years
Robbery (2 nd)	12/19/1993	Los Angeles	2 years
Robbery (2 nd)	12/27/1993	Los Angeles	3 years
Robbery (2 nd) & Use of a firearm	12/30/1993	Los Angeles	5 years & 5 years
Robbery (2 nd)	1/5/1994	Los Angeles	1 year
Robbery (2 nd)	1/13/1994	Los Angeles	3 years

2. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING A COMMUTATION.

On June 2, 2000, I entered Radio Shack #3796, located at 5001 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, where the victim Nelson Pinto was working as a clerk. I brandished a knife and took money from the cash register before fleeing. I pled guilty to one Count of 2nd degree robbery and I stipulated to make restitution to all dismissed counts.

3. EXPLAIN WHY YOUR ARE REQUESTING A COMMUTATION.

I am requesting a commutation because, subsequent to a recommendation from the Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to recall my commitment and its referral to the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH), my family was informed via email that the BPH has declined to exercise their authority to refer these matters to court because it does not have a procedure in place to act on recommendations from the Secretary and did not know when such a procedure would be developed. Additionally, the Chief Counsel of the BPH and a Special Assistant to the Secretary suggested I pursue a commutation of sentence.

I have fundamentally changed the organizing principles of my life and significantly changed as a person. As my criminal record bears evidence of the need for both punishment and rehabilitation, I assert my post-conviction record of behavior demonstrates I have been highly responsive to the efforts of CDCR to engage me in rehabilitative programming. To support this statement I submit the following attachments:

Attachment A: Recall Recommendation memorandum authored by Secretary Scott Kernan

Attachment B: Letters from Los Angeles County District Attorney and the Los Angeles Police Department

Attachment C: Staff Letters of Recommendation

Attachment D: Letters from Family, Friends, and Community Members

Attachment E: Diagnostic Study Completed Pursuant to Penal Code Section 1170(d)

Attachment F: 2005 Life Prisoner: Documentation Hearing Report

Attachment G: Educational and Vocational Documentation

Attachment H: Rehabilitative (Self-Help) Documentation

Attachment I: Relapse Prevention and Post Release Plan

4. PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY YOU SHOULD BE GRANTED A COMMUTATION.

Between the ages of 15 to 29, I transformed from an adolescent with potential, to a criminal addict. Long before I faced a judge or spent a night in custody I was lazy, a liar, and a thief. Although these factors made me vulnerable to addiction and criminality, they were actualized by deliberate ill-informed decisions. A section of my probation report accurately and succinctly summarizes the narrative of my life before this prison term, *“Despite prior attempts at correctional intervention, on several levels, the defendant continues to exhibit an inability or an unwillingness to modify his behavior to conform to socially acceptable standards.”*

During periods of active use, my primary concern was to support my drug addiction without any concern for the impact I had on the lives of my victims. Throughout my criminal career I had a *mistaken* belief and *misplaced* pride in never having “physically” hurt someone during the commission of my crimes. Now I understand the enormity of that misperception. I realize that misperception contributed to the erosion of my thinking and minimized, supported, and facilitated my criminality each time I returned to active addiction.

My crimes have had a toll that cannot be quantified, but I do understand the ripples I created resulted in untold damage and permanently changed the landscape of the lives of my victims. I do not know how far reaching the damage of my individual acts have been, but I have attempted to atone in every way possible. I understand and accept the obligation I have to my victims which extends beyond any monetary restitution. The most important thing I owe them is personal change.

My placement at Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP) has been my longest period of sustained positive and productive behavior. My time here at MCSP has been transformative and my transformation is the product of helpful others, evidence based programming, informed deliberate decisions, sustained effort, practice, and a committed willingness to personal change and growth.

Prison has provided a continuous exposure to ongoing addiction and criminal lifestyles. It was the consistent refusal to engage in these lifestyles, which hardened my recovery and facilitated the positive outcome of my incarceration. This hardening process will make my recovery and rehabilitation durable outside of prison.

One of the most important things I have learned is there are three choices that I will confront every day. The choices are:

1. To associate or not associate with people who engage in criminality and addictive behaviors
2. To possess or not possess the materials needed to engage in criminality and addictive behaviors
3. To engage in or not engage in criminality and addictive behaviors

I have made deliberate decisions reinforcing my recovery and rehabilitation for 13 years. However, I do not warrant praise because I have learned to make adaptive and constructive decisions. I understand there are hundreds of millions of people who make these construct choices every day and I am finally joining the majority of the world.

For the first 4 years, my recovery was without any conscious understanding as a component of a rote behavioral chain, performed recovery behaviors because I wanted to stay out of trouble. It was not until I began the deep work of my recovery that I understood two foundational principles of my new life.

One, I can never responsibly use alcohol or drugs. Two, core elements of my character, such as dishonesty, sloth, entitlement, poor impulse control, inability to delay gratification, and a lack of age appropriate coping skills facilitated my entry into crime and drugs.

My studies of addiction and treatment enabled me to understand the interpersonal neurobiological aspects of my behavior. This in turn provided the means to develop and maintain more constructive methods of coping and strengthening my character.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Hyung Jun

On March 14, 1990, Hyung Jun walked into a restaurant while high on cocaine to commit a robbery. He walked up to the register and ordered the cashier, Margarito Alvarado, to give him the money in the register. When Mr. Alvarado tried to run, Mr. Jun jumped over the counter and shot him once in the upper back. Mr. Alvarado died from his injuries one week later. On October 9, 1992, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jun to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder.

In Mr. Jun's application for commutation, he expressed sorrow and remorse for killing Mr. Alvarado. Mr. Jun wrote, "I took away his life. A life that I cannot make or bring back. There's no way I could make up for what I've done." However, he hopes to "one day live in [the] community as an upright person pursuing goodness for myself, for my family, for my neighbors, and for my community. A community which I've caused so much tragedy. A community I've destroyed. I hope [to] one day [have] an opportunity to contribute healing and positive influences."

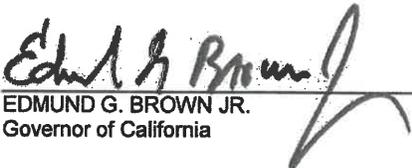
Mr. Jun was 18 years old when he committed this crime and has spent more than half of his life in prison. Although facing a prison sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Jun has made notable efforts to address the issues that led him to commit this crime. He has completed almost 11 years of substance abuse programming and has remained drug-free in prison. Within one year of being incarcerated, Mr. Jun earned his GED. He has resided on the Progressive Programming Facility for seven years and is participating in the Long Term Offender's Program. Mr. Jun has routinely received above average to excellent work ratings. Mr. Jun's supervisors characterize him as a self-starter, hardworking, and reliable.

Mr. Jun committed a senseless crime while addicted to drugs and spiraling out of control. It is clear that he has taken his rehabilitation seriously since coming to prison and has distinguished himself through his participation in self-help and his commitment to sobriety. For these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Jun's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Hyung Jun to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jun, Hyung Jin Date of Birth: [REDACTED] / 71 Inmate ID: H-54252

Address: P.O. Box 4430 Lancaster CA 93539 Facility: CSP - LAC

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Count 1st degree Murder	3/14/1990	Orange County	LWOP
Count Attempted Robbery	3/14/1990	Orange County	LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On March 14 1990 I entered miho restaurant with the intend to Rob the Restaurant with a loaded Fire arm. when I yelled out "Give me your money" pointing the Gun at the people near the cash register Every one Ran I Jumped up at the counter I fired one shot wounding Mr. Alvarado later killing him on the way to the Hospital from that Gun shot. I ran after shooting MR. Alvarado.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am asking for my "LWOP" sentence to be reduced so that I may one day Live in a community as a upright person pursuing Goodness for myself for my family for my neighbors and FOR my community. A community which I've caused so much tragedy A community I've destroyed. I hope one day an opportunity to contribute healing & positive influence.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

For taking of A life. For murdering MR. Alvarado And spreading monstrous diseased act into the world I know I deserve punishment. To Die in prison it Justifise my Crime. I know I was that monster that caused so much pain, sufferings

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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I can't help myself for Freedom. Christ's For Your Mercy!
or in here. I ask for Your Mercy because I am alive
my dream my hope is this rather I'm out side

↳ To Be a good person & Regular Good Human being

4. Fear in to society, traumatic experiences lost of hopes
and dreams to the Family member. From MR. Alvarado Life
time of Joy and Love Happinesses Even the sadness the
Joy of living, Goodness he should have had in life I took
away his life A life that I can not make or Bring Back, there's
no way I could make up For what I've done no amount of
days I spend in prison no amount of regrets or remorse I
will ever have. I am so sorry I am so regretful and I
I can give my life to return back the tragedies I've committed
to the world and to MR. Alvarado's Family and MR. Alvarado
I would But I can't And I am so sorry, It Justifies that
I spend the rest of my life in prison. I know that I Do Not
deserve a commutation I know that a sentence that allowed
me to have life in prison was my second chance It was and is
mercy. For the crimes I have committed For the wrongs I
have done For killing MR. Alvarado For this monstrous Act
There's nothing I could tell you why I should be granted a lesser
sentence. If I was truly rehabilitated and changed completely
would that give me a ground to stand on to reason out whether I
deserve a less sentence But as long as I have my memories I
can not in good conscious tell you for this or that reason,
I deserve to be commuted. I know my wrongs the things I've
done they are part of me yes they Shame me Guilt me Con-
damns me Tortures me It Hurts me and pains me. I know
my wrongs are grave I have seen the path I've walked on and
saw ^{most} of my defects. I am on the Right track now to
live as a Human being. I know I have much more to
work on and so much more to address my flaws and to
heal. As I rediscover morals that which makes Human a
Human being with it Hopes and dreams that someday I could
do some good. give instead of take. to bring Goodness and
Joy And to make amends in realistic ways to the world to
Heal not my only wounds But to show others how to Heal
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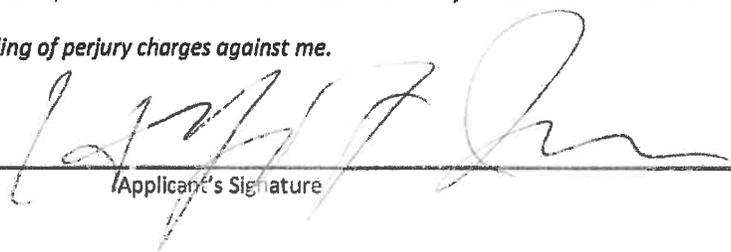
STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Jun, Hyung Jin declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Orange County with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

10/17/17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Orange County: Please take notice that I, Jun, Hyung Jin,
was convicted of the crime of Count 1st degree murder/Attempted Robbery,
committed in Orange County, California, on the date of 3/14/1990.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.



Applicant's Signature

10/17/17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Kimberly LaBore

In 1998, Kimberly LaBore was addicted to methamphetamine and lived with several other people in an abandoned house. She, her boyfriend, and several other men participated in the murders of an unidentified man and Gaylord Chilcote. On April 23, 2001, the Santa Cruz County Superior Court sentenced Ms. LaBore to 60 years and 4 months to life for two counts of murder and two counts of robbery.

Ms. LaBore was recommended for a commutation of sentence by her warden. She is now 47 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 20 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. LaBore described her path to sobriety and expressed deep remorse for her participation in these crimes. She wrote, "Had it not been for my addiction and criminal lifestyle, I know these crimes would not have happened...My dream is to do my best to bring awareness to the death and mayhem addiction can bring to your life." Ms. LaBore explained that she mentors other inmates and facilitates substance abuse self-help programs as a way of continuing to make amends. Indeed, she has participated in numerous programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Substance Abuse Treatment, and Beyond Violence. Ms. LaBore has only been disciplined once for misconduct during nearly two decades in prison. She is a certified addiction treatment counselor and has completed multiple other vocational programs. Ms. LaBore serves as a hospice volunteer, regularly receives exceptional work ratings, and earned an A.A. degree. Ms. LaBore lives in an honor dorm, donates to charity, and has been commended by staff members for her service to others. Ms. LaBore has been accepted to a transitional housing program, and her mother, stepfather, and aunt have offered to help support her if she is released.

Ms. LaBore participated in very violent crimes, and I know that the family members of her victims deeply grieve their loss. But Ms. LaBore has also made a remarkable commitment to her rehabilitation and sobriety. She has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she can be safely released from prison.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kimberly LaBore to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: LaBore Kimberly Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-71 Inmate ID: W90223
Address: P.O. Box 1308, Churchilla, CA 93610 Facility: CCWF

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
<u>See attached</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

No,

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I, Kimberly LaBare (Print Full Name), declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the District Attorney of Santa Cruz (Name of County*) with notice of my intent to apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Kimberly LaBare
Applicant's Signature

Aug 9, 2017
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

by Kimberly LaBore

1. Conviction Summary:

- 23152 (B) VC 02/09/1994 Santa Cruz 5 years GB, 48 hours Jail, \$1,438 fine
- 476 a (A) PC, m. 10/31/1997 Santa Cruz 3 years GB, 2 days Jail
- 44F (B) PC, m. 11/30/1997 Santa Cruz 3 years GB, 10 days Jail, \$366.79 Restitution
- 484 (A) PC 12/20/1997 Santa Cruz 3 years GB, 10 days Jail

2. Briefly Describe the circumstances of the crimes(s) for which you are requesting a commutation.

In the first week of November 1998, John Doe, who was introduced to me as Huckleberry and his female friend exchanged a ride with 2 of my friends for a place to stay for the night; I was living at the house, in Boulder Creek, to which they came. James Dotson, my boyfriend and I were already at the house when the other people arrived. We talked for a bit, the woman drove me to the mountain store to buy cigarettes. When we came back, I wanted to go to sleep. Dotson, my boyfriend, took my dog out to relieve himself, John Doe, the woman, Russell, and Towner all went to the living room or the other room in the house. I went to the bedroom to sleep.

I woke up to someone in bed with me, touching my stomach. I thought it was Dotson. I turned over to see John Doe and I began kicking at him. He stumbled out of the bed, and Dotson was at the bedroom door. Dotson picked up a bat that was at the front door and began beating John Doe with it. John Doe cried out asking, "Why are you doing this? Help me!" Dotson then handed the bat to me and I struck John Doe about three (3) times. I handed the bat back to Dotson and he continued to beat John Doe with the bat, he fell down to the floor. I picked up an exacto blade and cut John Doe's neck. I believe John Doe died.

I looked up and noticed Towner was at the bedroom door. Dotson held out a knife to him and told him he was either with us or he could join John Doe. Towner took the knife and made a few cuts on John Doe's body.

We did what we could to cover up the murder of John Doe. I asked Russell to have my back if this got messy. In the morning, Dotson told the John Doe's female friend that he took the bus into town to get more dope. Dotson and I stayed at the house and everyone else left for town. Dotson and I then began planning how to cover up the murder. I borrowed a car and we dumped John Doe's body in the mountains John Doe's body was not found until December 27, 1998, some six weeks after we murdered him.

Dotson and I then involved two more people, Petznick and Banes, in the second crime, the murder and robbery of Mr. Gaylord Chilcote. This crime happened specifically to get drugs and money in order to run from the police for the murder of John Doe. Mr. Chilcote was murdered in his home in Watsonville approximately six (6) days after John Doe's murder. We used Petznick's relationship with Mr. Chilcote to gain entry to his house. As planned, Mr. Chilcote opened the door for Petznick, Dotson and Banes entered the house with Petznick, I was in the car at this point. After some time passed, Petznick came and got me from the car to go help them look for the money in the house. When I went in I saw Mr. Chilcote had been tied up and murdered. I then help search the house for money. I found the fire box, we broke into it, took the cash that was inside, and left. We went to a hotel and split the money four (4) ways. The next day, Dotson, Petznick and I bought a van and drugs, and then went on the run from the police. We were eventually arrested in Florida about three (3) weeks later.

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE CONTINUED

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

I am requesting a commutation based on my rehabilitation. While in prison I have worked on my education and self-improvement. I have earned an A.A. degree and I am a state certified Alcohol and Drug counselor (AOD). I take being an AOD counselor very seriously. This is my living amends to John Doe and Mr. Chilcote. Had it not been for my addiction and criminal lifestyle, I know these crimes would not have happened. I have attended many self-help groups to gain a better understanding of myself. Enclosed are copies of some of my accomplishments.

Today, I work for Amity Foundation, the contractor for the Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program, as an AOD counselor, which fulfills one of my long term goals: To continue working in the field of addiction. Enclosed is a letter from Options Recovery Services, the Offender Mentor Certification Program (OMCP), providers offering me assistance in my transition when I parole. If I were to be found suitable for parole at my board hearing, I would take Options Recovery Services up on their offer and continue to work as an AOD Counselor.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation:

I am not asking for a commutation with the thought that I should be granted. Due to the brutality of my crimes, I should not be granted a commutation. I am asking for a chance, though asking for a chance also feels like too much, because I did not give a chance to either John Doe or Mr. Chilcote. However, if I am give a chance, I will do all I can to honor both John Doe and Mr. Chilcote in my daily life. The best way I know how to do that, is by working in the AOD counseling field. I would like to continue my education, so I can be better suited to work in the addiction field. My dream is to do my best to bring awareness to the death and mayhem addiction can bring to your life. I am asking for an opportunity to be a better person than the one I was in 1998.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

David Bom Le

On June 3, 2006, David Le, Kam Wong, and Quac Ho attended a birthday party where they were confronted by a group they had fought with several weeks prior. Mr. Le and Mr. Wong retrieved guns and shot into the group, injuring My Ha and killing Chau Tran. On February 1, 2008, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Le to 15 years to life for murder plus a 25 year firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life. Due to Mr. Le's age at the time of the crime, subsequent U.S. and California Supreme Court decisions, and related changes to state law, he is eligible for youthful offender parole consideration in 2030.

Mr. Le has been incarcerated for over 12 years and has been a model prisoner. In his commutation application, Mr. Le stated, "Recognizing the harm that I have caused, I have committed myself to living upright, to come to term[s] [with] and cope with my feelings, to think twice about my decisions, and to serve my community." He told an investigator that when he arrived in prison he was determined to stay busy and better himself. He wrote in his application, "Today, I am committed to living a non-violent, crime free, and productive life in the interest of my community."

In prison, Mr. Le reflected on his "destructive behavior and unhealthy choices" and decided to dedicate his time and energy to self-improvement. Mr. Le has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. He earned his GED and an A.A. degree, and is currently pursuing a B.A. Mr. Le participated in self-help programs and volunteered as a literacy tutor and student teaching assistant. He has also worked at the San Quentin News since 2016 and currently serves as Circulation Manager. Mr. Le has earned strong support from staff through his efforts. The staff supervisor for the San Quentin News wrote in support of clemency, stating, "I observe in Mr. Le a mature, level-headed, goal-oriented adult who has educated [himself] and worked on rehabilitating himself to assimilate back into society." A principal with the education department wrote, "Mr. Le takes his responsibilities as both a student and a worker in the education department seriously and uses the opportunities offered at San Quentin to not only prepare himself for life outside of incarceration but to better himself as a person." A college program supervisor wrote that Mr. Le "has a sincere desire to help others improve themselves and is constantly working to increase his positive influence in the community. . . . Mr. Le has the personal stability and the professional, marketable skills necessary to function successfully in free society. I support his release without reservation."

While I cannot discount the seriousness of the crime Mr. Le committed, it is abundantly clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct in prison. I believe Mr. Le has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Bom Le to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: DAVID BOM LE Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1984 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: CSP-SOLANO, 2100 PEABODY ROAD, VACAVILLE, CA. 95696

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
2nd Degree Murder & Gun Enhancement	06/2006	ALAMEDA COUNTY	TOTAL OF 40 years to Life
SUPERIOR COURT CASE # 153973			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT: DAVID B. LE'S SUPPLICATE BRIEF SECTION II. DAVID B. LE'S CASE IN SUMMARY AND SECTION III. DAVID B. LE'S CASE & CHARACTER.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT: DAVID B. LE'S SUPPLICATE BRIEF SECTION I. DAVID B. LE'S LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR REQUESTING COMMUTATION.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT: DAVID B. LE'S SUPPLICATE BRIEF SECTION I. DAVID B. LE'S LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR REQUESTING COMMUTATION, III. DAVID B. LE'S CASE & CHARACTER, AND IV. PROGRESS OVERVIEW WHILE INCARCERATED.

5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NONE

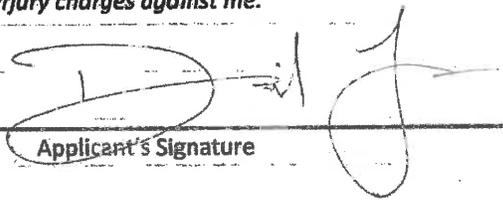
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I, DAVID B. LE, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of ALAMEDA with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

2/27/2013
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of ALAMEDA County: Please take notice that I, DAVID B. LE,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
ALAMEDA COUNTY

was convicted of the crime of §187(a) 2nd Degree Murder & §12022.53(d) gun enhancement.

committed in ALAMEDA County, California, on the date of 06/06/2006.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: G-07186.

David B. Le
Applicant's Signature

02/26/2013
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Robert Greff Deputy, District Attorney of the County of Alameda,
David B. Le

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date 1/14/13

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

January 21, 2013
CSP-Solano, California

Dear Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.,

My name is David B. Le and I am 28 years old. I've been incarcerated since 2006. I'm doing a total of 40 years and 2 life terms sentences for 2nd degree murder and a gun enhancement. In short, I was stuck in a predicament in which I felt threatened. At the time, I believed to be in imminent danger and I was desperately trying to fend myself from the people who intended to do me harm. In the heat of the moment, I fired a gun. My actions were unplanned and without malice. It troubles me that a life was lost. I wish it could have turned out differently. Nonetheless, I do accept full responsibility for my actions.

At my sentencing hearing, Judge Thomas Reardon whom presided in my case, noted that except for this incident I've led a law-abiding life and that I am a decent young man who has a lot of potential. He said, "I'm certainly going to presume from what I know about Mr. Le that his conduct in state prison will be exemplary. If that's the case, then for what it's worth, I would encourage the parole board to parole him as soon as he were eligible." The prosecuting DA, Joni Leventis, also made the same request. Also, Juror No. 12, through an e-mail correspondence with my trial attorney after my trial, she commented, "40 years??? that's insane! Why can't the judge help him out??" My trial attorney then replied that the judge has no discretion to do otherwise.

I am an individual who honestly desire a second chance. Unfortunately, any previous relief sought from the Court — unsuccessful. My numerous attempts to acquire pro bono aid — unsuccessful. I constantly pray for relief — for a second chance. A chance to continue to fulfill my sense of duty by helping my ailing father while he's still alive. A chance to continue to do more with my life in society. I have lost enough behind these walls! I do not wish to lose anymore.

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

January 21, 2013

What's more, I believe with a strong passion that there is more to my life than the confinement of these walls. With the utmost conviction of my being, I believe I can be an asset, a productive member of society again. For a synopsis of the facts of my situation, please refer to the supplicate brief provided.

In the interest of fairness and the furtherance of justice and upon having reviewed my record of what I've done with my life thus far (including my character, the direction I'm heading, and my culpability in my case) would it be at all immoral and unreasonable to commute my sentence to a reasonable length of time than what is presently imposed on me? I truly desire for a second chance. I appeal to your kindness and mercy. My second chance rest on your decision.

Sincerely Yours,



David B. Le
CDCR # G-07186

Encls: David B. Le's Supplicate Brief.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jack McFadden

In 1983, 19-year-old Jack McFadden participated in a kidnapping and robbery during which one of his crime partners killed one of the victims. Mr. McFadden fled to Nevada, where he committed another kidnapping and burglary. On July 15, 1986, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. McFadden to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. McFadden was incarcerated for over 22 years in Nevada before he was transferred to California, where he has served an additional 12 years for this crime. Mr. McFadden is now 54 years old. He has only been disciplined twice during his incarceration in California, and has not committed any violent acts. He has lived on an honor yard since 2012. Mr. McFadden routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors, has contributed to charity events, and participates in Paws for Life, a program that trains rescue dogs. The Director of Operations of Paws for Life stated that "Mr. McFadden has been an integral part of organizing the program and worked tirelessly to get the program up and running. Mr. McFadden is the natural leader of the group, which is made up of a very diverse group of men from all races, religions, past gang affiliations, educational and cultural backgrounds. In the event that Mr. McFadden is paroled, Karma Rescue is willing to offer him employment." Multiple correctional officers and staff members have also commended him for his positive behavior and work ethic. Mr. McFadden is currently earning his bachelor's degree from California State University, Los Angeles and a professor from the university noted that Mr. McFadden is "a rare and special man who...can bring a diverse group of strong personalities together," and offered him mentoring and help finding a job if he is released from prison.

Debbie Asuncion, the warden at Lancaster prison, recommended clemency for Mr. McFadden. Additionally, Jessie Walsh, a retired associate warden from Nevada, has also recommended a commutation. Ms. Walsh wrote, "It is most unusual in my fifty years of experience in the criminal justice system for such change to be concretely demonstrated, and also completely new in my experience to express support for clemency given the seriousness of Mr. McFadden's offenses." She continued, "In my opinion, to continue incarceration for Jack McFadden without him having the opportunity for release would be counterproductive and unnecessary in terms of the impact [continued incarceration] would have for himself as well as the community and society as a whole."

In addition, Mr. McFadden's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. McFadden. For all these reasons, I believe that Mr. McFadden has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jack McFadden to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jack Donald McFadden Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-64 Inmate ID: #D-34424

Address: CSP-LAC, A-5-234L, P.O. Box 4430, Lancaster, CA Facility: CSP-LAC, A-Facility, PPF

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Kidnap	Approx Sept. 1983	Washoe, Nevada	5-Life
Robbery	Approx Sept. 1983	Washoe, Nevada	5-Life
Burglary	Approx. Sept. 1983	Washoe, Nevada	10 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No.

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I, Jack D. McFadden, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Riverside with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jack D. McFadden
Applicant's Signature

4-14-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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Offense: Attempted escape. Date: Approx. late 1984? County: Washoe/ State of Nevada.

Sentence: 3 years, 6 months.

* Note Spent approx. 18 months in CYA. Convicted prior to age 18 but released after the age of 18. Less than 9 years before crime incarcerated for now.

2. On the morning of September 13, 1983 I received a phone call from my codefendant who asked me if I wanted to make some money. I was out of town at my girlfriends Mother's house due to her baby being sick and in the Children's Hospital in Orange County. I said yes and drove to the Hotel in lake Elsinore where my codefendant and his wife were holding Mr. Neblett hostage. After talking to Denise Sheldon I knew that Mr. Neblett was a former neighbor of theirs and they had taken him hostage for money. Their plan was to take him back to his house and get more money from him, including having him write checks for me to go cash. Jeff Sheldon and Mr. Neblett drove in one car and I followed them back to Mr. Neblett's house. I waited in the living room while Jeff and Mr. Neblett went to the back room. Jeff brought out a check for me to go cash at the bank at the end of the street. I did so. When I returned I was given another check to cash at a different bank. It was then that Jeff came out to the living room and told me, "you go kill him". I said no. Jeff then went and started to beat Mr. Neblett. Jeff came out again and told me to go finish killing him. I went back and saw that Mr. Neblett was almost dead. I know this doesn't sound reasonable but I did not choke Mr. Neblett, I went back out and told Jeff he had to finish it. After Jeff and I finished cleaning the house, wiping it down of fingerprints we both sat on Mr. Neblett to make sure he was dead. We placed a pillow over his face and then set the couch on him. I then followed Jeff and we dumped the car and tried to cash the check at the bank. They refused.

I want to make this clear. I am NOT blaming the murder of Mr. Neblett on Jeff Sheldon. I was there. It has been 33 years and memory fades. The details are not as crisp as they were. I have been ashamed of my crime and did not want to remember. I confessed to the Officers when questioned. That confession could have gotten me killed in prison so I hid it and tried not to think about it. I have no excuse. I was there. I helped Jeff kill that helpless man. It does not matter if my hands killed him or not. I did nothing to stop it. In fact I encouraged Jeff to go "finish it" himself. It is obvious that I did not think anything through. I tried to cash yet another check with my own ID. Not even thinking of what I was doing. I was so stupid that my stupidity cost another man his life. One word from me, telling Jeff, No, leave him tied up and let's go would have stopped everything. I didn't do that. It was me that said, let's wipe for fingerprints although right after that I cashed a check with my own ID, or at least attempted to. I have heard numerous ideas on how to write this. I hope this is enough.

3. I was 19 years old when I was locked up in 1983. I am now 52 years old. After committing the crime I am now serving my Life Without Parole sentence for I left the state and went to Nevada and a few days later committed the crime of Kidnap Robbery and Burglery. I was sentenced to two 5' to life terms of which I served approximately 23 years. The trial judge here in Calif. decided to run my Life Without Parole sentence Consecutive to my terms in Nevada. To date I have served more than 33 years in prison. I am the first to admit I deserved to be sent to prison. I deserve all the time I have spent in prison. I would just ask that you please consider giving me one chance. If my sentence of Life Without the Possibility of Parole were commuted to Life with and commuted to run concurrent with the time I have already spent locked up I would have a chance to see freedom again. I would never commit another crime. To say I have learned my lesson is such an understatement. I am no long 19 years old. Please give me a chance.

4. I was locked in 1983. I was 19 years old. I am now 52 years old, soon to be 53. I am the first to admit that I deserved to come to prison for the crimes I committed. Being 19 does not mean I should not be held responsible for my crimes. I can never atone for taking the life of another man. I can never make up for the loss to his family and friends and society. I can never make up the pain and suffering I have caused my own family.

The truth is everyone in my family has moved on with their lives without me except my Sister, my Saint. It is her and her amazing kids that have grounded me and made me want to become a better man. It is because of them that I stopped thinking about prison and started thinking about what I could do to become a person they could be proud of. The truth is when I first got to prison i was in Nevada, I had been sentenced to to 5 to Life terms for Kidnap with the use of a deadly weapon and 10 years for burglary. All crimes I committed within days of the crime that I am currently here in Calif. for. I tried to be the "tough guy" but prison soon teaches all kids they are not tough. I was in a state that was not fond of "California Boys". My first years in prison showed me reasons to be afraid, no terrified. I was raped repeatedly by the same man until I finally got sent to Ad. Seg for something and was then transferred to Riverside to face my charges. (Please see Mental Health File.) After being found guilty here in Calif. the Judge sentenced me to Life without the possibility of parole and then ran it consecutive to my time in Nevada, sending me back to Nevada.

Once back in Nevada I did anything and everything I could to make sure I was not the victim again. It wasn't until mid 1990s that I stopped being so afraid and started looking at myself. I hate admitting this but it is true. I had never reflected on my crime. I had never thought about what I had done to my family. I had spent my time feeling sorry for myself and a system that didn't care what happened to me. Little by little I tried to change my life. I got a job working^{the} Prison Industries there making draperies for hotels and casinos and other places. I started sweeping floors and quickly worked my way up with hard work. After a few years I was the Lead Clerk. In charge of the inventory of the whole shop and the pay for everyone, in a shop doing hundreds of thousands of dollars of business. I finally learned what it was like to earn an honest living and help my family. I was finally given a parole and transferred here to California in 2006.

It was not until 2012 that I was transferred here to CSP-Los Angeles County A-Facility. The Progressive Programming Facility. I have spent all but a few years of my life since the age of 14 locked up. Prison is full of stupid rules, mostly based on racial bias. For the first time in my life I could talk to who I wanted, play sports with who I wanted and eat with who I wanted. I could walk across the yard without worry of starting riot for walking through another races "area". Then I moved into a building that had just been changed from Ad-Seg to general Population. I wanted a job, any job and I could get one there being a porter. I was told that a new Program would be starting, A Dog Program called "Paws for Life". I had not seen a dog that was not searching for drugs or phones in more than 30 years, 3-decades. So, it was surreal when the dogs finally showed up. My life changed soon thereafter, a friend told me to stop being afraid, sit down and pet the dog. Her name was "Shelby",

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and after sitting on the floor she climbed right into my lap and started licking my face. I have put on my "prison face" for all these years, don't show compassion, don't show weakness because it leads to bad things. All of that left that moment in time. I cried like a little kid while I played with that amazing dog.

I have worked non-stop since then. Working 8-14 hours a day, seven days a week for little or no pay and happy to do so. One of the best days of my life was when I became a Paws For Life Trainer. No more do I complain to my sister or nephews about the system or this or that. It is always about the Puppies. My life has changed, I have changed. I joined Paws for life to help save and train dogs but most of all to be around dogs. Then one day when one of the people from Karma Rescue, (the Organization that runs and supplies Paws for Life) came over to see the dog I was training, my first dog assigned to me so I was madly in love with her. What caught my attention was Alex (The Worker from karma Rescue) knew everything about this dog. Not just from a paper but really knew about it and that made me smile inside, knowing someone really cared about this dog as much as I did. I watched closer after that and saw that Karma Rescue didn't just supply us with dogs, these people cared about LOTS of dogs and trying to help change the preception of some of the dogs. They cared about us as well. They had a "Big Picture" and for the first time in my life I realized I was a part of something bigger than prison, something truly good and it made me feel better than I have felt in my entire life.

I have continued to work all those hours for little or no pay and I am still happy to do it. I have received a number of Chrono's along the way but to be honest I have never believed I would get a chance to go home. (See attached) So, I don't do the work for the Chrono's or for the pay obviously. I do it for the dogs. I do it for Karma Rescue and all the people who work there who work so hard to make a better world. I do it for my Paws for Life Brothers that are all races from all back grounds. I do it for my family and for Society and I do it with a smile. Just a few days ago I walked a Beautiful Golden Retriever named Stella through her Canine Good Citizen test where she passed with flying colors. She will now go home to a Veteran who has PTSD and a family that can't wait to see her. I do it for the feeling that it gives me when I have helped do something truly special like this. I would love to get out and have a chance at life while being free. I have been locked up too long to actually believe it could happen but inside I knew I had to try. I hope that you will give me a chance. I believe I could help even more if I were free and I would dedicate my life to doing what I am doing now, helping Karma Rescue save animals and change the world. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ronnie Mohamed

On July 26, 1994, Ronnie Mohamed stole various items from Maria Trinidad's apartment, including a backpack, food stamps, cash, and a VCR. Mr. Mohamed was caught by officers near the apartment building's exit and arrested. On July 12, 1995, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Mohamed to 25 years to life for burglary under the three strikes law and 10 years for prior felony enhancements – a total term of 35 years to life.

Mr. Mohamed started committing burglaries as a juvenile and began selling drugs to support his own drug addiction. He stated in his clemency application that getting involved in drugs was at the root of his problems. During his time in prison, Mr. Mohamed has been committed to living a drug and violence free life. He has not been involved in any gang activity and has only been disciplined once while in prison.

Mr. Mohamed has been incarcerated for 24 years and is now 58 years old. He has taken college classes, participated in self-help programs, and completed vocational training. Mr. Mohamed has received above average work ratings, and his outstanding work performance and respectful relationship with both inmates and staff has not gone unnoticed. In 2018, a correctional officer wrote that Mr. Mohamed "exhibited the posture of rehabilitation and demonstrates his positive attitude in all affairs to prepare for society again." A visiting room sergeant who has known Mr. Mohamed for the past 10 years noted that he has always "maintained the same respect [for] staff, guests, and the inmate population." Mr. Mohamed was an original participant in the San Quentin Tennis Program and has encouraged other inmates to participate. In 2017, an associate warden wrote that Mr. Mohamed has been "instrumental" through the tennis program in "breaking down the inmate self-imposed racial self-segregation." The associate warden wrote that Mr. Mohamed is "mature, conscientious, and "dedicated [to making San Quentin] a safe environment for himself and others."

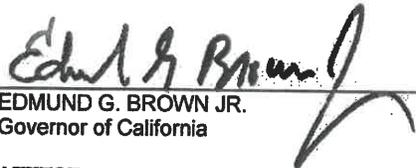
I note that Mr. Mohamed was recommended for a commutation by the Warden at San Quentin. Additionally, the Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Mohamed's case at an *en banc* meeting and recommended him for a commutation of sentence. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Mohamed.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Stephen Marcus, who reviewed Mr. Mohamed's case, wrote that the question of whether Mr. Mohamed should be granted executive clemency "should be determined, in large part, by his performance and record in state prison." Mr. Mohamed has remained dedicated to and focused on his rehabilitation throughout his incarceration. For all the foregoing reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Mohamed's sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ronnie Mohamed to a total of 25 years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Ronnie Mohamed Date of Birth: [redacted]-60 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: San Quentin State Prison San Quentin CA, 94974- H3435 2N23-

1. Conviction Summary:

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
211	1-24-85	Los Angeles	2 yrs
211	5-27-87	Los Angeles	3 yrs
4.59	7-26-94	Los Angeles	35 to Life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

The circumstances stem from me getting involved in drugs, cocaine, instead of being an abide citizen and earn righteous money through work and dedication, plain And simple.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation because in the case that happen 5-27-87, I truly was not trying to rob this gentleman, I had to take another deal, because I had a prior robber. I have been incarcerated now going on the 20th year for B.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Because the three strike law is a abusive law that had no regards for anyone with a prior. Also I am a great person who worked with the courts taking deals

5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NO

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I, Bonnie Mohamed declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Bonnie Mohamed
Applicant's Signature

2-10-14
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Mohamed

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Ronnie Mohamed,
was convicted of the crime of Residential Burglary 459,
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of July 26, 1994.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: H84354

Ronnie Mohamed

Applicant's Signature

12/31/13

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, John Morris for Los Angeles, District Attorney of the County of Ronnie Mohamed

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Ronnie Mohammed,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed John Ma

Date 1/24/14

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Quintin Orrin Morris

At around 1:45 a.m. on November 30, 1991, Zaida Correa and three friends, Livan Cartaya, Maribel Canizales, and Jose Corzo, returned to Ms. Correa's house after an evening out. As they walked toward the front door of the home four shots rang out, striking Ms. Canizales and Mr. Corzo. The gunman ran towards Ms. Correa, faced her, raised his weapon, and fired six more shots, somehow missing her. The shooter then ran across the street and got into the front passenger seat of a waiting car. Mr. Morris was arrested nearby and identified as the shooter. On February 16, 1994, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Morris to 33 years to life for three counts of attempted murder.

Mr. Morris maintains his innocence for this crime. No physical evidence ties Mr. Morris to the crime, and it is not clear what his motive for committing the crime would have been. Another individual confessed to the crime shortly after Mr. Morris' trial in the early 1990s and, when recently interviewed, continued to assert that he was the true shooter. An eyewitness who testified at trial has since indicated that the other man who confessed to the crime "resembled the shooter," and she questioned her previous positive identification of Mr. Morris. In 2000, a federal magistrate, Charles Eick, recommended that Mr. Morris seek clemency, saying, "on the present record as a whole, including the evidence obtained post-trial, this court has significant doubt regarding whether petitioner committed the crime of which he stands convicted." Additionally, the Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Morris' case at an *en banc* meeting and recommended him for a commutation of sentence. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Morris.

The trial judge in Mr. Morris' case was Michael Hoff, a retired 20-year police officer intimately familiar with the neighborhood where the crime took place due to his previous time as a watch commander there. After retiring from the Los Angeles Police Department, he practiced law for 15 years and served on the Los Angeles County Superior Court for 21 years. He presided over hundreds of similar criminal cases. During Mr. Morris' trial, the judge expressed grave concerns about the sufficiency of the evidence placing Mr. Morris at the scene of the crime and asked the deputy district attorney to consider dismissing the case. Judge Hoff said that he was "surprised" by the jury's verdict, and granted a new trial after the other individual claimed responsibility for the shooting. That decision was later overturned on appeal. In 2013, Judge Hoff wrote to support clemency and explained his concern with the eyewitness identification in the case. He said, "Had Mr. Morris' trial been a bench trial, I would have concluded that there was reasonable doubt as to his guilt and that the People did not satisfy their burden of proof." During a more recent interview with the Board of Parole Hearings, Judge Hoff said, "I don't think he did it. The witness identification was impossible. We took the jury out to the crime scene at night. We took them out there by bus. At night, they couldn't see anything. There is no way they could see what they said they saw."

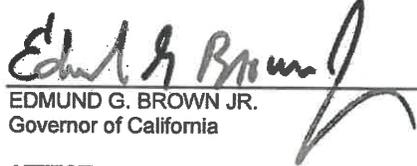
Mr. Morris is now 53 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 27 years. While incarcerated, Mr. Morris earned a GED. He has proven to be a hard worker and has received above average work ratings. Through his diligent efforts and thousands of hours of work, he has gained skills in metal fabrication. He has participated in self-help groups including Anger Management, Life Skills, Self-Development, and Interpersonal Skills. He has served as the co-chairman of his Alcoholics Anonymous group. He has not been disciplined for misconduct since 2012. One of his former attorneys wrote a letter of support describing him as "a model of positivity, gratitude, equanimity and generosity."

In light of the significant doubt that judges have raised surrounding Mr. Morris' conviction, along with his rehabilitative efforts in prison, I believe he should have an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Quintin Morris to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Quintin Morris Date of Birth: ██████ 1965 Social Security Number: _____

Address: Folsom State Prison, 300 Prison Road, Represa, CA 95671

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

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Please see attached.

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I, Alexander Simpson, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

06/17/2013

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Quintin Morris,

was convicted of the crime of Attempted first degree murder (three counts),

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 12/16/1994.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: _____.

Alexander Simpson
ALEXANDER SIMPSON
COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT
Applicant's Signature Date 06/13/2013

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steve Kels, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Quintin Morris,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Steve Kels

Date 6/24/13

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Lawrence Udukobraye Pela

In 2007, Lawrence Pela committed multiple armed robberies of video game stores and a convenience store. Mr. Pela had a gun and wore a mask and gloves during each robbery, but no one was injured. On November 5, 2009, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Pela to 10 years for 9 counts of robbery plus an additional 36 years and 8 months for 9 firearm enhancements – a total term of 46 years and 8 months in prison.

Mr. Pela has now been incarcerated for almost 11 years. In his application for commutation, he described his dedication to his faith and the changes he has made in his life since coming to prison. He wrote, "I have improved my understanding and ability to articulate my thoughts, utilizing an awareness of how to avoid negative situations to make a difference in the lives of those in my community behind the walls and abroad... If I am granted this commutation, I will reenter society committed to serving others as I have done while in prison."

Mr. Pela has clearly dedicated himself to rehabilitation and turning his life around. He has never been disciplined for misconduct during more than a decade in prison. He is taking college classes and has been working in the Prison Industry Authority for years, learning marketable skills in carpentry. Mr. Pela has participated in multiple self-help classes, including Trauma and Victimization, Criminal Behavior, Transformative Justice, and Effective Communication. He has also been commended by volunteers and staff members who interact with him regularly. In 2017, the executive director of Restorative Justice praised Mr. Pela for his participation in a transformative justice symposium, writing, "Pela is commended for his efforts in supporting the needs of survivors or crime and increasing public safety." In 2013, a correctional lieutenant applauded Mr. Pela for his participation in a program that counsels young people to stay away from the pressures of gangs, drugs, and violence. The lieutenant wrote, "His active participation in this program is evidence of genuine concern and commitment towards making a difference in the lives of at-risk youths in the community." A number of other supervisors have commended Mr. Pela's work ethic, positive attitude, and commitment to improving the institution. Mr. Pela plans to live with his mother and earn his bachelor's degree when he returns to the community.

For all the foregoing reasons, I believe that Mr. Pela deserves an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.



THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Lawrence Udukobraye Pela so he is immediately eligible for a parole hearing.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Lawrence V. Peta Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1981 Inmate ID: A25053

Address: 5-N-330 San Quentin, CA 94974 Facility: San Quentin State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
NA			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHED

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHED

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

SEE ATTACHED

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NA

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Lawrence V. Peta, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Sacramento with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

12-11-2017

Date

NA

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation.

Between March 27, 2007 and May 31, 2007, I robbed several retail stores in Sacramento County. In each robbery I displayed or pointed a gun, but never discharged the firearm. Surveillance cameras taped majority of the robberies and although I wore a mask, store employees were able to identify me because of my height, build, complexion, eyes and other characteristics.

3. Explain why you're requesting a commutation.

I am requesting a commutation of sentence because I am not who I was when I committed my crime 10 years ago. Throughout my incarceration I have taken advantage of educational opportunities through college courses, religious studies, and self-help groups. I have been dedicated to uplifting my community by tutoring other incarcerated men, leading a religious ministry, and mentoring at-risk youth. I have also been disciplinary free my entire incarceration, refraining from discriminatory behavior towards staff or other incarcerated men.

4. Explain why you should be granted a commutation.

I must begin by saying I can't explain why I "should" get anything because I don't "deserve" a commutation. I'm guilty of the crimes I've been convicted of yet I'm not the same man I was 10 years ago. By simply expressing who I am today, I hope to show why it would be "safe" to grant this commutation.

I grew up in Church my entire life. My mother and grandmother were adamant about instilling in my younger brother Michael and I the character, morals, and attitude of Jesus Christ. As a kid I sang in the choir and worked as an usher. In grade school I received A's, was an honor roll student, won spelling bee awards, and played basketball for my school team. I also attended community college where I continued to play basketball while seeking an academic education.

Having a good work ethic was important for me. I got my first job at the age of 16, working at a supermarket until my high school graduation. After high school I attended college and had various job experiences. I worked at a restaurant, a warehouse, gas station, department stores (Nordstrom and Gap), a workout gym, and a real estate agency as a consultant. I worked until I was 24 years old. However, I started becoming depressed because I was not where I wanted to be in life. I didn't have money, a respectable career, a house, and not being able to provide for a family (if I chose to have one) was disheartening for me. I struggled with my faith. At age 25, I committed my first crime, an armed robbery. For the next two months, I committed multiple robberies, of all Game Stop video games stores, believing I was not harming people. I was finally caught and convicted of 10 counts of armed robbery, receiving a 46 year sentence.

My incarceration itself was the epiphany moment. My understanding of my wrong actions were immediate. I started going to Church services and through reading and reflecting, I began to look for the source of my pain. I realized that my issues stemmed from my father choosing money over family. My father moved to Nigeria for work, making his home there when I was 7. I was distraught because he left and I told myself he cared about money more than me. I started to believe money was more important than family. From then on, in order for me to be valuable in my own eyes, as well as my father's, I needed to have money. That pressure was so intense for me that I became depressed; willing to steal money rather than earn it. I realized my truth was as simple as that. I understood how my two months of committing robberies, harming people and destroying my community was rooted in my distorted belief that money made me someone of value to myself and my father.

In prison I have been dedicated in holding fast to my faith. I lead the Drama ministry in the Protestant chapel, finding my value in spreading Christ's message in an unconventional way (through performing arts) to an unconventional audience. I have taken self-help programs, ensuring I gain the tools to help me become a productive member of society. In Essentials for Effective Communication I learned how to properly vocalize my feelings instead of holding them in until they erupted. In spite of having differences of opinion with other incarcerated men, I'm able to speak in ways that diffuses conflict rather than causes it. Criminal Rehabilitation Anonymous showed me how to combat the negative result of feeling depressed by responding to how I feel instead of reacting to it. Evaluating why these feelings arise, I carefully consider every long term solution available which keeps me from acting impulsively; seeking a quick fix.

I am enrolled in the Prison University Project, understanding a correlation exists between success and having an education. I want the best for myself and a college education

provides another resource for me to improve and become better. I also participate in The Beat Within, Brothers in Pen, and Christian Creative writing workshops. I enjoy writing and using my imagination and creativity to make something entertaining and that will have a positive impact on the lives of my readers. I worked in education, tutoring men seeking to obtain their G.E.D. because I'm interested in helping men who are taking steps to better their lives; especially through education. I have mentored at-risk youth at Wasco State Prison with the Slow Down/Despacio program, continuing the work here at San Quentin, in a program called S.Q.U.I.R.E.S. Our goal is to help young men from neighboring communities desire to make the right choices. We achieve this using our motto, "We don't scare straight, we communicate." My passion for this kind of work is simply about preventing young men from crashing on the same road as I did.

I believe my record reflects why it is safe to grant this commutation. While consistently remaining assigned in an employment position, I have changed from who I was when I committed my crime, conducting myself respectfully and impartially when dealing with inmates and staff alike. I have improved my understanding and ability to articulate my thoughts, utilizing an awareness of how to avoid negative situations to make a difference in the lives of those in my community behind the walls and abroad. I've also remained disciplinary "115" free for my entire 10-year incarceration. If I am granted this commutation, I will reenter society committed to serving others as I have done while in prison. I humbly plead for your mercy; placing the degree of leniency under the authority of your discretion. I appreciate the time you have taken to consider this request, hoping you can see the changed man that I am, while always praying that God bless.

Date: 12-11-2017

Sincerely,



Lawrence U. Pela Jr.

CDC# AB5053

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Charlie Praphatananda

On April 4, 1997, Charlie Praphatananda and two others robbed Emiliano Coronado of twenty dollars. Later that day, Mr. Praphatananda shot and killed Robert Goodwin during a robbery. On January 5, 2001, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Praphatananda to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 10 years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Praphatananda has been incarcerated for over 21 years and has been a model inmate during that time. In his commutation application, Mr. Praphatananda described how he came to understand that while he made some terrible choices leading up to, and including, his crime, "I haven't continued to live in those choices." Instead, he noted, "My time in here has been spent on improving myself as a person, by learning new ways of thinking and by participating in positive activities." He wrote, "I hope to one day not be defined only by my worst actions."

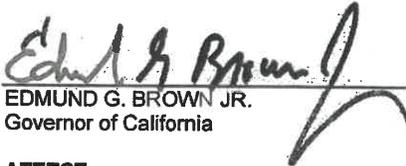
In prison, Mr. Praphatananda has been committed to his rehabilitation and earned the respect of staff. Mr. Praphatananda has been recommended for clemency by his warden. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. He has earned his GED, an A.A. degree, and is working towards his college degree in communications through the on-site bachelor's degree program at California State University, Los Angeles. Mr. Praphatananda has tutored fellow inmates studying for their GED and co-founded a book-sharing group to help inmates afford college. He instructs and leads a charity group that crochets items for donation. A lead administrator for the Lancaster Prison Program wrote that Mr. Praphatananda "is a great student, hard worker, and a perfect example of how education contributes to transformation." A faculty director of the program wrote that Mr. Praphatananda is "clearly and demonstrably not the man he was before coming to prison, but instead is now a mature, thoughtful, and loving adult, capable of becoming a productive asset to our society." He continued, "I have no doubt that if Charlie is released from prison he will continue to grow in ways that he did not know were possible and become 'so much more,' by bringing his compassion, patience and humanity into the world." Mr. Praphatananda has multiple job offers and support from family members upon release.

Faced with a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Praphatananda could have easily given up and lost himself in drugs, gangs, and violence. Instead, he focused on his rehabilitation. As Mr. Praphatananda wrote in his application, "I've spent half my life trying to better myself, to learn from the consequences that my actions had." Mr. Praphatananda has demonstrated sincere remorse for his actions and dedicated himself to self-improvement and serving others. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Praphatananda has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Charlie Praphatananda from life without the possibility of parole to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Charlie Praphatananda Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1977 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 44750 60th Street West, A3-208 #T-05163; Lancaster, CA 93536

sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole

1. Conviction Summary: for First Degree Murder with the Special Circumstance of being in the commission of a robbery

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
carrying concealed firearm in vehicle	6/16/1995	Riverside	90 days weekender program (work release)
receiving stolen property (2 counts)	2/16/1996	Riverside	1 year county jail

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On April 4, 1997, I and my two friends, Danny Ibarra and Tim Poland, robbed Mr. Emilio Coronado, Jr., and then robbed and murdered Mr. Robert Goodwin.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation for several reasons:

(** please see attached page **)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I hope I may qualify for a commutation, because:

(** please see attached page **)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NONE

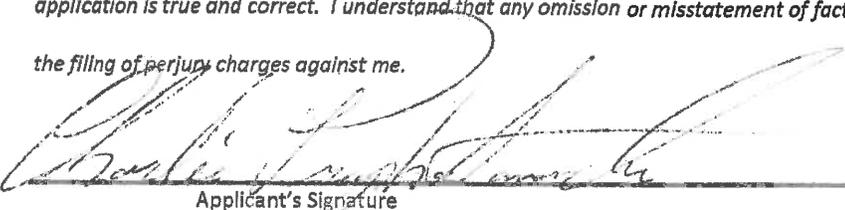
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I, Charlie Praphatananda, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Riverside with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

May 10, 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

(continued from page 1 form):

**3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation
(attach additional pages as necessary):**

From the moment I was sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole, my family has driven home the consequences of my actions, not allowing me any excuses. I realize that drugs and bad influences did not force me into the choices I made, for I willingly chose to participate in the events that led to the robbery and murder of Robert Goodwin.

Since then, I've also come to realize the pain that Robert Goodwin's family suffered in losing him. Knowing that I can never make that up, I can only ask for a second chance to show how I've learned to take responsibility for my actions and to make better choices these days.

As for my family, I'd like to be an example for my nieces and nephews, to show them the importance of accountability, and also the importance of forgiveness. Yes, I made bad choices, but I haven't continued to live in those choices. My time in here has been spent on improving myself as a person, by learning new ways of thinking and by participating in positive activities. I hope to one day not be defined only by my worst actions.

In asking for a commutation, I also hope for a chance to be there for my parents, who are old. My mom has serious medical issues, and I wish to be the son I always should've been.

Should you commute my sentence to 25 Years to Life, I will be forever grateful. And should I have a chance to rejoin society, I will demonstrate the values I've learned in here by living as an honest, hard-working member of the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I was 20 years old when I committed my crime, and I am now 40 years old. I've spent half my life trying to better myself, to learn from the consequences that my actions have had. I believe I now make better choices, as I've been disciplinary-free for awhile, with no 115's in over 20 years and no 128's in over 5 years. My ability to make better decisions has in large measure been the result of my attending rehabilitative programs like Conflict Resolution, Constructive Communication, Victim-Offender Education Group, Relationship Building, Anger Management, and Re-Entry Preparation.

In here, I've been able to complete my post-secondary and higher education, so I've felt inspired to help my peers do the same. I've done this by co-founding the inmate groups A.C.E. (Achieving College Education) and H.E.A.R.T. (Helping Everyone Attain Real Transformation).

I've also encouraged my peers to community service. I am the instructor for our charity crochet class and founder of our group F.O.L.C.C. (For Our Local Community Charities). We crochet items for direct donation and for charity fundraisers.

Over the years, I've maintained close contact with my family and friends, who have stayed in touch through letters and visits. My parents, my sister, my nieces and nephews, and my friend Roger would all be willing to help me with housing and employment should I be granted a second chance.

Finally, I have marketable skills (Business major) from my Associate in Arts degree at Coastline Community College (2009). I'm currently enrolled as a student in the on-site Bachelor's degree program here through California State University, Los Angeles (CSU, LA). When I complete my Bachelor of Arts degree, I'll be in an even stronger position to find a job out there.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Alejandro Rosales

On September 24, 1999, a truck drove past Alejandro Rosales and one of its occupants flashed gang signs in his direction. Mr. Rosales pulled out a gun and fired multiple shots at the truck, hitting Jesus Villalobos in the chest and Antonio Perez in the arm. Mr. Villalobos died from his injuries; Mr. Perez survived. On July 18, 2003, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rosales to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Rosales was 22 years old when he committed this crime; he is now 41 and has spent 18 years in prison. In his application for clemency, he took full responsibility for his actions and wrote that he regretted that the life he chose "brought so much pain not just to my loved ones, but also to those that my action hurt."

During his incarceration, Mr. Rosales has made notable efforts to turn his life around. Mr. Rosales has maintained a positive work record and served for several years as a lead porter. Mr. Rosales has been earnestly involved in self-help programs including Life without a Crutch and Alternatives to Violence, and is currently enrolled in an Anti-Recidivism Coalition program for youth offenders. In 2017, the sponsor for the Life without a Crutch program called him a "model for others to emulate," commended him for being "extremely dedicated in completing work assignments," and noted that Mr. Rosales "has also committed to a thorough self-analysis that has helped him to make a positive social behavior modification." The sponsor concluded, "I am confident that Inmate Rosales will do well in the future." In the event of his release, Mr. Rosales plans to seek services from a transitional housing program to help him re-enter the community. He has a mentor who has promised to help him if released and he reported that he is eager to rejoin his family and be a positive role model for those around him.

Despite serving a sentence that offered him no hope for release, Mr. Rosales has used his time in prison to reflect on his past and strive for a new, positive future. For these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Alejandro Rosales to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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COM-2297-14

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
Commutation of Sentence

Honorable Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

I hereby make application for a Commutation of Sentence pursuant to Penal Code (PC) Section 4800, and respectfully represent the facts as follows:

Specify the Action you are requesting of the Governor

- Traditional Pardon
- Reduction of your Conviction Level
- Reduction of your Sentence
- Release from Prison
- Discharge from Parole
- Declaration of Innocence
- Other (If Other, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN)

Have you previously applied for a Commutation of Sentence? YES (If Yes, WHEN?) _____
X NO

ROSALES	ALEJANDRO	/		
LAST Name	FIRST Name	MIDDLE Name		
█/77	San Clemente, CA.	U.S.	█	CDCR# V-00966
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Citizenship	Social Security Number	Prison Number

ALIASES, if any

ROSALES	ALEX	/
LAST Name	FIRST Name	MIDDLE Name

LAST Name	FIRST Name	MIDDLE Name
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RESIDENCE, If NOT in Custody

Address	Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc.
Zip Code	City State

RESIDENCE, If In Custody

P.O. BOX 3030	█, CA.	C-2-209L
Prison Address	Building, Block, or Tier	Bunk or Bed
96127	Susanville	CA.
Zip Code	City	State

CONVICTION INFORMATION

Orange County Pohlsen, Gary, M. Haskinskins, Kevin /
Arresting Agency Defense Attorney's Name - LAST, First Middle Prosecuting Attorney's Name - LAST, First Middle
Jury Trial Froeberg, William, R. Not Guilty Orange County
Judge or Jury Trial? Judge's Name - LAST, First Middle, IF APPLICABLE What did you PLEA? County of Conviction
P187(a) P190.2(a) (21) P187(664) P12022.7(a) P186.22(a) "LWOP"
Commitment Offense Sentence Imposed by Court
July 18, 2003 July 23, 2003
Date Sentenced by Court Date Received at Prison

No Release Date

If you are a prisoner; what is your EARLIEST POSSIBLE RELEASE DATE (EPRD) or MEPD?

Were you living with and / or supporting your family at the time of your conviction? YES
 NO (If No, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN)

Have you ever been addicted to alcohol or narcotics? YES (If Yes, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN) _____
 NO

*If your case was appealed to the Supreme or Appellate Court, please provide a copy of the Appellate Opinion.
If you are unable to provide a copy of the Appellate Opinion, please provide the following:*

April 2, 2013 NO.12-9694 / Oct. 12, 2011 No. SACV11-1104-DMG(JEM) see Opinion
Date Appeal Filed Appellate Case Number BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE the Grounds for Appeal and the Court's Opinion.

PRIOR CONVICTIONS

FELONY Orange 1995 ?
County of Conviction Date Sentenced by Court
 MISDEMEANOR Grand Theft Auto/Receiving Stolen Property 180 Days
Commitment Offense Sentence Imposed by Court
 FELONY _____
County of Conviction Date Sentenced by Court
 MISDEMEANOR _____
Commitment Offense Sentence Imposed by Court

EMPLOYMENT

Most recent Employer ENDEVCO Cable Fabrication
Employer's Name Title / Position
3700 Rancho Viejo, San Juan Cap. 92675 CA. Lori Tincher
Employer's Location - Address City, State ZIP Code Supervisor's Name - First Middle Last

MARRIAGES

Spouse's LAST Name Spouse's FIRST Name Spouse's MIDDLE Name

Date Married Date Divorced Current County of Residence

Spouse's LAST Name Spouse's FIRST Name Spouse's MIDDLE Name

Date Married Date Divorced Current County of Residence

CHILDREN

Rosales Vanessa Isabel
Child's LAST Name Child's FIRST Name Child's MIDDLE Name

 1996 Orange
Date of Birth Current County of Residence

Child's LAST Name Child's FIRST Name Child's MIDDLE Name

Date of Birth Current County of Residence

Child's LAST Name Child's FIRST Name Child's MIDDLE Name

Date of Birth Current County of Residence

Have you applied to the Department of Corrections or the Board of Prison Terms for a Recall of Sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170 (d) or (e)?

YES (If Yes, *WHEN?*) _____
 NO

If Yes, *BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE* the Outcome. _____

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

Use additional paper, as needed, to complete your responses.

1. Circumstances of your offense(s). Please see additional page.

2. Describe your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration. Please see additional page.

3. Describe your prison record. (Commendations, Disciplinary Actions, etc.) Please see additional page

4. Briefly explain the reason(s) your request should be granted. Please see additional page.

Information required pursuant to Penal Code Section 4807.2.

Has compensation been given to anyone assisting you with this application? YES If Yes, HOW MUCH WAS PAID? \$ _____
 NO

Is this person an Attorney? YES
 NO

Person's LAST Name _____ Person's FIRST Name _____ Person's MIDDLE Name _____

I, Alejandro Rosales declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided on this application
Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

and on any addendum is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may cause
cancellation of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Alejandro Rosales

Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED



Applicant - SIGNATURE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5TH day of DECEMBER, 2014
Day of the Month Month, Year

In and for the City of SUSANVILLE, County of LASSEN

C. R. AMREIN CHEVI R. AMREIN
Full Name of Notary Public - TYPED or PRINTED


Notary Public - SIGNATURE

This form must be signed by the Applicant, dated, and Notarized. Any Addendum submitted in response to the information requested herein must also be signed, dated, and attached to this application. In accordance with Penal Code 4804, a Notice of Intention to Apply for Executive Clemency form must be completed and mailed to each District Attorney in each county where you have been convicted of a felony prior to the Governor acting upon your request.



CM-2297-14

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Orange County: Please take notice that I, Alejandro Rosales,

was convicted of the crime of P187(a), P190.2(a)(2), P187(664), P12022.7(a), P186.22(a),

committed in orange County, California, on the date of Sept. 24, 1999

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: _____

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GOVERNORS OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Alejandro Rosales

Applicant's Signature

12-7-14

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, E. Rowe, Deputy District Attorney of the County of Orange,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Alejandro Rosales,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed

E. Rowe

Date

12/30/14

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

1. On September 24, 1999 I was working at Endeveco which was a Friday and it was a half day of work which meant I was off work at 11am. My Mother that also worked at Endeveco at the time asked me for a favor on helping with moving of old furniture to my Grandfather house which I did for her and for the favor my Mother gave me money to go and get my truck washed.

Around 3:00p.m. my friend Alejandro Malfavon and his son showed up to my house to stop and say hi. At that time I let him know I was off to the car wash and he said he'd join me along with his son and asked to stop at the postoffice which was on the way to car wash.

At about 4:30 we were driving home the 3 of us. I was stopped at the light on Rancho Viejo Road in the South lane, when a truck, which was stopped in the opposite direction, made a U-turn and drove south. I noticed the truck because it was lowered had rims and a nice paint job. I continued driving and paid no attention to the truck and could not see it as the road curved. The truck was driving the speed limit and I saw the truck about 50 yards in front, the truck began to drive a lot slower as we past Via Escolara and I noticed the passenger had on a baseball hat which he took off. The truck was driving slowly towards the next intersection at Spotted Bull. I closed in on the truck because of its slow travel and I could tell the three males were Hispanics with shaved heads.

I noticed the passenger was turning around to look at us. I asked my friend Malfavon if he recognized the truck occupants, which he told me he did not. As I neared the truck about 20 yards behind the occupants seemed to want to talk to me. I started to roll down my window when adjacent to them, I looked over but did not recognize them. As I looked over the driver and the guy in the middle threw up their gang sign which was Varrio Chico, then I noticed the passenger put his baseball hat on the window. At that time I saw a gun barrel sticking out from the hat, I thought he was about to start shooting at us, being only five to seven feet of the person holding the gun in the truck right next to me, I went right for my gun.

At this time I thought these three guys were gang banging and this was a hit on our lives. I had a surge of adrenaline and fear, I had shot two shots out my window within seconds of seeing the gun and grabbing my own. My head was below the window sill and I leaned to my right so I wouldn't be hit, I pointed the gun in the direction of the other truck's window. The two trucks were nearly parallel at the time and about 50 yards before Spotted Bull.

I did not intend to kill, but realized that I might kill or seriously injure someone. I fired the gun to protect my friend his son and myself from being shot and killed.

Right after the first shots my friend Malfavon asked what the fuck I was doing. I told my friend that they threw Varrio Chico and in Spanish said "Mi Sacaron Un Cuete" meaning they pulled out a gun on me. He berated me.

I did not stop and felt the guys in the truck would have unloaded their gun into my truck. I could not veer to the left for their truck was there and to my right was the freeway wall adjacent to us.

The other truck sped off and went around the traffic on the left into opposite lane and continued south and within a few seconds I followed. I drove into the Village which at the time I lived in that complex. It was about 100 yards away. I drove quickly because I wanted to get out of there as I was scared and panicked.

My friend Malfavon kept telling me that I had fucked up and I kept saying that I was sorry over and over and that I was scared.

I then drove to a friend's house that also lived in the Village my friend Beto Gonzalez.

My friend Malfavon kept telling me not to get him involved, I agreed not to do as he asked me and Malfavon left with his son.

I wanted to do something with my hands so Gonzalez would not notice how nervous I was, so I washed off the streak marks on my truck from the drive from the carwash.

I did not tell Gonzalez what had happened but I asked if I could leave my gun there at his place. He told me that I could not leave the gun there. I ended up leaving the gun in his garage.

I then called my friend Malfavon to apologize once again he stated to me not to get him involved and I gave him my word that I would not.

The next morning I learned that someone had been shot and killed.

2. My efforts during my incarceration for rehabilitation have been towards my Appeal keeping in touch with my appeal lawyer during my direct appeal asking all questions to help me out towards a successful appeal. After receiving advice from my appeal lawyer (Sharon G. Wrubel) I learned of the Writ of Habeas Corpus and put all my efforts towards a writ of Habeas Corpus filing for Ineffective Assistance of Counsel.

I started to study the law by receiving State Habeas Corpus Procedure A manual for California Prisoners, I as well received many hand books as the federal habeas Corpus. I am a law library user that spent that time looking over case files speaking to other inmates that would help me by leading me in the right direction, the help I did receive from other inmates helped me to file many motions throughout the years of my incarceration, I have been the main one and only one to file "ALL" my Writs through all the courts and have done so by my own due diligence. I have done the best I could do under the circumstances of being in prison.

Throughout the years in prison I have held jobs at all the prisons starting at CCI I was a clerk for the program office which most of that time spent at CCI was spent on lock down which didn't allow me to be more part of the task of a clerk. Once at KVSP I was given a job as a yard crew worker that I held for the time I was there. At this time I find myself at HDSP and have held the job as lead porter in the block that I stay.

This whole time of my incarceration I have held all jobs that been appointed to me by each prison and at the same time have put in all my efforts to filing all my motions writs towards my appeal at the same time. I looked for help from my family that have been on my side throughout my incarceration.

3. On 10-30-03 possession of escape paraphernalia ccr §3006(c)(4) which was dropped because it was a mistake that the prison made by allowing a copy of my cousin I.D. come to me through the mail.

on 8-30-04 Delaying a peace officer CCR §3005(c), this was a protest towards CCI for having us on lock down for no reason.

On 3-4-08 Refusing a direct order CCR § 3006(B) at the time I didn't want to see the nurse or any medical. This was over the treatment of the inmates at KVSP.

On 6-17-10 Participation in a riot CCR §3005(d)(2) At this time I was working as yard crew at KVSP and a riot broke out that I was was

caught up right in the middle of it.

On 6-17-10 Battery on an inmate with a weapon CCR § 3005(d) I was found guilty for participation on the eye witness.

4, The District Court adopted the Magistrates R&R therefore determining I had not demonstrated that Extraordinary Circumstances beyond my control precluded me from filing my petition on time, Accordingly. The petition is untimely and must be dismissed with prejudice, the Ninth Circuit court of Appeals as well denied my request for Certificate of Appealability, Stating 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2).

However it was a violation of my rights to due process when I can demonstrate that Extraordinary Circumstances beyond my control precluded me from filing my petition on time. I had demonstrated that I had done everything in my power to develop the claim, but further factual development is necessary there are disputed facts.

I had two trials so I know the courts are more than interested in the rules of the law than the truth. My first trial was a "Hung Jury" there was one hold out for guilty on the charge of murder. Had the judge allowed the jury to hear that the decedent had drugs in his system maybe the one hold out would have voted to acquit. Who knows. For the judge's own rules of law Judge Froberg refused to allow the jury to hear that the decedent had meth in his system. Stating the decedent was not the one on trial. I know in other cases with Special Circumstances all evidence is allowed to prove defendant's innocence which I was denied that right. Not just that but in many cases the jury has been able to hear that a victim had drugs in his system. I did find out that Judge Froberg is an Ex District Attorney as most judges are but what bothered me was the fact that he is married to a high ranking D.A. Official. I feel he was biased against me and my father who at the time of both trials was a Public Defender Investigator. My father had brought this up to my trial attorney Gary M. Pohlson, he dismissed this as a non-issue.

Without the Toxicology evidence and a ballistic expert to speak on my behalf, the first trial was a hung jury. Things may have been different if the jury had been allowed to hear the truth.

Two weeks after my first trial one of the victims/witness was a suspect in a 187 case NO.02-18962 Villalobos, I as well was not allowed that evidence to be presented to the jury.

In a case that has Special Circumstances the defendant has the right to present all the evidence to prove his innocence, I believe my Constitutional rights, due process and Eight of the Amendment rights had been violated.

I take full responsibility for my actions and regret what the life I had chosen in the past had brought so much pain not to just my loved ones but to those that my actions hurt. God knows the pain we go through and I ask him for forgiveness every day. As I do now ask the Honorable Governor of the State of California to forgive my past actions, after the years I have spent incarcerated the ones that go through the pain are my loved ones that have to see me behind bars for what I believe was an act of panic and fear for the life of a friend and his son as well as for my own life.

I hope and pray that my request be granted.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Hugo Ivan Sanchez

In November 2004, Hugo Sanchez was a 16-year-old gang member. He shot at a car driven by Victor Lopez. Mr. Lopez was hit once in the face, but thankfully survived. On February 8, 2007, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Sanchez to 15 years to life for shooting at an occupied motor vehicle and 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Sanchez has been incarcerated for over 13 years and has dramatically turned his life around during that time. He told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that at the time of the crime he was "spiraling out of control" and grieving because a rival gang had killed his friend. In his commutation application, Mr. Sanchez expressed shame at having committed this senseless act. He wrote that since coming to prison, "I have done everything within my power to learn how I ended up developing a warped belief system." Regarding his rehabilitation, Mr. Sanchez stated, "I made that commitment to live a life worth living, my life has been transformed."

In prison, Mr. Sanchez has dedicated his time and energy to self-improvement and helping others. He disassociated from gangs, avoided drugs, and left violence behind. He has never been disciplined for any serious misconduct in prison. He earned his GED and participated in self-help programs, including acting as a facilitator and team coordinator for Alternatives to Violence. A prison coordinator for the Alternatives to Violence Project wrote regarding Mr. Sanchez, "It has been a pleasure of mine to watch Mr. Sanchez mature in his sense of responsibility to the community," and noted that he "is remarkably intuitive in knowing how to interact with a variety of people." Mr. Sanchez has also served as a mentor in the Youth Offender Program and as a peer health educator. A trainer in the Inmate Peer Education Program wrote that Mr. Sanchez "willingly educates across racial, political, and religious lines," noting that he "has been selflessly committed to the program and is dedicated to educating his peers." A fellow inmate wrote in support of clemency, stating that "Mr. Sanchez's goal is to help those around him become better individuals," and that he "does his best to inspire them to do their best." Mr. Sanchez has a plan for his life after being released from prison that includes guaranteed housing, therapy, and a scholarship to continue his education.

I do not discount the gravity of Mr. Sanchez's crime, but it is clear that Mr. Sanchez has distinguished himself as a leader and role model to other inmates. I believe Mr. Sanchez has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Hugo Ivan Sanchez to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Hugo I. Sanchez Date of Birth: [REDACTED] /88 Inmate ID: F-64003
Address: 19005 Wiley's Well rd. P.O. Box 2199 Blythe, CA 92226 Facility: I. S.P / C4 #230

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Participate	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Carry Loaded Firearm	participate	4/17/03	Los Angeles	Camp Community Placement
Minor Possess Live Ammunition		10/9/03	Los Angeles	Camp Community Placement

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

None

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Hugo Ivan Sanchez, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Hugo Sanchez _____ Date 10/24/17
Applicant's Signature

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Hugo Ivan Sanchez,
P.C. 246 Shooting at Occupied Motor Vehicle, P.C. 245, subd. (a)(2) Assault
was convicted of the crime of with a Firearm & related firearm and Gang Enhancements 12022.53 subds (d)
and 186.22, subd. (b)) were found true.
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of November 6, 2006.

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I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Hugo Ivan Sanchez
Applicant's Signature

10/12/17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Woelfel AD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Hugo Ivan Sanchez,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Woelfel

Date 11/1/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

2.) Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation:

The crime I was convicted of was committed on 11/20/04. I and another gang member known as "Eazy" were headed back from a quincenera when I happened to drive up next to Victor Lopez, Rodrigo Valdez, and Uriel del Campo. I told "Eazy" to bang (meaning ask where are they from?) on them...which he did. They replied that they didn't bang and they started to drive away. I did not like the way they responded, so I pulled out a gun as I drove up to them. Then I started shooting at Victor, Rodrigo Valdez, and Uriel del Campo.

3.) Explain why you are requesting commutation:

I am requesting commutation because I am ready to reenter the real world as a new and really improved human being. I have been equipping myself with the necessary tools to reintegrate into society and become the giving and productive member of society I was always meant to be.

4.) Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted commutation:

I would like to express that I do not believe I am entitled to commutation because I do not think I am worthy of it. The reason why I do not think I am worthy of commutation is because I attempted to take Victor Lopez's, Rodrigo Valdez's and Uriel del Campo's life. My actions on that night caused Victor the use of his right eye as well as robbed all three of them of their sense of peace and security. I know that the harm I caused all three of these men cannot be undone, and this tragic incident I caused will forever haunt their lives. I now see this opportunity to be reviewed for commutation (If granted or not) as a sign of redemption, and I am truly grateful for being considered. Some may say that by me receiving two life sentences was the equivalent of me losing my life. I see it for what it truly is; "A blessing in disguise". By me receiving two life sentences, God spared me from an early death on the streets, and I was able to gain my humanity back. Being incarcerated has given me all the time I need to work on all the things I lacked in my life such as; becoming self-aware of the harm I have caused others, the long term effect of my actions, Education, Self-Awareness, Identity, Self-Control, and Love for myself and others. It also has given me time to heal from the multiple deep losses that my young heart had to suffer at a young age. When I was about six or seven years old, the first loss I suffered was my

grandfather's passing. He was the only father figure I had. My second loss came when my dog "Chula" was taken from me, in a time when it was difficult for me to form healthy attachments to other human beings. The other tragedy I endured was that of my first best friend "Alan Melchor", who became like my older brother. He was murdered on his driveway in front of his parents and sister because of the gang lifestyle we chose to live. All these losses hurt me deeply...I'm not saying this to excuse what I did, but to just give an understanding that at that time I was a child that was hurting and didn't know how to ask for help, but instead of trying to ask for help, I ended up hurting someone else. I am ashamed of having committed this senseless act. Furthermore, I was given an opportunity to be transferred here to Ironwood State Prison and participate in the budding youth offender program and ever since I made that commitment to live a life worth living, my life has been transformed. I am no longer a gang member, I attempted to have my gang tattoo's removed, unfortunately the procedure is not a medical issue therefore medical could not provide that procedure to me. I have been doing everything within my power to learn how I ended up developing a warped belief system. The way I worked towards regaining my life back was through taking self-help classes that addressed my personal issues. I was then able to use my life experiences as well as the tools I learned in groups and start helping not only myself, but also those around me regardless of age, color of their skin, religious beliefs or even under what circumstances that they were raised. In particular, youth offenders in the YOP Mentoring Program I have been a part of; first as a youth offender, then I transitioned into being a mentor here at Ironwood State Prison since 2012.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Trina Sanders

Trina Sanders lived with her daughter Alisha Brown and Ms. Brown's fiancé, Jason Santos. On November 9, 2002, Ms. Brown, Mr. Santos, and Ms. Sanders had been drinking. Mr. Santos and Ms. Brown got into a physical fight and Ms. Brown pinned him down on the kitchen floor. When Mr. Santos got up off the floor, Mr. Santos threw a beer at Ms. Sanders, and she stabbed him once in the chest. Ms. Sanders called 911, but Mr. Santos died before the authorities arrived. On May 25, 2004, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Sanders to 25 years to life for first degree murder plus a one-year deadly weapon enhancement – a total term of 26 years to life in prison.

In her application for clemency and when speaking with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Ms. Sanders described her former addiction to drugs and her history as a victim of abuse. She recalled the physical and sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of her former partner; on one occasion, he raped her while she was pregnant and beat her with a cable cord until she had convulsions. He repeatedly threatened to kill her over the course of their relationship, and she described feeling like she was "always walking on eggshells." Ms. Sanders reported that after she moved in with her daughter and Mr. Santos, she quickly learned that Mr. Santos was physically, emotionally, and verbally abusive to her daughter. In 2003, a psychologist who specializes in intimate partner battery evaluated Ms. Sanders and concluded that she suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, and that at the time of the crime, "The violence there was triggering memories of her own life of violence...she felt quite threatened both for herself and others and acted quickly in self-defense or a perception of a need to defend herself."

Ms. Sanders is now 58 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 15 years. She has no prior criminal history and has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. Ms. Sanders has shown a genuine determination to improve herself and live without violence. She has earned her GED and several vocational certifications, and has received positive work ratings from her supervisors. Ms. Sanders has completed many self-help programs, including Relapse Prevention, Substance Abuse Program, Beyond Violence, and Anger Management. She participated in multiple domestic violence awareness events and has lived in an honor unit since 2006. Ms. Sanders also volunteered for a group that helps prepare inmates for their release back into the community. A staff sponsor praised her for her commitment to the group and wrote that she "should be commended for her dedication to reducing recidivism, helping her peers, and working on her own rehabilitation." She has the support of her daughter and other family members, and has gained marketable skills through her many years of work in the Prison Industry Authority.

I do not discount the serious nature of this crime, and I note that several of Mr. Santos's family members wrote to me to oppose clemency and express their ongoing pain. However, after carefully weighing this matter, I believe that Ms. Sanders has demonstrated a serious, long-term commitment to rehabilitation and sobriety. Therefore, she deserves an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Trina Sanders to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY

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This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

I.
APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name SAUNDERS		FIRST Name TRINA	MIDDLE Name RENEE
Date of Birth [REDACTED] / 59	Place of Birth INKSTER/mich	Social Security Number [REDACTED]	Prison Number K05392

Current Residence

Address PO BOX 8100 CALIFORNIA INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN		Apt, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. LAT-A-205-UP
City CORONA	State CALIF	Zip Code 92878

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01	<input type="checkbox"/> Commutation of current sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based upon innocence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Why are you requesting clemency?

Seeking Honest Judgment FROM Petitioners and APPELLANT ARGUMENT in whole case of Records. Plaintiff's and Respondents made erroneous quotations and ERRORS ON Facts, Changing the dynamics.

Current Attorney Information

Are you currently represented by an attorney? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:	
First and last name: N/A	Telephone number:
Address:	

Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2

Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:	
First and last name: N/A	Telephone number:
Address:	

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.	
Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:	
Your current physician's name:	Physician's telephone number:
Physician's address:	
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, what was the result?	

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

Empty lines for describing evidence of innocence.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Empty lines for response to the question about presenting evidence to the arresting agency or district attorney.

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

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COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

At time of crime P.T.S.D symptoms was not in a controlled state due to Jason (victim) Santo's extreme violent expressions and threats made to myself and daughter. Two weeks of his violent behavior was so scary and numbing.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Very limited. (Person in jury (captain) knew investigating officers parents that was never called other (my) witness for defense.)

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

My case was after 1996 and before 2005. Not noticed for mix of LAW changes. P.C. 593 & P.C. 1593.

Case# SF086731A.

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T. NA R. SANDERS
SS# [REDACTED]

Dear Governor Brown.

I wrote last year asking for your help in my Domestic Violence case. I also sent the proper application. Please also understand that a new law came into effect in 2005. P.C. 593 and P.C. 1593. The law only helps those with cases before 1996. After 2005 it was taken into account in the sentencing. Many after 1996 and before 2005, in prison with the same crime, have no relief for the 25 to life sentences handed down.

Cinda Sanchez Fox was my Judge in Superior Court of San Joaquin County. She announced on January 22, 2010 that she was retiring on disability. Fox was attacked by a man herself in the courtroom in March of 2009. She said she hadn't recovered from the emotional damage.

Due to my psychiatric condition I felt ~~that~~ my victim really want to kill my daughter and me. I had my other daughters to come forward for my defense but they were never called to help me. My sister and aunts also. Please review my case.

Thank you.
Trina Sanders.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jesse Vasquez

On March 3, 2001, 17-year-old Jesse Vasquez drove past Uriel Arellano and fired multiple shots at him. Mr. Arellano was hit in the legs and lower back, but survived his injuries. On February 28, 2003, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Vasquez to 7 years to life for attempted murder plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement – a total of 32 years to life.

Mr. Vasquez now seeks a commutation of sentence based on his age at the time of the crime and his subsequent rehabilitation. In his application, he wrote, "I am convinced that I would be a safe candidate and an asset to my community. I was 17 years old when I committed my crime. Since then I have matured and gained great coping skills. Prison saved my life – throughout my incarceration I have learned the importance of self-discipline, I have gained direction in my life, and I have a sense of purpose."

Indeed, Mr. Vasquez has used his 17 years of incarceration to make a significant transformation in his life. In nearly two decades in prison, Mr. Vasquez has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence. Mr. Vasquez earned his GED and an A.A. degree, and routinely receives above average work ratings from his supervisors. He has participated in self-help programs including Celebrate Recovery, Nonviolent Communication, and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. Mr. Vasquez is the managing editor for the San Quentin News and has facilitated a program for at-risk youth.

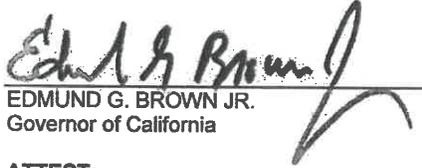
Mr. Vasquez has also earned the respect of those who work at San Quentin. In 2018, a staff member praised Mr. Vasquez's work ethic and wrote, "I have witnessed inmate Vasquez positively interacting and working with his peers, staff and volunteers. . . . I am positive that inmate Vasquez will not pose a risk to the community, shall he be granted parole." Mr. Vasquez's commutation is supported "without reservation" by a correctional lieutenant, who opined, "Vasquez is truly an inspiration to those here." Multiple individuals affiliated with the Prison University Project also supported Mr. Vasquez's commutation, including the academic program director, who said, "Mr. Vasquez has clearly spent a great deal of time considering the patterns that led to his incarceration and involvement in crime, and he is committed to changing his life and surroundings to avoid falling into those patterns in the future." Mr. Vasquez has already begun to prepare in case he is released from prison; he has a detailed plan for housing, reuniting with his family, and transitioning back into the community.

For all of these reasons, Mr. Vasquez deserves an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jesse Vasquez to a total of 15 years to life.



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jesse manò Vasquez Date of Birth: [REDACTED] /1983 Inmate ID: T85391
Address: 100001 San Quentin A 94974 Facility: San Quentin State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
664/187 Attempted Murder	3-03-01	Orange County	Life
12034 Shooting from a motor vehicle	3-03-01	Orange County	25-years to Life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On March 3rd, 2001 I drove from Costa Mesa, CA to Santa Ana to pick up my girlfriend, Lisset Valencia. On my way to her apartment I got a phone call from her uncle, Juan Cordova, in which he informed me that an acquaintance, Uriel Arellano, had been at Lisset's apartment looking for me.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am humbly requesting a commutation based on good behavior and personal growth. Although I was born and raised in Southern California I refused to be a part of the organized prison culture because after my offense I knew that violence was not an option or solution. I have been violence free

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I am convinced that I would be a safe candidate and an asset to my community. I was 17 years old when I committed my crime. Since then I have matured and gained great coping skills. Prison saved my life - throughout my incarceration

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

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I, Jesse Mario Vasquez, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Orange with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jesse Vasquez
Applicant's Signature

3-12-18
Date

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Uriel and I had been friends but were no longer on good terms because I had discovered that he had been dating Lisset. I was in a jealous fit when I arrived at Lisset's apartment complex. After finding out why Uriel had been there looking for me, I decided to drive to Pine St, where I knew he was staying with Jose Luis Garcia. When I saw Uriel and Luis at the driveway I slowed to a stop on the side of the house. I exchanged words with Luis but Uriel stood by the cars in the driveway. I told Luis to get out of the way so I could shoot Uriel Arrellano. I shot him in the butt, ankle, and mid back area, then drove off.

I was arrested hours later, charged with attempted murder and shooting from a motor vehicle causing great bodily injury, and almost two years later I was tried, convicted, and sentenced to multiple life terms.

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for 17 years. Initially, I was a loner and had few friends. During times of racial tension at Calipatria, Ironwood, and Folsom State Prisons I made a stand not to participate. Although a few times I was threatened to participate, I made it clear that I would rather get beat up or stabbed than hurt someone. The Mexicans respected my choice to abstain from violence, but I was ostracized and ridiculed for my personal belief and conviction in the redemptive power of understanding and compassion.

Nevertheless, I have fallen short of being a model inmate. In September of 2005, I received a 115 for delaying a peace officer from doing his duty - I had covered my cell door in protest. Actually I did it in solidarity with my cellmate but I really did not believe in the cause. I learned then that I needed to be careful about making choices that jeopardize my safety and the safety of others.

In April of 2011, I received a 115 for having a cellphone. I had recently moved into a new cell and was getting adjusted to the new program when I was introduced to the updated technology. Although I knew it was wrong, I thought that no one would know if I used it a few times. I was wrong for reasoning my way into doing wrong.

On May 6, 2013, I was placed in Administrative Segregation for sustaining a personal relationship with a staff member. I had developed feelings for my supervisor, Maria Hufana, over the course of 18 months. Whenever I was with her or around her everything seemed right. I got a 115 for sexual misconduct for intimate behavior with her, my love, and lust, blurred my understanding of right and wrong, appropriate and inappropriate, and I choose to

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engage and maintain an illicit relationship.

During my time in Administrative Segregation, I was able to correspond with Maria and express my sadness and regret for putting her through such an ordeal. I communicated the same sentiments to the ISU investigators because I was sorry. However, I do love Maria and have continued our relationship.

In November of 2014, I received a 115 for possession of dangerous contraband. - I had a headphone set with a three prong plug for cellphone device. I had been using the headphones daily for my walkman on the yard and did not realize they were contraband. However, they were in my possession because I was given them as a gift by someone that paroled. I plead guilty with an explanation.

Each infraction taught me a different lesson but the main lesson I got was that I need to be mindful of common pitfalls.

After my release from administrative segregation I got involved in Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step program based on the Bible with an emphasis on dealing with hurts, habits, and hang-ups. During my time in the program, I learned about my quirks, lust patterns, and fears. I learned more about how to develop healthy, objective perceptions of situations. I became so interested in alleviating the chances for failure and opportunities for temptations in my life that I started sharing my success with others.

I developed and taught for two years on character and personal development. The class revolved around personal responsibility and living a life of meaning instead of living irresponsibly in search of pleasures. I grew in personal awareness and commitment, and I was able to use my shortcomings as illustrations.

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I have learned the importance of self-discipline, I have gained direction in my life, and I have a sense of purpose. I have grown through every trial and environment that I have been in. I have realized how insecure and lacking I was because my identity was dependent on pleasing others. Today, I am confident in my abilities to adapt to any environment without having to assimilate into its culture or style.

Through groups like Criminals and Gangs Anonymous, Restorative Justice, and Non-violent Communication I have learned about the impact my actions have on others as well as, and more importantly, why I behave a certain way—I am constantly feeling some way because I am in need or want of something.

I have developed healthy communication skills such as: identifying a person's point of reference, asking for clarity, and connecting with my own feelings and needs at the moment.

I have also been striving for a higher education through LaSsen Correspondence College and the Prison University Project at San Quentin State Prison. My goal is to obtain a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Philosophy then map out my options for a masters degree according to my schedule and income.

While working for the San Quentin News I have developed an incredible network of supportive advisers, teachers, and community leaders. I know that I can depend on them for counseling, direction, and assistance whenever I need to be reminded of how far I've come and where we're going.

I have maintained my relationship with Maria Hofana and our plan is to get married and settle down in Sacramento. Through the years, I developed a relationship with Angela Contreras, whom is Maria's daughter. She visits often and calls me "Dad." It feels funny but I love her as if she were my own. I also have a good relationship with her other daughter Victoria and her children, Noah, Lorenzo and Elijah. I have not met the 1-year old baby Faith yet.

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Furthermore, I am no longer the juvenile-minded adolescent I was when I committed my crime.

I know that I will not commit any crime or engage in any behavior that would jeopardize my success in society. I know that I can make a difference because I have the purpose and direction needed. My new set of values and coping skills allow me to see situations for what they are, opportunities for growth.

I am currently drafting a program outline titled "Prison Cultural Awareness Program." My goal is to inform the prison population of the dangers of perpetuating a herd mentality. I have witnessed many northern and southern hispanics invest their whole being and identity in the prison structure just to be disappointed in the long run. I believe that if they see the illogical contradictions, understand the options before them, and grasp the magnitude of the consequences many of them would choose otherwise. I have a similar program idea that I want to implement in the inner cities.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Shadeed Wallace-Stepter

On July 28, 1998, 16-year-old Shadeed Wallace-Stepter and a friend were buying marijuana from Anthony Castro. During the transaction, Mr. Wallace-Stepter pulled out a gun and shot Mr. Castro. Mr. Castro was seriously injured, but survived. On March 10, 2000, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Wallace-Stepter to 2 years for attempted robbery plus an additional 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total sentence of 27 years to life.

Mr. Wallace-Stepter has now served nearly twenty years in prison and is 36 years old. He has maintained an excellent record – he has only been disciplined twice in almost two decades of incarceration and has never been involved in gangs, violence, drugs, or alcohol. In his application for clemency, he emphasized how much he has grown since committing this crime. He wrote, "I am no longer the 16 year old apathetic teenager... Today, I am a man who has addressed those needs and found healing by acquiring marketable skills that have positively empowered me."

Mr. Wallace-Stepter's commitment to self-improvement in prison has been impressive. He earned his GED, a business certificate, and an A.A. degree from Patten University. He has participated in numerous self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Guiding Rage Into Power, Victim Offender Education Group, Restorative Justice, and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. He has also facilitated groups for his peers, volunteered as a community peacemaker, and participated in forums with public officials. He helped produce San Quentin's 2016 TEDx event and gave a speech on his passion for entrepreneurship. Mr. Wallace-Stepter has been praised by many members of the prison staff for his positive behavior and attitude. One correctional officer wrote, "It is my personal opinion that Mr. Wallace-Stepter has a lot to offer his community and especially our troubled youth of today. I think and know he will be a successful member to society if granted a commutation." Another correctional officer also supported commutation and said, "All of my interactions with Inmate Wallace-Stepter have been of a positive nature. He has proven himself to be an honest and sincere individual who has made a legitimate change."

The Sacramento County District Attorney, Anne Marie Schubert, has asked that I grant Mr. Wallace-Stepter's application for a commutation of sentence. She wrote, "He has been a model prisoner and has taken many positive steps towards personal growth and development that will benefit him when he is released into society. He has demonstrated remorse and a fundamental understanding of the impact his crime had on him, his victim and both their friends and family." Mr. Wallace-Stepter also has the backing of several community organizations, has been accepted into a transitional housing program, and received a job offer from a family friend. In his application, Mr. Wallace-Stepter wrote, "It is now my mission to continue to make amends for the harm that I've caused by living a life of service and making a positive contribution to society."

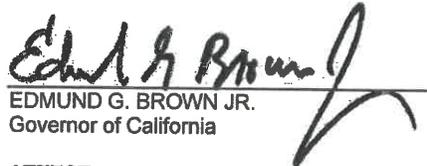
For all of these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Wallace-Stepter's sentence so that he can be released on parole.



THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Shadeed Wallace-Stepter to a total of 19 years.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Shadeed Wallace-Stepter Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1982 Inmate ID: P72542

Address: 1 Main Street, San Quentin, CA 94974 Facility: San Quentin State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

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See Question #2, attached

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See Question #3, attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Question #4, attached.

See also Support Letters; Education Degrees; Certificates; Work Performance Reports; Facilitator Chronos and Certificates;

Community Service Chronos; Transitional Housing offers, Job Offers; Links to Published Audio and Video Projects

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No money or gift has been given to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application or to write a letter in support thereof.

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I, Shadeed Wallace Steptee declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Sacramento with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

Date

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Sacramento County: Please take notice that I, Michael Warner Stepien,
was convicted of the crime of Pen Code: § 245(a)(2) w/§12022.7 § 12022.5(a)(1) + PC § 664/211 w/
§ 12022.53(b), (c), (d)
committed in Sacramento County, California, on the date of July 28, 1998.
I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

[Signature]
Applicant's Signature

3/19/2018
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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Question 1. Continued

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Convictions(s):	Sentence(s):
School Burglary	11/28/95	Sacramento	Probation; Juvenile Work Project; \$75 Restitution
Run Away From Home	4/14/97	Sacramento	Juvenile Work Project
Resisting An Officer; False Identification	1/5/98	Sacramento	20 Days Home Supervision; Juvenile Work Project
Assault with a Firearm (P.C. 245(a)(2)) with Accompanying Great Bodily Injury Enhancements (P.C. 12022.5(a)(1), 12022.7(a), 12022.7(b),	7/28/98	Sacramento	25 Years To Life
Attempted Robbery (P.C. 664/211) with Accompanying Discharging A Firearm And Great Bodily Injury Enhancements (12022.53 (b), 12022.53(c) 12022.53(d)	7/28/98	Sacramento	2 years

Question 2. Continued

During the late/early morning hours between 11pm and midnight on July 27 and July 28, 1998, myself and a group of friends hung out at the apartment of Laurie Franklin. Many of us, including myself, were smoking marijuana and when we ran out of it Mario Rhone and Chester Chambers announced that they were going to buy more and if anyone else wanted to pitch in on the purchase, they were welcomed to do so. I told Mario that I had money to pitch in on the purchase of marijuana and that when he found a seller he could come back to the apartment and get me then we would go and make the purchase of the marijuana together. Mario agreed then he and Chester left the apartment to find a marijuana seller.

What Mario and Chester didn't know was that I had no intentions of purchasing marijuana. I intended to wait for Mario to find a marijuana seller, accompany him to where the seller was waiting, then rob the seller for his marijuana using the 9mm handgun I had concealed in my waistband, that no one knew I had. After around 20 minutes, Mario returned to Laurie Franklin's apartment and told me he found a guy who was selling marijuana. I then accompanied him to a convenience store where Anthony Castro (the marijuana seller) was waiting with Chester Chambers.

The four of us then walked to an alleyway and formed a semi-circle which had me standing next to Anthony Castro. Mario Rhone then pulled out his money to purchase the marijuana and Anthony Castro pulled out the marijuana. I then pulled out the gun I was carrying and pointed it directly at Anthony Castro's face. Anthony Castro then went to cover his face, but in the moment I mistakenly interpreted this as him coming at me, and I shot him. The bullet went through Anthony Castro's hand, broke his right thumb, penetrated his forehead and lodged in his skull. After shooting Anthony Castro I ran home.

Question 3. Continued

I am requesting a commutation not only for good behavior, but also because I am not the same person who shot Anthony Castro 19 years ago.

At the time I shot and critically injured Anthony Castro, I was a 16 year old, impulsive, emotionally detached, manipulator who defined my self-worth by the ways in which I could take advantage of people. The circumstances that resulted in me shooting Anthony Castro centered around me involving two innocent people (Mario Rhone and Chester Chambers) in an assault and attempted robbery that they had absolutely nothing to do with. This poor decision was the product of a criminal mentality that I chose to adopt, a criminal mentality which made it easy for me to view human beings as objects and not care if they were affected by my actions.

This criminal mentality contributed greatly to my destructive choices and after years of personal reflection and rehabilitative programming, I now realize that the path that led to me shooting Anthony Castro didn't start during the early morning hours of July 28, 1998. It started much earlier than that. In fact, this path can be traced back to my early childhood. My early childhood would be highlighted by a number of memorable events that would leave me feeling powerless, helpless, and weak. These feelings would develop into familiar themes in my life that would have a significant influence on the development of my criminal mentality.

At the age of 5 years old I learned that the man that raised me, Robert Stepter, wasn't my biological father, but that he was the biological father of my older brother Robert and my younger brother Jibri. This knowledge had a devastating effect on me. My dad was everything to me and I remember how unfair it felt to learn that he wasn't my father. The fact that there was nothing I could do to change the situation left me feeling powerless and helpless. I would grow to despise these feelings because they made me feel weak, which in turn led to me feeling ashamed for feeling weak - and shame was a feeling that I hated more than anything else and would try to avoid at all costs.

Shortly after learning that Robert wasn't my biological father, my parents separated and we moved in with my Aunt Bennie and her 4 children. My Aunt Bennie was a drug dealer whose home was a place that drugs were manufactured and sold day and night. Between my family, my Aunt Bennie's family, and the 4 adult aged, male family members who (also sold drugs) and came and went from the home as they pleased, there were up to 12 people living in my aunt's 3 bedroom home at any given time. During this time, my mom would start smoking crack cocaine and my Aunt Bennie would be the one selling it to her. This would be my first experience with drugs and drug use. Although this environment was chaotic, I felt safe in it and I felt safe being around my Aunt Bennie. My Aunt Bennie was a master manipulator who got everyone around her, including my mom, to do whatever she wanted. She always appeared to be in control and this was a characteristic that appealed to me at the time. I started to do things to seek her approval. I began to steal from around our home, lie constantly, and I also began to try and pit adults against each other. I discovered that this behavior made me feel better about myself because it made me feel like I was the one that was in control.

My family stayed with my Aunt Bennie for 2 years, until I was 7 years old. When I was 7 years old our home was raided by police and my mom was arrested for identity theft related charges.

As my mom was cuffed and walked to a police car, I remember feeling completely helpless and powerless.

My mom would be sent to state prison and during her incarceration, myself and my two brothers would move in with their father Robert. This was a very difficult time for me because I remember not wanting to be there, but being powerless to do anything about it. During this time, I developed a deep resentment for my dad because I convinced myself that he treated me different than he did my brothers. I started to believe that he didn't love me like he did my brothers because I wasn't his biological son. I remember being angry all the time and I began to act out. I continued to steal from around the home, I lied constantly, and I was verbally disrespectful. At school, I was sent home almost everyday for disruptive behavior, for which I would receive a whipping from my dad when I got home - which only reinforced my belief that he didn't love me. This time serves as a significant period in my life because it marks the first time that my anger led to violence. During this time I got into a fist fight for the first time. I picked a fight with a classmate simply because he sat in my seat. Being able to express myself with violence made me feel good and the fear that I noticed that the other students had for me left me feeling empowered.

My brothers and I would stay with their dad for almost two years, until I was 9 years old. When I was 9 my mother was released from prison and when she was released she entered into a relationship with a woman named Leslie. My brothers and I would eventually move into an apartment with my mom and Leslie. My mom's sexuality would be a huge source of shame and humiliation not just for me, but especially for my older brother Robert. After around 6 months, he and my mother would get into an explosive argument over her sexuality and Robert would move back in with his dad. My brother's moving out would have a devastating effect on me because this would be the first time that I would ever live in a home without my older brother. I felt abandoned and, again, I felt like I was powerless to do anything about it. I would blame my mom for the situation and lash out. I continued to lie and steal and exhibit disruptive behavior at school. But this was also a significant time for me because it marks the first time that I committed crimes outside the home. I began vandalizing homes and cars and I also started shoplifting from grocery stores. This behavior would, again, leave me feeling empowered because it was something that I could do that made me feel like I had control over something. It also made me feel good because it was something that I knew my mother wouldn't approve of.

Myself and my younger brother Jibri would live with my mother and Leslie for around a year, until I was 10 years old. When I was 10 my mom would be arrested again for identity theft related charges and myself and my younger brother would be left in the care of my mother's partner Leslie. Having to live with my mother's partner would be something I was deeply ashamed of and again, it would leave me feeling powerless because it was nothing that I could do about it. I would take all of my feelings of anger, sadness, hurt, and resentment out on Leslie. My attitude toward her would be nothing short of toxic. I was verbally abusive, I stole from her and I second guessed and undermined everything that she said and did. I became an outwardly angry and withdrawn person and my behavior began to be out of control. It was during this time that I developed a deep distrust for authority figures. It was also during this time that I decided that I would no longer listen to anyone and that I would do what I wanted to do. I began to only focus on doing the things that made me forget about how hurt and powerless I was over all the things that were out of my control. I also began to disregard consequences and how others were impacted by my actions.

My younger brother and I stayed with Leslie for almost 2 years, until I was 12 years old. When I was 12 my mom was released from prison and me and my younger brother moved into another apartment with her and Leslie. My older brother Robert moved back in with us as well. Robert was 15 years old at the time and he had completely changed. Robert was now a gang member who sold drugs, smoked marijuana, stole cars, broke into homes, and brought guns home. When I could, I would tag along with my brother and his gang member friends and it was during this time that I used marijuana for the first time. This would be my first experience with gang members and would mark the beginning of my drug use. I enjoyed hanging out with my brother and his friends and their lifestyle appealed to me. They did whatever they wanted, with no fear of consequences, and they seemed to have complete control of their lives. This lifestyle also appealed to me because it seemed that all you needed to do to be accepted was commit crimes, which was something that I already was comfortable with. I then began to break into homes, steal cars and gamble by shooting dice. I continued to shoplift and I began to smoke weed almost everyday.

When I was 13 years old, my brother Robert would be arrested for armed robbery. His arrest would take place after a high-speed chase that ended at our house. When the police marched my brother out of our home in handcuffs, the entire neighborhood stood outside and watched. In the days following my brother's arrest I remember everyone remarking on how cool he was and how they were in awe of the huge scene that was his arrest. I saw the respect and high regard that everyone had for my brother and I wanted it for myself. I decided that I would create an image and build a reputation that was independent of my brother so that people would look at me in the same way that they looked at him. This time period marked a significant point in my life because it is when my criminal mentality really started to progress.

During this time, I decided to "hustle." I began selling drugs and carrying guns. I felt really empowered by carrying a gun because it gave me a strong sense of not only security, but control. It was also during this time that I consciously adopted the belief that being a manipulator and taking advantage of people was the most fulfilling way for me to get ahead in life. This way of living fulfilled my need to be in control and left me with a sense of empowerment that I became addicted to. I would begin to create and search out situations that allowed me to manipulate people in order to put myself in a position of control. This resulted in me being detached from any feelings of empathy or compassion for others.

Between the ages of 13 and 14, I would be arrested for petty theft and a school burglary. I was smoking weed almost everyday, consistently truant from school, and frequently running away from home. At the age of 15 I was arrested for possession of marijuana for sale, possession of stolen property, having a concealed firearm in a vehicle, and for being a minor in possession of live ammunition. I wouldn't be charged with these crimes, but my arrest for them only reinforced the image that I created for myself and provided a boost to my reputation as a criminal. When I was 16 years old a friend was killed in a gang-related murder. After learning of his murder I promised myself that I would never let that happen to me and that I would protect myself at all costs - and if this meant killing someone, then I was prepared to do it. I began carrying a gun everywhere that I went and my behavior became progressively more violent. I started committing armed robberies of neighborhood dice games and eventually I would make the conscious decision to deceive two innocent people (Mario Rhone and Chester Chambers) into being involved in the shooting of Anthony Castro (another innocent person).

It wouldn't be until my trial that I would be forced to face what I had done. During trial I would be confronted with the devastating effects, in vivid detail, of what I did to Anthony Castro. I would see that my shooting Anthony Castro in the head left him partially paralyzed on the left side of his body for approximately one month. He would gradually regain the use of his left eye, foot, ankle, and arm - except for his wrist and hand. He would be able to close his hand but could not open it without assistance. He had migraine headaches at least twice a week, he suffered from partial amnesia, and the hair near the bullet wound on his head would never grow back. Anthony Castro was hospitalized for 40 days as a result of my actions and during that time he underwent surgery, recovery and rehabilitation. He was confined to a wheelchair for a month and a half and then had to use the assistance of a platform crutch for his right arm. He can currently walk, but does so with a limp.

I could not escape the fact that I had effectively ruined Anthony Castro's life. He would now require assistance with everyday activities such as grooming, cooking, laundry, yard work, and caring for his two children, ages three and one. He lost his job as a roofer and would never be able to work in that field again due to the limited use of his left hand and arm. He and his wife suffered financially due to his loss of income and they lost the apartment in which they were living because they could no longer pay the rent or utilities. They lost the use of their only vehicle because after I shot Anthony, his vehicle was impounded and they could not afford to retrieve it from the impound. As a result, he and his wife would be forced to take the bus to get around. Anthony Castro would be unable to interact with his children in a normal way, as he could not dress them, play with them very easily, take them to the park by himself, or hold them as he normally would. He has experienced a great deal of anger and sadness and has been extremely frustrated and irritated by having his life affected in the ways described. His wife has been profoundly affected as well, as she has had to do twice as much to care for him, their children, and their household. She has also had to tolerate Anthony's anger and frustration which he, on occasion, takes out on his family.

I was also faced with the unavoidable reality that Anthony Castro and his family weren't the only people affected by my actions. I made Mario Rhone an unknowing accomplice to a crime that he had nothing to do with. Because of this, he would spend 4 years of his life in prison. I would be responsible for all the pain, anger, sadness, and hardship that he and his family would experience as a result of his incarceration. Because I placed both he and Chester Chambers in a position to where they were forced to testify against me, they were labeled as "snitches" and because of this label they were socially ostracized. This labeling would also leave them constantly fearing for their safety.

The guilt and shame that I carried for what I did to everyone who was affected by my crime compelled me to better myself. In the 14 months that I spent in Juvenile Hall, I obtained my GED, purged my desire for drugs and alcohol, and embarked on a journey that consisted of me abstaining from violence and being of service. After being convicted and arriving at a Level 4 Maximum Security Prison, my desire to better myself only increased. In the face of extreme violence and hopelessness, I remained disciplinary free and because of good behavior I would be transferred to a Medium Security Prison after almost 5 years.

However, although I remained disciplinary free at a Maximum Security Prison, I would receive three disciplinary infractions, two serious rule violations for cell phone possession and one administrative rule violation for being Out of Bounds, while at Medium Security Prisons. During these times my childhood need to feel empowered and be in control would surface and because

I had yet to gain the tools to effectively address these issues in a productive way, I choose to fulfill these needs by possessing cell phones. After arriving at San Quentin State Prison, I was finally able to address my shortcomings.

Through rehabilitative programs such as G.R.I.P. (Guiding Rage Into Power - which taught me to cultivate mindfulness, develop emotional intelligence, stop my violence, and understand victim impact), VOEG (Victim Offender Education Group - which helped me to fully understand and take responsibility for my actions and make the necessary changes in my life in order to live a productive life), and CGA (Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous - which helped me identify my "lifestyle" addiction to illegal activity), I've learned to recognize the root causes to not only my crime, but also my disciplinary infractions. These programs helped me identify my childhood traumas, character defects, and triggers. I've discovered that the intense feelings of being powerless, helpless, and abandoned would show up as themes throughout my life and I became obsessed with feeling like I had control. Chasing this feeling, early on I chose to manipulate and use people to serve my own selfish needs. By selfishly focusing on what made me feel better, I became emotionally detached from the harm that my actions caused to others. I became addicted to destructive and criminal behavior and eventually my behavior would grow into a compulsion that progressively got worse. I developed principles that valued deceit, manipulation, and selfishness. I've since learned that my thinking as it relates to this criminal lifestyle leads to negative behavior that is triggered when I experience feelings of inadequacy, inferiority, or when I feel like I'm being treated as less than equal. I'm also triggered when I feel I'm in a position to take advantage of someone.

Today, with the help of programs like G.R.I.P, VOEG, and CGA, I'm intimately familiar with my triggers and have developed the tools to successfully prevent me from relapsing into this destructive thinking and behavior. I've learned to identify when I'm triggered by becoming attuned to noticing the bodily sensations that occur only when I'm triggered. When I'm triggered my breathing becomes shallow, my body temperature rises, my heart starts to race, and I experience a tingling sensation throughout my body. I now note and name these sensations, then practice breathing exercises as a way to self-soothe while in the heat of a triggering moment. I decide to not match the energy that I'm receiving then move into "witness mode" by making a conscious decision not to act. I then review my options: wait it out and use the conflict-resolution skills that I've learned in the rehabilitative program Non-Violent Communication; remove myself from the situation by tactfully walking away; contact a friend and explore what events in my history does this triggering moment relate to, explore what issues in my life are in need of further healing, then explore why I was triggered until I accept these feelings in a way that expresses my full understanding and compassion for the trigger; and if I can't contact a friend, I engage in healthy activities that help me feel empowered, like meditating or affirming self-talk, then later attempt to contact a friend again.

The completion of other rehabilitative programs such as the Restorative Justice Roundtable, No More Tears, The Richmond Project, the Kid C.A.T. First Step Curriculum, and Alliance for CHANGE have helped me to gain a deeper understanding of the harm that my destructive behavior has had not only on the survivor's of my crime, but also on the community. Through these programs I've had the opportunity to meet with survivors of crime and see, firsthand, the long-lasting effects of violence. I now understand that I am part of a larger community and that I have a stake in its success or failure.

With this new perspective, I've fully committed myself to self-improvement and being of service. I've taken Narcotics Anonymous in order to fully address my teenage marijuana abuse. I've joined the San Quentin Buddhist Sangha as a way in which to connect with my spirituality. I've been a member since 2013. After graduating from programs such as Richmond project, No More Tears, and Alliance for CHANGE, I was fortunate enough to be asked to facilitate these programs and take on a leadership role.

I've taken advantage of the opportunities that allowed me to contribute to society from prison. I've proudly participated in the Project Avary walk for children of incarcerated parents. I'm a Peacekeeper in San Quentin's Annual Day of Peace, which promotes peace and unity amongst the incarcerated. I've been chosen to participate in public safety forums and symposiums and asked to share my life's story. These events have included District Attorneys, representatives from the Department of Justice Victim's Service Division, Federal Judges, survivors of crime, school teachers, and members of the United States Congress.

I've had the opportunity to give back to my community by being a mentor to at-risk youth through SQUIRES, a youth diversion program that brings at-risk kids to San Quentin twice a month. I was elected chairman of this program by my peers.

I've also been elected to serve as vice-chairman of Kid C.A.T., a prisoner led self-help group that was created to address the unique needs of prisoners who received life sentences for crimes they committed as juveniles. I am currently the Lead Facilitator of Kid C.A.T.'s First Step Curriculum, a 28-week program that utilizes a restorative justice framework to analyze the impact of childhood trauma, amongst many other things. This program is offered to San Quentin's general population.

As a way in which to address my childhood need for control I've identified and pursued marketable skills that empower me in a healthy way. I've earned marketable skills in Carpentry and for the past 5 years I've worked with San Quentin Television as multi-media producer and journalists. I now have the ability to use video editing software Final Cut Pro X and audio editing software Pro tools 10 at a professional level. I'm proficient in the use of a variety of Sony and Panasonic 4K and digital cameras. I've written, directed, and produced more than 15 film and audio projects. I'm currently working on a feature-length documentary on juvenile-lifers called Growing Up Behind Bars of which I'm a co-writer, co-director, co-editor, and co-executive producer. I've also been elected by my peers to be the chairman of the Society of Professional Journalist-San Quentin (SPJ-SQ), which is the first SPJ chapter to be established inside of a prison.

I've also been empowered by committing myself to education. In 2017 I earned an Associates of Arts degree through the Prison University Project. While pursuing my education I discovered business and would earn a Certificate of Achievement in Business from Coastline Community College after completing 8 business-related college courses.

It would be while studying business that I discovered entrepreneurship and found my passion. With entrepreneurship I've identified a healthy and sustainable alternative to the street life. I've come to believe that individuals who grew up in the street hustling are uniquely suited to be entrepreneurs. This idea was something I was fortunate enough to present in a TEDx talk at TEDx San Quentin. I'm also currently developing a curriculum whose mission is to use

entrepreneurship as a rehabilitative tool that teaches reformed criminals to transform their destructive criminal energy into productive enterprising behavior.

I've also participated in The Last Mile, an entrepreneurial development program that teaches participants to turn their passions into a business.

In conclusion, I'm requesting a commutation not only for my good behavior, but also because I've spent my incarceration figuring out and addressing the causative factors that contributed to me making the decision to commit my crime. There is no excuse for me shooting and critically injuring Anthony Castro. I'm deeply sorry for this and all of the hurt that I've inflicted upon everyone who has been affected by my actions.

I'm requesting a commutation because I am no longer the 16 year old apathetic teenager who uses manipulation to fulfill his needs for safety and control. Today, I am a man who has addressed those needs and found healing by acquiring marketable skills that have positively empowered me. Today, I have found healing through the many rehabilitative programs that CDCR has to offer and I've applied this healing by being a positive contributor to the San Quentin community. It is now my mission to continue to make amends for the harm that I've caused by living a life of service and making a positive contribution to society.

Question 4. Continued

I cannot say that I *deserve* to be granted a commutation, but I can say why it would be safe to commute my sentence.

It is safe to commute my sentence because I've become a responsible and accountable man who has abstained from violence and drug use. I've taken advantage of the many rehabilitative programs that CDCR has to offer and I've identified the causative factors that are not only connected to my crime, but also connected to the 3 disciplinary infractions I've received during my 19 year incarceration.

It is safe to commute my sentence because I understand the triggers to my criminal behavior and I've developed healthy responses to these triggers.

It is safe to commute my sentence because I am deeply sorry and remorseful for shooting and critically injury Anthony Castro. I forever changed his life and I will spend the rest of my life making amends for that.

It is safe to commute my sentence because I've acquired marketable skills that will significantly increase my chances to successfully reintegrate back into society. I have the support of a network that has ensured that I have employment, transitional housing and financial and emotional support.

I still cannot say that I *deserve* to be granted a commutation. I understand that my actions have had a devastating effect on many and that there is nothing that I can to do to change that. If granted a commutation, I will live a life of service with the ultimate purpose of deterring crime. This is why I believe it is safe to commute my sentence.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Thomas Joseph Yackley

In February 1992, Thomas Yackley stabbed Glenn McCarty, Michael Gamble, and David Spragno following an argument at a party. Mr. Gamble and Mr. Spragno died, but Mr. McCarty thankfully survived. On March 3, 1994, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Yackley to two consecutive counts of life without the possibility of parole for murder, seven years to life for attempted murder, plus nine years for great bodily injury, weapon, and prior felony enhancements.

In his application for commutation, Mr. Yackley expressed deep remorse for his actions, writing, "I have never forgotten about what happened and the people I hurt." He emphasized that he is a different person today than he was when he committed this crime at 22 years old. He wrote, "Over the past 26 years, I have made it a point to change and become a positive person no matter what comes my way."

Mr. Yackley has been incarcerated for over 26 years and is now 48 years old. There is no doubt that Mr. Yackley has made a serious transformation within prison. He was last disciplined for misconduct 16 years ago. Mr. Yackley has resided on the honor yard since 2003. He earned his GED, is currently enrolled in college classes, and completed vocational training in janitorial services. Mr. Yackley routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors and participates in Paws For Life, a program that trains rescue dogs. Mr. Yackley participated in self-help programs, including Anger Management, Getting Out by Going In, and Convicts Reaching Out to People. He completed American Sign Language classes and donated artwork to charity.

Mr. Yackley has earned the recognition of institutional staff, many of whom have commended him for his positive rehabilitation and were supportive of release. Debbie Asuncion, the warden at the prison in Lancaster, recommended a commutation of sentence for Mr. Yackley. In 2018, a correctional officer on the honor yard wrote that Mr. Yackley "is dedicated to not only improving himself, but to setting a positive example to his fellow inmates." The officer continued, "His desire to change and remorsefulness appear to be sincere and long-standing. He works well with staff and follows directions without supervision. All things considered, I expect that Mr. Yackley would transition successfully upon release." Another correctional officer on the honor yard commended Mr. Yackley in 2018 on his progress towards an A.A. degree and his leadership in a youth intervention program. The officer wrote, "Because of his efforts, the Convicts Reaching Out to People program will carry on strong, reaching countless youths long after Mr. Yackley returns to the community. He makes a positive difference in many people's lives, and he is to be commended for his efforts." Also in 2018, two correctional officers wrote, "It is clear that the decisions being made by Inmate Yackley are positive, law abiding and free from disrespect or violence." The officers wrote that they "believe that inmate Yackley would be a model citizen."

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, who voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Yackley.

For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Thomas Joseph Yackley to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: TOMMY J. JACKLEY Date of Birth: [Redacted] 69 Inmate ID: E04713

Address: CSP-LAC, 44750 60th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93536-7619 Facility: CSPLAC - PPF

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<i>Receiving Stolen property</i>	<i>1988</i>	<i>L.A. county</i>	<i>3 years (served 1 1/2 yrs)</i>
<i>Receiving Stolen property</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>L.A. county</i>	<i>2 years (served 11 mos)</i>

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

a fight broke out at a party by someone I was with and I stabbed 3 people. The first one I stabbed twice survived but the man w/ a gun I stabbed once, the man with a lead pipe I stabbed once, both died.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a sentence commutation because I am nothing like I was when this happened. It was never my intention to harm anyone as the agency says that night. Most of my life I associated with the wrong people not understanding where I was headed.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached page.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No, I have not.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Thomas Joseph Mackley, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Thomas Mackley
Applicant's Signature

April 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

The reason I hope you consider me for a sentence commutation is I am no longer the person I was when I was younger. When I found out the two men died, I turned myself in. I never intended for this to happen.

I had a hard life, my dad died when I was only 12 years old. I tried to find that guidance I was missing from losing my dad so I tried hanging around older kids, trying to be accepted which led me to do things like holding stolen property. I'm not making any excuses for anything I did in my past. What I was doing wrong never sank in until later on in my life. Just when I knew I had to change, step away from all these bad influences so I did, I got a job and planned on doing good. This happened one night after I got off work. I have never forgotten about what happened and the people I hurt.

Over the past 26 years I have made it a point to change and become a positive person no matter what comes my way. I have gotten my High School Diploma, GED, completed a vocational janitorial trade, currently enrolled in my 2nd semester of college and for the past 10 years I've been involved in CRIP, an at risk youth program that talks with troubled kids here on the PPTF ward where I have been since it was called the Honor Yard. I was one of the original people to sign up for this program. I've also been involved and still am in numerous self help programs. Anger management, COGCI and letters to at risk youth. Something I sincerely believe in and can honestly say it would

have helped me as a kid.

If I am considered for commutation I would be a positive member of society and would also give back beginning with helping youth get on the right path so they do not make the mistakes I made.

I have strong family support and would have no problem finding work.

Thank you for taking the time to read my commutation request.

Here are some character references here at CSPVAC.

Associate Warden E. Jorda
Captain D.J. Williams
Retired Lt. J.P. Middleton
Retired Lt. C. Campbell
Retired M. Stewart
Sgt. Williams, Lisa
Sgt. E. Ruiz (Chino)
A. Ruiz
Retired N. Capelo

These are some references if need be.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tommy Yackley E04713

CSPVAC A-2-225

P.O. Box 4430

Lancaster, Calif.

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Louis Flores Albicker

On December 9, 2000, Louis Albicker and Richard Ponce murdered Efrain Esteves in his home, threatened to kill his wife Martha, and stole Ms. Esteves's car. On December 27, 2004, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Albicker to life without the possibility of parole plus 41 years to life for murder with a firearm enhancement and robbery with a firearm enhancement.

Since Mr. Albicker's incarceration almost 18 years ago, he has focused on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, Mr. Albicker expressed remorse for the killing of Mr. Esteves and wrote, "I have learned how to change the way that I live my life, I have been attending AA/NA classes, and I no longer use drugs. I have and will continue to make amends for the things that I have done. I have changed and can now be a positive and productive member of society." He continued, "I made one horrible mistake, however, before that incident as well as after it, I have led a non-violent life."

During almost two decades in prison, Mr. Albicker has been dedicated to transforming his life and leaving drugs and violence behind. Over the course of his incarceration, Mr. Albicker has only been disciplined twice for misconduct, and he has never been disciplined for any violence. Mr. Albicker has resided on an honor yard since 2013 and participated in Narcotics Anonymous and Bible study classes. Mr. Albicker made and donated items to a children's hospital, women's clinic, and dog rescue and training program. In 2015, a sponsor for the group commended Mr. Albicker "for his contributions and for his consistent support of the positive endeavors" on the honor yard.

Mr. Albicker's daughter Valerie wrote a moving letter in support of her father's clemency application. She wrote, "As a LAUSD Special Education Teacher committed to social justice and transformation, I am a factor and witness in my father's rehabilitation." She continued, "During his incarceration, [my father's] time allowed for reflection and transformation. My father has developed self-awareness and helped many others." She noted that Mr. Albicker "remains positive, respectful, and full of integrity." Ms. Albicker concluded, "His years of incarceration have amounted to tremendous recovery and ending [life without the possibility of parole] for him would be more beneficial to the community."

Despite having a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Albicker turned his life around when he entered prison. I believe that Mr. Albicker has earned the opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is ready to be released from prison.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Louis Flores Albicker to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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I, Louis Flores Albicker, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

7-23-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Louis Flores Albicker,

was convicted of the crime of First Degree Murder and Robbery

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of December 08, 2000

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: T-82467



Applicant's Signature

7-23-17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.



Louis Flores Albicker
T-82467 FAB3 - #204
CSP-LAC P.O. Box 4430
Lancaster, CA. 93539

Re; Continuation of Application for
Executive Clemency

Describe the circumstances of the crime: Continued,

When I attempted to leave the home, Efrian grabbed me from behind and stabbed me in the chest with a knife. I had a gun in my coat pocket which in the struggle I fired once, which caused him to let go of me. I again attempted to flee, however, Efrian's wife blocked the doorway, as I turned around I saw Efrian coming at me again with a large knife, and I fired the gun two more times in panic, and then I fled the home. I did not find out until later that Efrian had died. I did not go to Efrian's with the intent to kill him, I did not know him and I had never met him before, I was surprised by his attack on me and reacted.

Why are you requesting commutation of your sentence?

I know that I was wrong to have taken the drugs, I know that I was wrong to have a gun in my possession. I have learned how to change the way that I live my life, I have been attending AA/NA classes, and I no longer use drugs. I have and will continue to make amends for the things that I have done. I have changed and can now be a positive and productive member of Society. I made one horrible mistake, however, before that incident as well as after it, I have lead a non-violent life. I will never re-offend or cause any problems for anyone in the community. Now because of my age, and the many serious health issues, and my deteriorating condition, I may only have a few short years remaining. I am asking that you take into consideration my conduct before and after the crime that I committed, and recognize that I am not a danger or unreasonable risk to society. I have the support of my family if I am released. Please consider my application for Clemency, and the possibility of a Parole Hearing and a Release Date.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request.



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Louis Flores Albicker Date of Birth: [redacted]/50 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: CSP-IAC P.O. Box 4430, Lancaster, CA. 93539 FAB3 - #204 CDCR # T-82467

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
First Degree Murder	01/03/03	Los Angeles	LWOPP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): On December 08, 2000, I was high on Methamphetamine, and I was offered a ride home by someone that I had just met. He stated that he had to make a stop at his brother-in-laws home first. When we arrived at the home, Ponce (the man that I had just met) and his brother-in-law began arguing, I did not want to be involved, and attempted to leave.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): (cont.) I do not believe that I should have been convicted of First Degree Murder, because I did not go to Efrin's home to murder him, I was surprised by his attack on me and I believed that I was defending myself from being killed by him with the knife he was attacking me with. In a panic I fled from the scene, but I did not go to the home with the intent to kill anyone.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary): I am almost 70 Years old, and I am suffering from several serious medical conditions. I have been programing without incident since I was incarcerated. I have taken several workshops and self-help classes while incarcerated. I do not pose a threat or undue risk to Society.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I have not paid anyone to assist me with the preparation of this application.

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I, Louis Flores Albicker, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
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have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

7-23-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Louis Flores Albicker,

was convicted of the crime of First Degree Murder and Robbery

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of December 08, 2000

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: T-82467

Louis Flores Albicker
Applicant's Signature

7-23-17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

Barbara Woelfel AD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Louis Flores Albicker

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Woelfel

Date 8/31/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.



Louis Flores Albicker
T-82467 FAB3 - #204
CSP-LAC P.O. Box 4430
Lancaster, CA. 93539

Re; Continuation of Application for
Executive Clemency

Describe the circumstances of the crime: Continued,

When I attempted to leave the home, Efrian grabbed me from behind and stabbed me in the chest with a knife. I had a gun in my coat pocket which in the struggle I fired once, which caused him to let go of me. I again attempted to flee, however, Efrian's wife blocked the doorway, as I turned around I saw Efrian coming at me again with a large knife, and I fired the gun two more times in panic, and then I fled the home. I did not find out until later that Efrian had died. I did not go to Efrian's with the intent to kill him, I did not know him and I had never met him before, I was surprised by his attack on me and reacted.

Why are you requesting commutation of your sentence?

I know that I was wrong to have taken the drugs, I know that I was wrong to have a gun in my possession. I have learned how to change the way that I live my life, I have been attending AA/NA classes, and I no longer use drugs. I have and will continue to make amends for the things that I have done. I have changed and can now be a positive and productive member of Society. I made one horrible mistake, however, before that incident as well as after it, I have lead a non-violent life. I will never re-offend or cause any problems for anyone in the community. Now because of my age, and the many serious health issues, and my deteriorating condition, I may only have a few short years remaining. I am asking that you take into consideration my conduct before and after the crime that I committed, and recognize that I am not a danger or unreasonable risk to society. I have the support of my family if I am released. Please consider my application for Clemency, and the possibility of a Parole Hearing and a Release Date.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Anthony Ammons

On March 31, 2001, 16-year-old Anthony Ammons was a passenger in a car when he thought he recognized fellow gang members pulling up next to the vehicle in which he was riding. When Orlando Castillo, the driver of the other vehicle, did not respond to Mr. Ammons's question regarding his gang status, Mr. Ammons fired a shot at Mr. Castillo, striking and killing passenger Kevin Fauria. On September 6, 2002, the Los Angeles Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ammons to 25 years to life for murder, 15 years to life for attempted murder with gang enhancement, 20 years for a firearm enhancement, 3 years for assault with a firearm, 4 years for another firearm enhancement, and 10 years for a gang enhancement – a total term of 102 years.

Mr. Ammons has been incarcerated for over half of his life. He told an investigator that he is truly remorseful and ashamed of the murder and understands how he developed into the person that committed this crime. A correctional officer wrote in 2017 regarding Mr. Ammons, "I've observed him interact with staff as well as talk to the young and older reception inmates about their decision-making and never says no when asked to tell his story. . . . [h]e is accountable and responsible for the crime he committed. In addition, he is very remorseful for those he hurt."

In prison, Mr. Ammons has demonstrated his commitment to his rehabilitation: He earned his high school diploma, took college courses, and completed vocational training in healthcare facilities maintenance. In 2016 and 2017, staff praised Mr. Ammons's efforts in the Healthcare Facilities Maintenance Program, noting that Mr. Ammons "conducted himself with professionalism and respect towards others while carrying out his assigned tasks. His assignments are completed accurately and on time." In 2017, a correctional counselor wrote, "Inmate A. Ammons has performed in an exemplary and commendable manner, since he has been assigned as a porter here at San Quentin. Mr. Ammons has shown professionalism and respect towards staff and his fellow inmates inside and outside the facility. He has proven himself to be a team player and courteous to his supervisor and co-workers. His work ethic and attendance have been outstanding."

Mr. Ammons has fully engaged in self-help courses over the past several years, completing classes in Nonviolent Communication, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, and Alternatives to Violence. In 2012, a teacher commended Mr. Ammons "for his tireless volunteer work with a struggling student in my class. Inmate Ammons is dependable, patient, encouraging and respectful to all students in class." In 2017, a correctional sergeant who has known Mr. Ammons since 2013 wrote regarding Mr. Ammons's work facilitating a self-help group, "He was authentic, honest, and responsible when he talked about his crime and his struggles in life. He showed me the remorse for what he had done in his life." The sergeant continued, "He continues to work hard, treats staff and his peers with respect, and conducts himself with great pride. I feel that inmate Ammons would be a successful person in his community once paroled." Mr. Ammons has plans for his release, including housing with family and a job offer.

Mr. Ammons committed a senseless crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Ammons has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Anthony Ammons to a total of 19 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Ammons, Anthony Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 84 Inmate ID: T-68607

Address: cell 5-N-574 San Quentin, CA 94974 Facility: San Quentin

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Selling drugs	OCT 2000	Los Angeles	3 Years Probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

on march 31, 2001 at 16 years old while a passenger in a Ford bronco in Los Angeles at 11:00am or thereabouts, my older co-defendant David Greer and younger co-defendant Matthew Beard were drinking and smoking weed. we pulled rather close up to a cheery red coupe that had 3 people inside of

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation of sentence because I've changed my life. The way I think now is very different from how I thought as a 16 year old who needed approval from others, who wanted to fit in because I did not have my own identity, but found my identity

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Today I see people as normal beings who deserve to live their lives free of violence, pain, and hatred. At 16 years when I murdered Mr. Fauria all I cared about was what got me to fit in and approval from others. Grip which is

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Anthony Amaras declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

11-20-17

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Anthony Amma,

was convicted of the crime of _____,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of March 31, 2001.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.



Applicant's Signature

11-20-17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capital, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Question # 2

The car. Orlando Castillo (the driver), Kevin Fauria front seat passenger, and Yvette Fauria back seat passenger. I yelled out of my car what's up blood no response from Mr. Castillo, so I yelled again what's up blood Mr. Castillo reacted down and at the same time my co-defendant David Greer said shoot blood and without hesitation I shot into these car murdering Mr. Fauria and then I shot again. I unloaded my weapons and put 2 more bullets inside the car as we gave chase to Mr. Castillo in order to shoot again we saw the police on the light made a U-turn and ran so that we could get away. I was charged with 1st degree murder, Attempted murder, and assault; shooting at an occupied vehicle; shooting at a moving motor vehicle plus 15 enhancements. I was sentenced to 12 years to life. I took Mr. Castillo's life as a challenge to my identity and pride. I felt that I could not allow my identity to be tested I wanted the approval so bad so that I could be down and fit in. I felt so much shame as a result of what I've done. And because of me Mr. Fauria lost his wife and a family was traumatized. I'm sorry Mr. Fauria lost his wife and a family was traumatized.

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and security is what others thought. Today I appreciate & respect human life.

Today as compared to when I was 16 years old and committed this crime I can ask for help and I don't need anyone to validate who I am. I am secure in myself as a person who does not need to fit in with any group. My thinking started to change rather my rehabilitation started when I received my high school diploma in 2007. I started to see things differently. I realized that I had the ability to think for myself.

I still struggled though and received 115 days in prison for not following the rules why I was a work in progress I had an authority problem because I still felt I was me against the system. I did not want to listen I wanted to excel. I did not want to be open minded that I put myself in prison by murdering an innocent man and that they are here to do a job & support their families. I will say that since I've come to prison there is no history of Gang violence or violence for that matter.

I've taken groups that dealt with me been open with myself, my truth and the truth about me. I've taken Narcotic Anonymous, Alcoholic Anonymous, Anger Management, House of Healing, No Violent Communications, L.D.C.A.T. THE FIRST STEP, Free Health Ed, G.R.I.P., Criminal Gang Anonymous, I also received my vocational education while working in the hospital for 4 years at San Quentin. Taking these groups was difficult I had to feel uncomfortable in order to get comfortable with my own mess. It was hard to open up, but I did and today I understand the consequences of my actions does not just affect the victims, or me, but his family, wife, friends, committed crimes by his positive influence. I see that was I'm grown I think differently now. I've changed. This is why I'm requesting a commutation.

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Guiding rage into power I learned how to speak what I was feeling instead of holding it in like I did in the past. I know better I learned how to transform my violence into communication. In my childhood I never learned how to communicate my feelings. All I knew was that if I was hurting I needed to act out and be violent. I learned how to cultivate mindfulness which is being patient in every situation and being able to respond instead of reacting. I can connect the dots of what I know now to my teenage old self to see my insecurity, low self worth I was an image chaser. I'm taking Kid CAT which is kids creating Awareness Together. I learned a deeper understanding of how to write empathy into my my consciousness. The first step (Kid CAT) helped me dig deep into my childhood to unpack a lot of pain and trauma where if I'm not being heard like I felt I was not being heard in my childhood I'm not going to go out and hang out with gang members and become one. which Today I'm happy to say I'm not. when I committed this crime I felt I was not being heard and I had the power to force Mr. Castillo to hear me which was my weapon. Today I can step back and be patient to wait for an answer. I am so so sorry for the crime I committed and I'm ashamed for my actions. my actions caused Mr. Foxlin's death I denied him a chance to be happy with his wife who was also traumatized by watching her husband die. I can not even begin to imagine the pain she went through the trauma I've ~~caused~~ caused her and Mr. Castillo who drove the car so one should have to go through being shot at and watching their family member pass away. I've learned that drinking and smoking weed while being a drug addict is not a way to deal with what I'm going through. I am a better person because of the rehabilitation in prison I want the opportunity to offer a health adult to my or any community instead of a kid who committed this crime against my community. I recently got the opportunity to play basketball against The Golden State warriors. why is this important because they have helped

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me trust more, become emotionally stable and see and appreciate the acts of serving my community. A program and house of healing helped me learn that though I could be mad at my father for not being there and my mom for being addicted to drugs I can still forgive their unskillfulness. Doing that allowed me to see their story and their pain and have rather get to a place so I could have sympathy for them and what they went through. I now understand that my dad never knew his dad all he knew was how to survive not be a father in this world. My mom had issues with the Army and being sexually assaulted which led her to not being able to talk about it, but push it down, but now I understand why she could not be there emotionally. I've dealt with these issues so that today my mom is my best friend and my dad is my dad most importantly I feel like a son for the first in my life. Criminal Gangs Anonymous showed me that my belief system was completely wrong that terrorizing and being a gang member hurt my community and that people scared to come outside kids can't play in the street just for fear of being shot at by other gang members because I wanted to hang out. Today I'm not that 16 year old boy I've grown into a man who really wants to be an asset to my community. I want for the rest of my life to honor my father with the skills I have learned to stop violent behavior that is destroying our communities. That's why my commutation should be granted.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Belinda Anderson

In August 1991, during a failed robbery attempt, Belinda Anderson stabbed and killed Andrew Scott, a taxi driver. On May 26, 1993, the San Francisco County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Anderson to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus an additional year for a prior prison term.

Ms. Anderson's criminal history was centered around drugs. She has admitted that she sold and was addicted to cocaine and heroin, habits that began when she was 20 years old. Ms. Anderson has been incarcerated for 27 years and is now 56 years old. In her application for clemency, Ms. Anderson wrote, "When I committed this crime I was twenty-eight years old. . . . I was a grown woman with the mind of an addict, who hadn't fully understood the effects drugs had on me."

Ms. Anderson has demonstrated a desire to turn her life around. She has participated in substance abuse programs and developed a thoughtful relapse prevention plan. Ms. Anderson has also participated in other self-help programs including Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Anger Therapy, Denial Management, and Alternatives to Violence. She recently enrolled in college courses and has earned 69 credits towards an Associate of Arts degree.

Ms. Anderson has also shown strong commitment to serving her community. In her application, she explained, "I feel I am the right person who can help [people] understand and see the damage [of addiction] and how it can make a decent person become a lethal, self-serving, irresponsible criminal." Ms. Anderson has served as a facilitator for self-help programs, a representative on the Women's Advisory Council, and a mentor in a mentorship program.

Numerous prison staff have commended her efforts. The warden of the Central California Women's Facility recommended Ms. Anderson for a commutation. A correctional lieutenant who has known Ms. Anderson for 15 years wrote, "I believe that inmate Anderson has gone above and beyond what any inmate can do. Inmate Anderson has sacrificed of her time and energy to improve and support the inmate population." A correctional sergeant wrote, "I am confident that upon her release to the community that Inmate Anderson will remain an asset and continue to better herself and help others within her community." Two correctional sergeants and a community resource manager reported that Ms. Anderson is a role model for her peers.

Additionally, Ms. Anderson's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Ms. Anderson.

While I do not discount the very serious nature of Ms. Anderson's crime, for all of the foregoing reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce her sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Belinda Anderson to a total of 30 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Belinda Anderson Date of Birth: ██████ 62 Inmate ID: W-35606
Address: P.O. Box 1508, Chowchilla, CA, 93610 Facility: CCWF

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
HS11352	1-01-85	SAN FRANCISCO	3 YEARS
PC667.5(b)		SAN FRANCISCO	1 YEAR
PC187	8-25-91	SAN FRANCISCO	LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

Application for Commutation

2. Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

I am requesting a commutation as I am not the same person I was 26 years ago. So many of my immediate family has passed on and my daughter needs help. They really don't have anyone left besides my two brothers, myself and a few nieces and nephews. I need to be there to help my daughter. My daughter never told me she need me before, now she says she prays to God for me to come home and be with her and my grandson. I truly want a chance to be mother to her as she so deserves. I am now able to be that mother she needs. If my parents were alive I would be a better daughter to them and they could see the daughter they knew I could be.

The second most important thing for me is being able to give back to my community. I feel I would be a big asset to helping children and young adults not to make the mistakes and choices I made. I can help them understand there is more to life than what they see. I also want to help them realize they could do or be anything they want to be. They don't have to except circumstances as being fate. People (especially young adults) can make their own destiny. I feel I would be really good at this, because kid relate to me especially in here. I try to guide them down the right path and to stay on track. I really believe they listen to me, because I see they make a decision to do the right thing for that situation. By being in prison some believe the environment has to be negative. But when I talk to the young ladies, I truly believe I show them how to turn this situation into a positive rehabilitation.

The third reason is to help addicts. Addiction is a disease and people need to understand what addiction is and what it does, how it can and will destroy your life. I feel I am the right person who can help them understand and see the damage and how it can make a decent person become a lethal, self-serving, irresponsible criminal. I would like a second chance to let society see and know people can change. I would like people especially my family to know the person I have become. To see this who I would have been if drugs wasn't a part of my life. I am not the same person who committed those crimes.

3. Provide a brief statement of explaining why you should be granted a commutation:

I feel I should be granted a commutation for several reasons. When I committed this crime I was twenty-eight years old. I am now 54 years old, I was a grown woman with the mind of an addict, who hadn't fully understood the effects drugs had on me. I have now matured, I know understand what it means to be a mother, daughter, and a sister. It took a lot of hard work, changing my thought pattern, my life, my heart, becoming a woman of God. Anyone can be a female, you can be born that way. But it takes determination, obligation, communication, and a whole lot of love to be a parent. This is the one thing I never gave my children. I am more than capable and willing to fulfill the role as a being a mother.

I now have the tools, insight, and the know how to be successful in being a mother, grandmother, and a better person. I have learned so much through these years. I have a story to tell one most people who are into drugs, gangs, or criminal activities need to hear. I can offer my community my life experience with addiction, and hopefully it can and will make a difference in someone else's life. I can and will be a productive citizen in society. I should be granted a commutation, because I am the last living aunt my

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Marisela Andrade

Marisela Andrade and Sergio Delacruz planned to kill Jose Zarate, Ms. Andrade's abusive husband. On April 11, 2008, Ms. Andrade gave Mr. Zarate some sleeping pills. Mr. Delacruz tied up Mr. Zarate, put him in the trunk of a car, and drove him to a remote location where he shot Mr. Zarate, killing him. On September 14, 2010, the Monterey County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Andrade to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Ms. Andrade applied for a commutation on the basis of her rehabilitation and her history of significant abuse. In a 2009 psychological report, she reported that Mr. Zarate began abusing her on their wedding night in 1996, when he tried to force her to have sex with him and hit her in the face. Mr. Zarate continued to beat her regularly with his hands and a belt throughout their marriage. Ms. Andrade reported that the abuse intensified around 2006, when her husband began regularly sexually assaulting her and forcing her to perform sexual services for other men. Ms. Andrade said that she feared her husband and rarely confided in others about the abuse because he threatened to hurt her and their children more if she reported him. The psychologist's 2009 report concluded that Ms. Andrade "was a battered woman, with additional factors involving very low intelligence [and] a personal history that made her vulnerable to influence" from others. An investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings also considered Ms. Andrade's case and determined that "most of the evidence appears to support the allegation that Zarate was abusive to Andrade and this abuse ultimately resulted in the commitment offense."

Despite her very traumatic past, Ms. Andrade came to prison and immediately started changing her life. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct during her incarceration. She participated in numerous self-help programs, including Celebrate Recovery, Beyond Violence, Women Against Violence and Exploitation, and Victims Impact. Ms. Andrade has maintained a strong work record, receives positive ratings from her supervisors, and currently works as a caregiver for inmates with disabilities. In an interview with the Board investigator, Ms. Andrade demonstrated sincere remorse for her participation in this crime. She hopes to use her experience with domestic abuse to teach her daughters and other young women how to break the cycle of violence and maintain healthy relationships. For all of these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Ms. Andrade's sentence to allow her to make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

Executive Department

State of California

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Marisela Andrade to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Andrade, Marizela Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1977 Inmate ID: WA7304
Address: 516-204L po Box 1508 CCWF Chowchilla, CA. 93610-1508 Facility: CCWF

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
PC 187	4-11-2008	Monterey County	25 / LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

My Crime occurred because for 12 yrs of marriage I endured Abuse Physical, Mental, Verbal & Emotional. My oldest Daughter seen much of it, I wanted him to feel the Pain, but never had the intension for Him to die.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am asking this chance, for the second chance on life with my children and soon grand children and to become a productive member of society.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

For the above stated reasons, I ask you for the commutation of my sentence, as well as the help of God so it may be granted. For your efforts on my behalf, I am grateful.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
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Andrade, Marisela
(Print Full Name)

declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of

California that I have served the District Attorney of Monterrey County
(Name of County*) with notice of my intent to
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Andrade Marisela
Applicant's Signature

12/8/2017
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

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- 2) I arranged for my husband and abuser of 12 years to be attacked. My goal was to hurt him and scare him. Instead, he was killed. Although it was not my wish for him to die, I know it was my fault he was attacked and with the person who took his life.
- 3) I am asking for a commutation because there is currently no other legal way to relief. I have 3 children and soon they may have children. Prison has taught me how to ask for help, set boundaries, and not live in abuse. These are things my children need to know so they do not live in silence like me. I can not begin to say sorry enough. I must live it. I ask to go home where I can continue to live healthy and teach my children to live healthy.
- 4) In prison, I have taken many groups to teach me to deal with abuse and to heal. Now that I am healthier, it's possible for me to help others. This

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starts with my children. I made very bad choices out of ignorance. I am not ignorant anymore. Please give me the chance to go home to my family and make sure the cycle of violence stops here.

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Hilario Arroyo

On March 9, 1989, Hilario Arroyo robbed a restaurant where he had previously worked and stabbed the restaurant manager Anand Dewan to death. On October 15, 1990, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Arroyo to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Arroyo has now been incarcerated for almost 30 years and has expressed deep remorse for his actions in 1989. In his application for clemency, Mr. Arroyo wrote, "My life changed dramatically twenty-five years ago when I came to faith in Jesus Christ. At [that] point I gave myself to sobriety, learning English, and being a better person in every aspect of my life." Mr. Arroyo continued, "I was a selfish man when I murdered Mr. Dewan and am greatly sorry for my actions. My life speaks of my change and it is for this reason that I humbly request that I be considered for possible commutation."

During almost three decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Arroyo has dedicated himself to transforming his life. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct, over 13 years ago, and has never been disciplined for any violence in prison. He earned his GED and a certificate of achievement in English as a Second Language and completed vocational training through the California Prison Industry Authority. Mr. Arroyo has participated in and facilitated multiple self-help programs, including Domestic Violence, Houses of Healing, Anger Management, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Arroyo has also resided on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard, since 2011 and has been ordained as a minister.

Mr. Arroyo has earned the respect of the staff members who supervise him on a regular basis. In 2017, a correctional officer praised Mr. Arroyo for being "consistent in his commitment and efforts toward[s] rehabilitation as part of the Progressive Programming Facility," noting that he "has always been polite and courteous towards staff." In 2018, a Prison Industry Authority superintendent praised Mr. Arroyo for his work ethic and demeanor, writing that he is "hard working, conscientious and highly motivated. His even temperament allows him to interact well with his peers and staff." The superintendent noted that Mr. Arroyo's excellent work evaluations "reflect a positive attitude, work ethic, and bilingual communication skills." The superintendent continued, "Should the opportunity for parole arise, Arroyo will be well-served by his dedication to excel in all professional endeavors." In 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Arroyo for being well-mannered and respectful towards staff and other inmates. The officer noted that Mr. Arroyo takes advantage of programming opportunities on the honor yard and leads by example. The officer praised Mr. Arroyo "for exhibiting [a] positive attitude as a responsible individual," and stated, "I believe Inmate Arroyo is a good candidate for a second chance."

Mr. Arroyo committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitative efforts in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Arroyo has earned the opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is ready to be released from prison.

Executive Department

State of California

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Hilario Arroyo to a total of 30 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

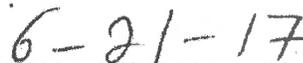
This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

Hilario V. Arroyo
I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name) **Orange County**
have served the District Attorney of the County of _____ with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature


Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

I was arrested at the age of 21 and have served 28 years in prison. At the time of my offense, I was a selfish alcoholic immigrant who was illiterate to the language and culture of the United States; full of immaturity.

According to recent Neuro Science, the decision making part of the brain is not fully formed until the age of 25. My life and actions fall well within this developmental state.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

My life changed dramatically twenty-five years ago when I came to faith in Jesus Christ. At the point I gave myself to sobriety, learning English, and being a better person in every aspect of my life.

I have made steady strides in rehabilitation in my stay in the Department. I became literate in 2000, attained my G.E.D. in 2003, in 2007 became active in AA/NA, and in 2014 I became a licenced minister Pastor/Director, California State License C-3586213. My faith is a very big part of my transformation and I gave myself to service in the Spanish Christian Ministry at Calipatria State Prison for fourteen years.

The Progressive Programming Facility has eferded me the oppertunity to take courses such as; Victim Sensitivity Awareness, Domestic Violence, Anger Management, Houses of Healing, Conflicts and Resolutions, Paving the Way, and my personal favorite, facilitating most of these courses in Spanish for those who desire to make changes, but did not speak the language.

I have only one write up in my 28 years and it was in 2005. I have been assigned in various positions since 1991, and have received positive work performance reports.

In conclusion, I was a selfish man when I murdered Mr. Anan Dewan and am greatly sorry for my actions. My life speaks of my change and it is for this reason that I humbly request that I be considered for possible Commutation.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Judith Barnett

In 1987, Judith Barnett wanted her ex-husband, Howard Witkin, killed so that she could have full custody of their children. Ms. Barnett's husband paid one of his employees to kill Mr. Witkin, and the employee recruited another man to help him. On March 20, 1980, the men shot and killed Mr. Witkin. On November 2, 1994, the Santa Clara Superior Court sentenced Ms. Barnett to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Ms. Barnett is now 69 years old and has been incarcerated for 26 years. She has dedicated herself to personal rehabilitation and public service even while her prison sentence offered no possibility for release. Ms. Barnett told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, "I have served the CCWF community in so many ways and to the best of my ability all these years while I travelled the path to understanding and acceptance."

In prison, Ms. Barnett has demonstrated a genuine desire to give back to her community. She co-founded a program for inmates serving life sentences, a support group for elderly inmates, as well as a hospice program. She has volunteered in the hospice for more than a decade; a nurse for the program wrote that Ms. Barnett made "a significant contribution to the program" and "has shown emotional and spiritual growth" through her service. Ms. Barnett has participated in and facilitated numerous self-help programs, including Commitment to Change, Personal Integrity, Life Planning, and Relationships and Communication. For many years, she has helped lead a program that guides new inmates in self-reflection, healing, and skill-building as they begin lengthy prison terms. In 2017, the Warden at the Central California Women's Facility praised Ms. Barnett for her commitment "to helping others and working steadily toward common goals for the population of the prison... This is an inmate who has dedicated most of her time and efforts toward improving and enriching her community and she should be commended for working tirelessly and committing herself to the betterment of CCWF."

Ms. Barnett's crime has profoundly impacted Mr. Witkin's family and friends, several of whom wrote to oppose clemency and express the pain they continue to experience as a result of their loss. After carefully examining this case, I am moved by Ms. Barnett's dedication to nonviolence, her service to those around her, and her commitment to self-improvement. I believe she has earned the opportunity to make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is ready to be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Judith Barnett to a total of 27 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: JUDITH BARNETT Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 48 Inmate ID: W55008
Address: P.O. Box 1508 505-6-3L Chowchilla, CA 93610-1508 Facility: Central California Women's Facility

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of Conviction(s), Sentences(s). Contains two rows of conviction data.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHED

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Judith BARNETT
(Print Full Name), declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of

California that I have served the District Attorney of SANTA CLARA
(Name of County*) with notice of my intent to
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Judith Barnett
Applicant's Signature

May 1, 2017
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

May 1, 2017

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown,

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this letter and other submitted paperwork and for considering my application for commutation so that I might have the chance to appear before the Board of Prison Hearings. I realize that you receive many requests like this and I appreciate the efforts from you and your staff, especially regarding the LWOP community.

I never expected my prison experience to be one of growth and introspection about my life and the roads I have taken along the way. I imagined at first that my life here would be one of stagnation and resignation, not self-growth and understanding. During the many years when I was responsible for the New Inmate Orientation, I always told them: "This is not the life I ever in a million years envisioned for myself, but I do have a life that is productive and fulfilling." That is my truth because I do believe I have served the CCWF community in so many ways and to the best of my ability all these years while I travelled the path to understanding and acceptance for all that I experienced throughout my own life. That includes self-forgiveness and forgiving others, acknowledging my mistakes, and praying for a different type of life with my family should I ever be released.

The death of Howard Witkin was a tragic event. He was a kind man and his loss was felt by many. He didn't have the chance to live out his years, his parents lost their son, his brothers grieved, our children lost their father. In addition, Mr. Witkin's many other friends and relatives suffered a severe loss. There is no question but that this event should never have happened. I grieve for him every day, along with all these other people.

In an odd way, I feel like I should thank the system for all that it offered me to further my growth as a human being. But now, I'm older and not well and I'm praying for the chance to finish my life just being a grandmother, mother, sister, friend, and good person. Thank you for considering that dream for me.

Judith Barnett

Judith Barnett W55008
CCWF 505-06-03L

PART 2 – DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME:

In 1980 my then husband, Robert Singer, hired Gary Oliver to kill my ex-husband, Howard Witkin. Oliver and associate, Andrew Granger, travelled from Michigan to Mr. Witkin's home in Santa Clara, California, where Granger shot and and killed Mr. Witkin when he answered his front door. The special circumstances of murder for financial gain was found true and applicable to me on testimony that I requested Singer have the victim killed.

PART 3 – EXPLANATION FOR COMMUTATION REQUEST

I would like the opportunity to be considered for commutation to 25 to Life so that I can be eligible for parole consideration by the Board of Prison Hearings. I am 69 years old with medical issues, confined to a wheelchair, and would like a chance to spend time with my family. My son and his family, my sister, and many other relatives and friends have supported all these years and have offered help and assistance. If I am ever released, I would have the opportunity to return to an embracing and sustaining environment.

I feel like I could live a life of service to my community, as I have while in prison. I believe I am an improved version of my former self due to my journey at CCWF where I have learned more about myself and my life experiences along with my choices and mistakes than I could ever have imagined.

[MEDICAL PAPERWORK ATTACHED]

PART 4 – STATEMENT EXPLANATING REQUEST FOR COMMUTATION

From the time I arrived in prison, I realized that I had two significant missions to complete. The first was to work toward understanding the journey of my life, what mistakes I made, and why I allowed myself to use poor judgment when making life decisions. The second mission was to develop and act on my commitment to my community, using my education and business experience to dedicate my time and efforts toward enriching and improving my environment and helping those around me whenever possible.

My first step was to become a member of IAC immediately and maintain a position there for most of my incarceration. I held every office of the Executive Body and still serve as secretary. This allowed me to meet with administration and communicate the needs of population directly. I have taken these inmate advocacy responsibilities seriously throughout my term.

In addition to my service through IAC, I am especially proud of:

- Being responsible for New Inmate Orientation for many years and being the author of an Orientation Manual.
- Being the co-founder of the Long-Termers Organization, developing the By-Laws, and being responsible for planning and ensuring the success of the initial meeting and development of the organization.
- Co-founding the Silver Foxes Senior Group.
- Being the co-founder of the Comfort Care Program (with outside support from Hinds Hospice in Fresno) and being an active volunteer since the beginning.
- Extensive study leading to the first Bat Mitzvah event at CCWF.
- Training to be a Core Group Facilitator for the transformational program, LiT-uPP (The Lioness Tale Prison Project). The work began in 2009 and has changed me in so many ways. I feel that I better understand my life and decisions because of this program. I have learned about forgiving myself and others and understanding my life experiences. This group has focused on new lifers and long-termers and I believe my work has made a difference for these women. In turn, they have affected me and touched my heart in unexpected and deep ways.

[CHRONOS, CERTIFICATES, AND ACCOMPLISHMENT TIMELINE ATTACHED]

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Eric Benites

Between December 2007 and January 2008, 15-year-old Eric Benites participated in four gang-related shootings with Jason Trejo. Over the course of the shootings, Florentino Rivera was killed, two victims were injured, and three others were shot at or threatened, but uninjured. On January 12, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Benites to 25 years to life for murder plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement for a total term of 50 years to life.

Mr. Benites is now 26 and has been incarcerated for nearly 11 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Benites wrote that abandonment by his parents and the murder of his younger brother by a rival gang led him to adopt a criminal lifestyle. He explained, "I was impulsive and only cared about the momentary satisfaction that I received from hurting those who robbed me of my brother." Mr. Benites wrote, "I learned early on in my incarceration about the negative ripple effect I created in my community. Worst of all, I learned that I did the exact thing that was done to my family . . . I am driven to make amends in honor of everyone that I have hurt." He reports that he now has "a strong support network that includes family, friends, and a long line of mentors" who are encouraging, supportive, and active in his life. Mr. Benites wrote, "I would like another opportunity to be part of the community . . . so that I can help rebuild it and discourage the youth from making the same choices I made."

Mr. Benites has dedicated his time in prison to better himself. He has only been disciplined for one rule violation, shortly after he arrived at prison. He earned his GED, his high school diploma, a paralegal certificate, and has completed 57 credits toward an A.A. degree. Mr. Benites completed vocational training in digital literacy, office services, and is an alcohol and drug studies specialist. Mr. Benites has participated in many self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, and Conflict Resolution. He has volunteered his time for a youth diversion program, and is a certified master inmate peer health educator.

Mr. Benites' efforts in prison have not gone unnoticed by the staff members with whom he interacts. In 2016, a correctional lieutenant who supervised Mr. Benites wrote that he is "trustworthy and sincere in his dedication to his job." A correctional sergeant, who has worked for CDCR for 22 years and also supervised Mr. Benites, wrote in 2016, "Mr. Benites has proven himself trustworthy, diligent, professional, and courteous. . . . [His] character merits acknowledgment and [he] is to be commended for his positive behavior and disciplinary free programming." In the event he is released, Mr. Benites plans to live in transitional housing, and has family and friends offering housing, financial support, and help seeking employment to help with his transition back into society.

Since committing this string of very serious crimes, Mr. Benites has turned away from violence and has instead committed himself to rehabilitation and education. As a result, I believe Mr. Benites deserves an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Eric Benites to 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Eric Benites Date of Birth: [redacted] 42 Inmate ID: # AE-1719

Address: P.O. BOX 2349, Blythe CA 92226 Facility: Chuckawalla Valley

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
(See Conviction Summary)			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(See Circumstances of my crime ...)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(see: I am humbly requesting a commutation ...)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

(see: Why should I be granted a commutation ...)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Not Applicable

1. Conviction Summary:

Offense(s):	Date of conviction:	County of conviction:	Sentence (s):
Grand Theft Auto	Unknown/ Approx. year of 2005	Long Beach City, Los Angeles County	Probation
Burglary	Unknown/ Approx. Year of 2006	Long Beach City, Los Angeles County	Court date
Probation Violations/ etc.	Unknown/ Approx. Year of 2006	Long Beach City, Los Angeles County	Sent to juvenile Hall Detention Facility/Camp
Probation Violations/ False Identity	Unknown/ Approx. Year of 2007	Long Beach City, Los Angeles County	Sent to juvenile Hall Detention Facility/ Camp
Probation Violations/ Violation of House Arrest	Unknown/ Approx. Year of 2007	Long Beach City, Los Angeles County	Sent to juvenile Hall Detention Facility/ Placed on House Arrest
Possession of live ammunition	January 01 2008	Long Beach City, Los Angeles County	Court Date
(Note: I Did not have exact descriptions of prior crimes I committed so I listed them as best as possible) (All Juvenile Arrests and Convictions listed)			

Eric Benites #AE-1719

2. Circumstances of the crime I am requesting commutation for...

The circumstances of my crime revolve around my younger brother Bobby who was killed by a rival gang on June 25th 2007. I was 14 years old at the time and did not know how to deal with it in a healthy manner. I was emotionally unstable and felt broken beyond repair. I gave up on life and immediately began self- destructing. I went on a rampage that resulted in the death of Florentino Rivera and two young men being shot. I justified my actions and used violence as a remedy for the pain I felt.

I was impulsive and only cared about the momentary satisfaction that I received from hurting those who robbed me of my brother. I believed I had every right to retaliate and hurt another human being. This twisted belief was reinforced and normalized in my community. I adopted this ideology when I made the decision to become a gang member. I embraced this surrogate family because I found worth and a sense of belonging in it. This was something I lacked as a child growing up because I was abandoned by my parents when I was a child.

Reflecting on my life, I realize that my biggest mistake was leaning on all the wrong people for guidance, But worst of all, I realize the worst choice I made was the day I decided to pick up a gun and invited Florentino, David, Marvin and many more to share in my own pain and misery.

Eric Benites #AE-1719

3. I am humbly requesting a commutation because...

I was an immature and impulsive teenager when I committed my crime. I responded to the world with violence because I lacked the ability to handle something as devastating as my brother's loss. I understand that my youth and lack of coping skills do not justify my actions but I realize that they highlight my contributing factors that made me susceptible to committing this horrible crime. I am requesting a commutation because I am no longer that angry and impulsive 15 year old kid that was looking for vengeance. More than anything I would like another opportunity to be part of the community that I once terrorized, so that I can help rebuild it and discourage the youth from making the same choices I made.

I learned early on in my incarceration about the negative ripple effect I created in my community. Worst of all, I learned that I did the same exact thing that was done to my family. As a result of this, I developed empathy and a profound sense of remorse that motivated me to become a better human being. I dissociated from my gang when I was 17 years old and began my journey of self-discovery and rehabilitation. Since then, I have acquired the coping skills I lacked as a teenager, I restored my relationship with my family, and been living a life of change and redemption.(see: Pictures)

I was a broken and lost as a 15 year old child, but since then I have found healing through my spiritual transformation, and in sharing my story with others, participating in self-help groups and in my educational endeavors (See: Summary of Rehabilitation). My heart and my mind have been transformed and filled with a newfound purpose and meaning in life. I no longer want to hurt people. I have a burning desire to give back and be of service to those in need. In no way is my request for commutation an attempt to minimize my crime or avoid accountability. I believe I should be held accountable, I am humbly asking for mercy and that my transformation and desire to rebuild my community be taken into consideration.

4. Why I should be granted a commutation and second chance at life?

First of all, I would like to say that I am deserving of the 50 years to life sentence I received. I committed a horrible crime that ultimately robbed someone of their life and victimized countless people in the process. I accept full responsibility for my actions and believe I deserve to be held accountable. I would love nothing more than to have a second chance at life as an adult. I committed my crime out of anger and impulsiveness. I didn't care if I lived, died, or went to prison. I didn't value the life of another human being because I didn't value my own. Today I understand how precious life is but most of all I've learned to value it. I am 25 years of age now and far from the reckless teenager I once was. I am deeply sorry for the pain I caused and wish I could go back and undue it. I have matured over the years and realized that I can't change the past or restore the lives I shattered 10 years ago, but I have discovered that I have the power to create a better future and make amends in the process. However, I understand that no matter what I do or say today, I will never be able to relinquish the pain and suffering I inflicted on my community.

In spite of that, I am driven to make amends in honor of everyone that I have hurt. I am forever in debt to society for the wrongs I have committed. Since my incarceration, I have delved into self-help programs such as Alternative to Violence, Victim Awareness classes, Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous and many more to further my personal growth and rehabilitation. These programs have been very instrumental and therapeutic in my recovery. They have taught me about the ripple effect of my actions, given me tools to deal with the daily stressors in life, and spiritual principles that keep me humble and accountable.

Today I have strong support network that includes family, friends, and a long line of mentors. They are very encouraging, supportive and active in my life. I no longer have the need or desire to be accepted by all the wrong people. My support network has been very important in my recovery and I understand that if and when I receive a second chance at life, they will be just as important as I transition back into society. I have no doubts that I will succeed on the other side of these walls. I am a young man driven with purpose and on the road to redemption. If I am blessed with another opportunity at life outside of these walls, I will continue to better myself and find meaningful ways to give back to my community. I plan on working with my dear friend and mentor Fr. Michael Kennedy (Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative) and Scott Budnick (Anti-Recidivism Coalition) to hopefully put an end to this cycle of gangs, drugs, violence, and victimization that has infested our community.

Eric Benites #AE-1719

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Julian Blouin

In June 2007, Julian Blouin went into Kent Simplis' open garage and took a lawnmower. Mr. Blouin placed the lawnmower in the back of his truck and drove away. Mr. Blouin had a lengthy criminal history leading up to this burglary, including convictions for robbery, kidnapping, and driving under the influence. On February 29, 2008, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Blouin to 35 years to life – 25 years to life for first-degree burglary plus 5 years each for two prior felony enhancements.

Mr. Blouin is now 71 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 11 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Blouin acknowledged his lifelong history of drug abuse and explained that most of his crimes were drug-related and he does not "have the desire to do drugs anymore." He also wrote that he believes the person who committed his crimes "is dead, they no longer exist." Since his incarceration, Mr. Blouin has participated in Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous groups. In 2009, his Narcotics Anonymous sponsor noted that "Mr. Blouin has attended meetings regularly and has enhanced the program through his participation. He cooperates with the self-help sponsor in all phases of the program by sharing his ideas in a positive and productive manner. Mr. Blouin has presented a positive influence towards other inmates by sharing his past experiences with the group." He added that Mr. Blouin has "confront[ed] the nature of addiction in an honest and sincere manner, he has discovered that habitual destructive behavior is not a permanent condition and is now gaining the skills to build a better quality of life based on self-respect and achievement." Mr. Blouin has never been disciplined for serious misconduct.

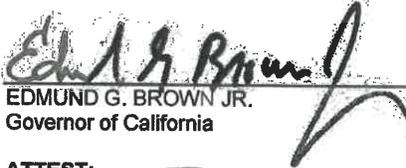
Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Blouin.

Mr. Blouin has shown that he is no longer the man he was when he committed this crime. He has remained sober and has shown that he has taken his rehabilitation seriously. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Blouin is ready to be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Julian Blouin to release him on parole.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: JULIAN P. Blouin Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 47 Inmate ID: C1-08964

Address: P.O. BOX 8101 Facility: CALIF MENS
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93409-8101 COLONY STATE PRISON

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
(1) BURGLARY OF A RESIDENCE	2008	RIVERSIDE COUNTY	35 YEARS TO LIFE
(2) 1991 CONVICTION FOR ROBBERY		LA COUNTY (PRIOR)	"
(3) 1968 CONVICTION FOR ROBBERY		LA COUNTY (PRIOR)	"

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I WAS ~~ARRESTED~~ ACCUSED OF TAKING A LAWN MOWER FROM A GARAGE - WITH SOMEONE IN THE HOME - I ALSO HAD 2 PRIORS A 1991 CONVICTION FOR ROBBERY AND A 1968 CONVICTION FOR ROBBERY WITH ENHANCEMENT OF 5 YEARS EACH WHICH MADE A TOTAL OF 35 YRS. TO LIFE.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

EACH OF THESE OFFENSES WERE FUELED BY MY DRUG ADDICTION TO COCAINE. I WAS GIVEN 3 STRIKE SENTENCES BEFORE THE 3 STRIKE LAW WAS EVEN ENFORCED! 1968 I WAS A JUVENILE AND 1991 THE 3 STRIKE LAW WASNT EVEN IN EFFECT! I AM 68 YEARS OLD NOW - AND HAVE LEARNED TO LIVE WITHOUT DRUGS - PLUS I AM NO DANGER TO ANYONE.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I FEEL I WAS TREATED UNFAIRLY BY THE LAW - HOW COULD YOU SENTENCE A PERSON BASED ON A LAW THAT WAS NOT A LAW! THE 3 STRIKE LAW WASNT UNTIL 1994! TWO OF MY STRIKES WERE BEFORE 1994. HOWEVER, I DO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS AND IF I COULD TAKE IT BACK - I WOULD. (SEE ATTACHMENT)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

[Handwritten signature]

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Jullian P. Blouin, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of LA County
Riverside County with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jullian P. Blouin
Applicant's Signature

10/23/15
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

Additional Pg. to Explain #4

(4) I was an addict for years hooked on crack cocaine - and a wild teenager. I look back now at 68 years old, almost 70, and think I ~~was~~^{how} foolish and stupid I was. I regret each day, of all the things I did, not because I was caught, but, I'm truly, truly sorry. If I could change the stupid things I did I certainly would.

I've asked God for forgiveness, and I'm asking the Court to give me another chance at the years I have left. I am no danger to the community or any one else. And certainly don't have the desire to do drugs anymore. I just want to enjoy life with my Grand children - my Grand daughter will be graduating Pitt state in Kansas in Dec. of this year. I sure would like to attend since I've missed all of these graduations in the past. And I have poor health now - I take Cordison shots for my knees and I am a Diabetic, along with several other health problems - I am no danger to any one, just a financial burden to the state.

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Christian Branscombe

In the early morning hours of December 20, 1994, 19-year-old Christian Branscombe and a friend robbed Joshua Johnson of a gun safe, pistol, and cash. During the course of the robbery, Mr. Branscombe shot Mr. Johnson, who was injured but survived. As they exited, Mr. Branscombe shot Patrick Klein, who had been sleeping on the couch, killing him. On February 26, 1996, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Branscombe to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 15 years for attempted murder and two firearm enhancements.

Mr. Branscombe seeks a commutation of sentence based on his transformation through his rehabilitative efforts. In his application, Mr. Branscombe stated, "When I committed my crime at the age of 19, I was a violent, drug-addicted menace to society with no remorse for my actions." He stated, "I am no longer the reckless kid that committed murder 22 years ago. . . . I have worked hard to face my drug addiction, criminal thinking, and to develop positive coping skills."

Over nearly 24 years of incarceration, Mr. Branscombe has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has been disciplined only three times in over two decades in prison, and has avoided drugs, gangs, and violence. Mr. Branscombe routinely receives exceptional to above average work ratings from his supervisors and participates in self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, and Victim Awareness. He has earned his GED. Mr. Branscombe has also served as a trainer for rescued dogs in the Paws for Life Program.

Mr. Branscombe leads the Progressive Arts Program at Lancaster. As Chairman of the program, Mr. Branscombe has been lauded for his leadership in the program. A sponsor of the Progressive Arts Program wrote in 2017, "[Mr. Branscombe's] passion for art and altruism has helped cultivate a culture of charity in the Progressive Programming Facility. He has demonstrated a willingness to make amends for the harm he has caused through his contributions to his and outside communities." A correctional officer praised Mr. Branscombe for his role in the program, stating that he "stands out as an individual to takes pride in himself, his work and as an advisor. . . . [Mr.] Branscombe strives to find ways to give back to the local community within the prison setting as well as those in the outside communities who are in need."

I recognize how devastating this crime was to the loved ones of Mr. Klein, who have opposed clemency in this case. Although Mr. Branscombe was given a sentence that gave him no hope of release, he has focused on his rehabilitation and giving back to others. Mr. Branscombe has taken responsibility for his crime and demonstrated sincere remorse for his actions. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Branscombe has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Christian Branscombe to a total of 25 years to life.

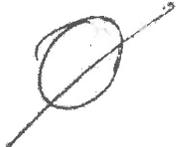


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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Christian Branscombe Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 75 Inmate ID: J94949

Address: P.O. Box 4430 Lancaster, CA. 93539 Facility: CSP-LAC A5-243

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
(see attachment #2)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
(see attachment #3)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
(see attachment #4)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):
N/A

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I, Christian Branscombe, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Sacramento with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

3/21/2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

(Attachment #2)

On December 19, 1994 at approximately 4am, I, Christian Branscombe and Joshua Richter went to Joshua Gunner Johnson's residence to commit a robbery. When let in by Patrick Klein, I went into Johnson's bedroom and went looking for Johnson's gun-safe, where Johnson and I exchanged gunfire. Richter then shot Klein in the shoulder while he lay resting on the couch in the other room. Dodging gunfire, I came into the room where Klein was and shot him once in the head, killing Klein. I returned to Johnson's bedroom and shot him twice in the head. Richter entered Johnson's bedroom and started moving Johnson's gun-safe while I grabbed Johnson's Mac-10 (that had jammed) and his fanny-pack that contained approximately 6000 dollars. I then helped Richter carry the gun-safe out to our vehicle, where we left the property.

(Attachment #3)

I am sentenced to Life without the Possibility of Parole and have no hope of going before the Board of Prison Hearings without a commutation of sentence.

When I committed my crime at the age of 19, I was a violent, drug-addicted, menace to society, with no remorse for my actions. Which I justified with criminal thinking. It would take over a decade for me to start comprehending the magnitude of what I had done and more time still to confront my faults that led to those horrible actions I committed Dec. 19th, 1994. The day Patrick Klein was unjustly killed and Joshua Gunner Johnson survived a deadly attempt on his life, just days before Christmas.

~~Growing up I endured a lot of struggles that I did not have the coping skills to process. My experiences with isolation, non-acceptance, molestation, mental and physical abuse, led to great shame and dysfunction. I coped with these things by shutting down emotionally and becoming defensive. Drugs and violence were not far behind, they were my cure-all. Compounding these things was an inherent anxiety disorder handed down to me by my father. That creates irrational apprehension and can be crippling at times. This too I managed with determination and force. I did not acknowledge my own emotions and used inward force to function. Eventually I did the same with others.~~

When my mother passed from cancer unexpectedly, it shook me. As I felt the pain of losing her a flood of other emotions came to the surface that would no longer stay out of reach. I found support in arts in corrections. The people in these groups were a positive sub-community in prison that encouraged me to face my shortcomings and avoid drugs.

This led to a lot of introspection, 12-step programs, group therapy, and one on one counseling. I got back in touch with my humanity. It was a slow process that revealed I was responsible for my life and all of my actions past and present.

As I owned my wrong-doings, I had to ask why I had done these things. It was heart breaking to face the hurt I denied so long ago and to realize how much harm I had done. Feeling this new found remorse crushed me. After many tears openly and privately, I came to terms with the fact I could not bring Patrick Klein back or heal the eternal wounds I caused in his family. That his friends and the community would always be scarred with his murder. Attempting to kill Joshua Gunner Johnson may have made him more criminally minded and a greater threat to society. Further hurting the community and Joshua Gunner Johnson long after my incarceration.

I knew in that moment violence would never be an option for me again. That I have a life long debt that cannot be removed. I am obligated by this debt to search myself relentlessly and own all of the things I did not have the courage or strength to acknowledge before. Amends was not a choice and is not a decision for me. It is the natural result derived from the full comprehension of the effects I've had on others lives. I feel the pain I have created in them. I want to help them and others heal when it is possible.

I have been living my amends for close to a decade now. Through my art I have donated thousands of dollars to various charities. As the chairman of the Progressive Arts Program, I teach others these valuable tools, over 1900 classes with over 18,000 attendants since 2007. More importantly we build positive community and encourage each other to live by a higher standard.

When I joined the Paws For Life program nearly 3 years ago I did it to help animals faced with certain death get their "Good canine citizen" test. Some of these dogs have even gone into service for autistic children. They ended up giving me far more than I could have imagined at the start.

I invest in others when I share my pain and shortcomings in self-help classes and 12-step programs : Anger management, Parenting, Victim Sensitivity Awareness, Houses of Healing, P.R.E.P. courses, Narcotics Anonymous, and Alternative to Violence Project. I am

healed as I share this journey with others.

I am no longer the reckless kid that committed murder 22 years ago. I've grown up and take responsibility for my actions. I live my life connected to myself and others dedicating all of my good deeds in Patrick Klein's name.

I am seeking mercy and the chance to stand before the Board of Prison Hearings as a changed man.

(Attachment #4)

I committed my crime at the age of 19 when I was not fully developed or mature. I have worked hard to face my drug addiction, criminal thinking, and to develop positive coping skills. I am no longer self-destructive or a threat to others. I have been a productive person for nearly a decade and have done so without anticipating parole.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Marco Canchola

On August 14th, 2011, Mr. Canchola and Layne Ramirez confronted a group of people regarding their gang affiliation. Mr. Canchola and Mr. Ramirez open fired on the group, striking Jazlynn Love in her hand and leg. Ms. Love survived her injuries. On January 25, 2013, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Canchola to 6 years for assault with a semiautomatic firearm plus a 10-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Canchola was only 17 years old at the time of his crime and has now been incarcerated for 7 years. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I do not believe I am entitled for a commutation. However, I do believe in rehabilitation, redemption, and a second chance. I understand the seriousness and the magnitude of what my crime produced. I take full responsibility of my actions." He told an investigator that he applied for a commutation because he is confident he can be a productive member of society.

Mr. Canchola has made good use of his time in custody. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct during his incarceration. He earned his GED and an A.A. degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences from Palo Verde College. Mr. Canchola participated in self-help programs, including Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, Anger Management, and Alternatives to Violence. He is certified as an Inmate Peer Educator, and routinely writes letters to struggling youth. Mr. Canchola is currently enrolled in a vocational training program called The Last Mile that prepares prison inmates to get good jobs upon release by providing training in business and technology, including in computer coding. An instructor in this program wrote that Mr. Canchola "is a team leader and works well with others during work group." The instructor also noted that he "has demonstrated significant, positive strides in his path to rehabilitation while in the classroom."

Mr. Canchola has set himself apart through his exceptional conduct in prison, and his willingness to separate himself from gang activities. He is making serious efforts to prepare for a different and successful life upon his release from prison. Based on his age at the time of the crime and his dedication to self-improvement, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Canchola's sentence so that he can make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is ready to be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Marco Canchola so he is eligible for parole consideration by January 1, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
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Secretary of State

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Marco A. Canciola Date of Birth: [redacted] 94 Inmate ID: AN5085

Address: P.O. Box 2199 Blythe, CA 92226 Facility: Ironwood State Prison/C5-128

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
No prior convictions.			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attachment.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

None.

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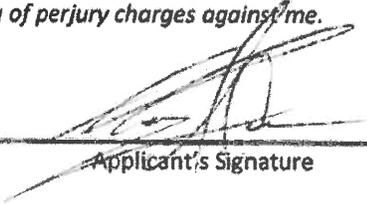
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I, Marco A. Canchola, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)

have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

6.22.17
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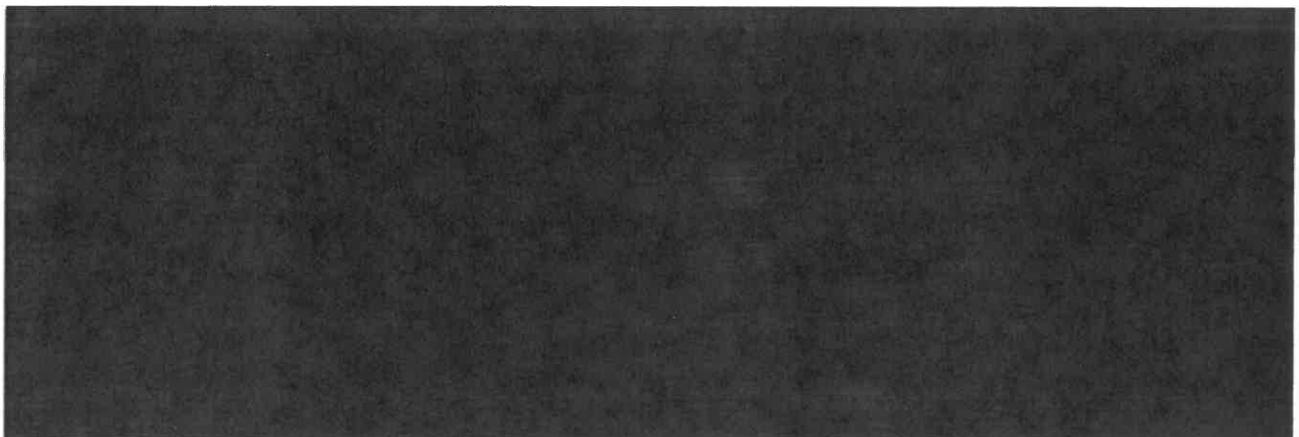
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2. Here is a factual and brief summary of the circumstances (“a case-by-case review”) of my crime that I have received upon arriving here at Ironwood State Prison (which I have enclosed). It states, “ Inmate received an arrest for *PC 245(B) ADW W/ENHANCEMENT PC, 12022.5 USE OF A FIREARM* Per departmental policy a case-by-case review for violence is required INCLUDING THE Six elements. In Summary, per Probation Officer 6/20/12, CANCHOLA and a CO-DEFENDANT were driving in a vehicle by a complex were they observed four subjects smoking cigarettes, The defendants drove by them and returned two minuets later. On the second drive by – Victim Love yelled a comment to the defendants; the defendants put the vehicle in reverse and backed up to the victims. The victims and codefendants were separated by a chain link fence when they began to exchange words. The defendants made a statement referencng ‘sur’ and ‘where you from’. Both defendants were observed to be armed with handguns. The victims heard multiple gun shots and Victim Love was struck by gunfire, the defendants drove away from the scene. The Victim was transported to the hospital. After an investigation, the defendants were identified by a photo line-up. The Victim was hit in her hand from gunfire and continues to have numbness and immobility problems with her thumb.”

3. On January 25, 2013, I accepted a plea bargain for 16 years for Assault with a Deadly Weapon *PC 245(B) W/ENHANCEMENT PC, 12022.5* . Upon doing so, I relinquished all my rights for an appeal. A clemency request is my only avenue for a commutation of sentence.

4. I do not believe I am entitled for a commutation. However, I do believe in rehabilitation, redemption, and a second chance. At the age of 17, I was incapable to acknowledge empathy, compassion, the consequences of my actions, and humanity. On August 14, 2011, I remorsefully and cowardly shot Jazlynn Love behind a vehicle out of rage, anger, selfishness, narcissism, and vulnerability. On August 16, 2011, I was direct filed and sent to adult court – depriving me from a juvenile fitness hearing.



Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

David Carranza

On December 22, 2011, 18-year-old David Carranza and fellow gang member Oscar Meza encountered rival gang member Edgar De Jesus. Mr. Carranza encouraged Mr. Meza to shoot Edgar De Jesus. Mr. Meza shot Mr. De Jesus multiple times, killing him. On January 16, 2015, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Carranza to 15 years to life for murder.

Following his conviction for the murder of Mr. De Jesus, Mr. Carranza cooperated in the prosecution of Mr. Meza and testified against Mr. Meza. In 2016, a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, who prosecuted Mr. Meza, wrote in support of Mr. Carranza at future parole hearings, noting his cooperation in the prosecution of Mr. Meza and his truthfulness regarding the crime. He wrote, "[A]ssuming that his performance in prison reflects the same change that his performance in court reflects, it is my personal belief that he is a strong candidate for parole."

In prison, Mr. Carranza has committed himself to his rehabilitation through his immediate disassociation from gangs and his dedication to self-improvement. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his high school diploma and an A.A. degree in business and technology. Mr. Carranza has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Cage Your Rage, and Victim Awareness. He also participated in and facilitated the Life's Too Short Youth Diversion Program and served as a Youth Offender Program Mentor.

Mr. Carranza has earned the respect of staff members through his good conduct and mentorship of other inmates. Between 2015 and 2018, over a dozen correctional staff commended Mr. Carranza on his rehabilitative efforts. A correctional counselor commended Mr. Carranza in 2017 on his work with older inmates, noting, "Though youthful, he instills hope in older inmates and encourages those who he interacts with to engage in positive programming and educational opportunities offered." In 2018, a correctional counselor wrote that Mr. Carranza "has taken every opportunity to better himself while housed here at Ironwood State Prison." The counselor continued, "He acts as a mentor to his peers with the Youth Offender Program and often dedicates his time to assist other inmates in their efforts to gain insight into the causative factors of their life crimes and character defects that fueled their dysfunctional behaviors. In a word, his behavior and programming have been exceptional. He is a model inmate who has become a role model to others that associate with him." Two correctional sergeants commended Mr. Carranza on his work with the Life's Too Short program and wrote in 2017, "Inmate Carranza utilizes his experience and trust among the inmate population to mentor fellow youth offenders. His behavior provides a positive example for his peers to follow."

Mr. Carranza was an active participant in a very serious crime. However, since that time, Mr. Carranza has disavowed any gang association and focused on his rehabilitation. As a result, he has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Carranza to a total of 10 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2018.


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Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: David Carranza Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/93 Inmate ID: AV-7939

Address: I.S.P. P.O. Box 2199 Blythe, CA 92226 Facility: B1-239L

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<u>Please refer to attachment (A).</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

For the murder of Edgar De Jesus. I am responsible for his death. I callously assisted and encouraged his death for the benefit of a street gang.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please refer to page 1.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please refer to page 2.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

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I, David Carranza declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

10/9/17
Date

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3. Nothing that I can achieve or accomplish could make right the decisions I have made. No words can ease the pain I have caused Edgar De Jesus' family and the community. I was a reckless, callous gang member.

The day I was arrested and sentenced to life the realization finally sank in that I was responsible for murdering Edgar. I knew that I no longer wanted to hurt anyone. I began to see what is most important in life. I made a decision that day to search out where I went wrong and to do all that I could to become a better person.

I learned through self-help groups, college education, supportive counseling, and my superiors, that I was broken. I realized my alcoholic father beating my mother, siblings, and I; his absence due to being in and out prison; my older brother being on drugs and involved in gangs as well as the continual beatings and psychological degradation inflicted by my brother; and all my siblings leaving the home, had a profound impact on my development. I saw that I developed feelings and beliefs that I was unloved, abandoned, worthless, and mistrusting of authority figures, as a young child. These beliefs were the foundation that fueled my criminality. I developed into a selfish, impulsive, attention seeking, and uncaring person.

Through books of self-development like "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective people" and through my spiritual relationship with God I was able to replace my old belief-systems, transform my thinking, and adopt new principles as my foundation. I am now firmly grounded and able to navigate through life guided by principles such as integrity, selflessness, compassion, humility, and a sense of worth.

Through self-help courses such as Lifers Group, Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Center for Council, and Inside Out Writers, I learned coping skills to deal with failures, drug abuse, and criminal thinking.

Through my college education I learned responsibility, discipline, diligence and marketable skills and financial literacy. Most importantly, I learned how magnificent the world is and life is not confined to a street. Further, I am humbled by the realization that I do not know everything and there is always something new to learn.

Through supportive counseling with the institution's physiologist, Dr. Pam Crawford, I learned to look into myself and understand why I made the decisions I made. Further, I was able to find closure and make peace with my childhood development.

Through my job as a program clerk I learned the value of having a good work ethic such as trustworthiness, responsibility, communication, and a willingness to learn. Further, working with staff I learned to respect authority figures. I was able to strip away hatred, mistrust and resentments.

In closing, my hopes are that you are able to discern the man that I am now. I am no longer the broken, angry teenage boy who was immature, impulsive, lacked skills, attention seeking and who had a false belief system. I hope through my actions my sincerity and dedication to change, willingness to serve others, and sincere display of remorse and responsibility for Edgar's murder, is evident in the man that I am today. (Please refer to attachment B, C, and D). ~~I humbly request a commutation because I am a new person today ready. (Please refer to attachment B, C, and D).~~ I humbly request a commutation because I am a new person today ready to be an asset to my community.

4. I believe through my own personal merits I cannot earn a commutation. Through a commutation I ask for a second chance. A Chance to be a contributing member of society, not a burden and to show others that change is possible.

My transformation speaks to the ability to achieve change through the rehabilitative programs offered by CDCR. If granted commutation my goal is to come to prison through the Anti-Recidivism Coalition Hope and Redemption team to help offenders. Although I have only been incarcerated for six years (6), a relative short time, I have grown emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually. I want to continue to show my peers in the Youth Offender Program (Y.O.P.) that it is possible to accomplish personal growth and there is hope.

Further, I want to be able to build the community in which I once tried to destroy, beginning at home. My goal is to a positive remodel to my nephew and nieces. To simply be there for them to listen, love, share the lessons I have learned and deter them from destructive paths. I have hurt my family beyond measure. I am ready to be a Good son, brother, uncle and friend. (Please refer to attachment E).

If granted my goals are to continue my college education and become a small business owner. In the Spring of 2018 I will be graduating with my Associates in Business. I want to continue to work towards my masters, and to open a construction business in order to continue to build instead of destroy.

I have caused irreparable damage. I am responsible for Edgars death and also those who suffered because of my selfish dedication to a street gang and my activities as a criminal. I know there is nothing I could ever do or say to repair the harm I have caused. I ask for mercy, mercy that I did not show Edgar. I ask for an opportunity to serve my community as a free man. If granted commutation I plan to continue to serve through the church "Eden" as a youth pastor, and volunteer through Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative, and Healing Dialogue In Action, to assist families that have suffered loss. Further, I plan to volunteer through Anti-Recidivism Coalition to assist former prisoners not to reoffend.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jonathan Chiu

In 2004, Jonathan Chiu's girlfriend was in an ongoing child custody dispute with her daughter's father, Travis Parker. Mr. Chiu had given his girlfriend about \$10,000 to cover legal expenses related to the custody battle, and they repeatedly discussed asking Mr. Parker to waive his parental rights so Mr. Chiu could adopt the girl. On August 2, 2004, Mr. Chiu went to the store where Mr. Parker worked, confronted him, and shot him multiple times, killing him. On January 17, 2006, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Chiu to 25 years to life for murder plus an additional 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 50 years to life in prison.

Mr. Chiu applied for a commutation of sentence based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, he described his participation in self-help groups and restorative justice programs, and how he came to understand the impact of the harm he caused by committing this crime. Mr. Chiu wrote, "Whether I am granted a commutation or not, I will strive every day in prison for the rest of my life to repay the people and the community for what I took from them."

Mr. Chiu has been a model inmate during his incarceration. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct, and has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence. He participated in multiple self-help programs including Nonviolent Communication, Restorative Justice, and Kid CAT. Mr. Chiu has been active in the San Quentin media program, and currently serves as the layout editor for the San Quentin News. He is taking classes to earn an A.A. degree, has served as a literacy tutor, and has participated in several public safety forums. Mr. Chiu has been commended by numerous correctional staff members and volunteers for his positive contributions in the prison. Mr. Chiu's commutation was also supported by representatives from the Prison University Project and multiple advisors to the San Quentin News, each of whom recognized the positive strides he has made. In 2018, a correctional lieutenant who had worked closely with Mr. Chiu for four years wrote, "[T]he man who committed those unfortunate crimes against his community is not the same man that is coming before you today. Mr. Chiu's life-walk is indicative of someone who has undergone a wholesale value and character change." Another correctional officer praised Mr. Chiu's character and participation in self-help groups, and wrote, "I believe if his sentence were to be commuted, Inmate Chiu would continue to live a responsible, productive life and continue taking accountability for the wrongs he's done as a law abiding citizen."

Since committing this very serious crime, Mr. Chiu has demonstrated a serious commitment to transforming his life for the better. He has taken advantage of the many opportunities for self-improvement at San Quentin, and has shown remorse for his actions. For all of these reasons, I believe he deserves an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jonathan Chiu to a total of 17 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: JONATHAN M CHIU Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1982 Inmate ID: F-13502

Address: 1 MAIN STREET Facility: SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
23103(A) RECKLESS DRIVING	12-14-01	LOS ANGELES	FINE \$150
653(K) POSSESS SWITCHBLADE KNIFE	12-14-01	LOS ANGELES	FINE \$150

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 1

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 7

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County: Please take notice that I, JONATHAN M. LITLU,
was convicted of the crime of FIRST DEGREE MURDER,
committed in LOS ANGELES - EAST County, California, on the date of AUGUST 2, 2004.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.



Applicant's Signature

FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, JONATHAN M. CHIU, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

FEBRUARY 13 2018

Date

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Jonathan Chiu's Commutation

Attachment 1 of Jonathan M. Chiu's Commutation

2. On August 2, 2004 at the age of 21, I, Jonathan M. Chiu went to confront Mr. Travis Parker at The Music Store in Diamond Bar, about his parental rights over their daughter Tricia Rose Parker and my relationship with Meredith DelFosse. I brought a firearm with me to the confrontation prepared to use violence to make Mr. Parker sign over his parental rights to me so I could marry Ms. DelFosse and have custody over Tricia. I felt I was entitled to have the rights over Tricia because of my selfishness of wanting a family with Ms. DelFosse. I made a video prior to me killing Mr. Parker holding a paper target where I express my intention of killing Mr. Parker so Ms. DelFosse and I would be together. I waited for him in the parking lot of the store until he came off work. As he approached his car, I walked up to him and tried to intimidate him into signing over custody. As he said "no" Mr. Parker retrieved from his truck a letter written by Ms. DelFosse addressed to Mr. Parker and told me I should read it and then deliver it back to her. I read the letter detailing her attempts to get back with him in a relationship. As I finished, I felt anger, saying the letter wasn't true. I then again demanded one more time for him to sign over his custody of Tricia. As Mr. Parker walked back towards his truck, with his back turned, I pulled out my gun from my waist band, he turned around. In his defense, he reached for my gun and we struggled. I shot the gun until it was empty. I shot Mr. Parker twice, once in his neck and once in his back. I killed him and I am sorry.

3. I am requesting a commutation for good conduct. In the past 13 years of my incarceration, I have received one CDCR-115 Rules Violation Report in February 16, 2010 for Disobeying a Direct Order from a Correctional Officer at New Folsom State Prison. I disobeyed Correctional Officer Nakaishi when I was at the Sallyport gate speaking with another inmate regarding my appeal. I unfortunately was still thinking the way I thought when I murdered Mr. Parker, thinking that I was entitled to do whatever I wanted in order to get what was important to me. In this case, ignoring commands from an officer to seek advice regarding my appellate case with the State of California. After receiving my Rules Violation, I saw the consequence of my misbehavior and felt shame for repeating my selfish behavior. I'd promised myself that I'd never commit violence again, and I realized that breaking more rules was beginning the pattern that led me to murder

Mr. Parker. I wanted to do better with my life, be less selfish. From then on, I dedicated myself to becoming a servant of my community. By becoming a Teacher's Aide in New Folsom State Prison helping others achieve their G.E.D. At Solano State Prison, I became a Peer Health Educator for the medical department helping and educating inmates. When I came to San Quentin, I continued with my service by participating in the various groups. By taking Restorative Justice, it taught me to understand that my crime is far-reaching and longstanding and that my actions not only affecting Mr. Parker, his father Jon, mother Nora, sister Jamie, daughter Tricia but extends further out into the community like Ms. Karen Reynolds, co-worker of Mr. Parker who took him in after I shot him and called 911. She along with the family and community may never be whole after I compromised their sense of safety. I learn to face what I did, to take accountability understanding the impact and cause of what I did and the harm that I have caused Mr. Parker, and my community. I sat in small circles with victims of crime where they discussed the loss of a loved one from violence and it made me reflect on the effects of my crime on Mr. Parker and my community. I am truly sorry for what I've done, Mr. Parker should not have suffered and died because of my selfish beliefs and decisions. I've learned the ways of restorative practices that includes me helping others in need, one of which is working for the San Quentin News to help my community. San Quentin News is an organization that gives a voice to those who are voiceless and allows me to help spread the message of rehabilitation, showcasing how prisoners transform their lives and those around them. The San Quentin News also advances social justice by holding District Attorney Forums that addresses issues of criminal thinking and negative behaviors as well as establishing community relationships with the District Attorney's office. San Quentin News also highlights juvenile and female prisoners' issues nationwide and justice reform issues. Sharing the positive effects of these programs with other inmates within CDCR is my way of making indirect amends for a crime I can never make amends for.

Attachment 2 of Jonathan M. Chiu's Commutation

4. I would like to request a commutation because I have become an upright man of integrity who wants to serve his community. With the time I have been in prison, I had the chance to reflect on how and why I murdered Mr. Parker. I took advantage of self-help groups offered and through each I was able to discover the thinking and actions that led me to commit a horrible crime as well as my Rules Violation. In Kid CAT, I learned about masculinity and false male beliefs system where I held toxic beliefs about how a man should act and behave. As a child growing up in a violent household suffering from physical, sexual, and mental abuse, I developed no sense of self-worth or self-esteem, became depressed and angry, along with the belief that I had deserved to be in a perfect loving family. I learned the fear and shame I collected went on to affect my decision making in my adult years. I told myself that when I would meet someone I love, I would do anything not to be like my own parents, and not let harm come to my child by any means necessary. I made Meredith that person. She was the first person to say 'I love you' to me. I, for the first time in my life, felt like someone cared about me and that I mattered. I came to feel that nothing was more important to me than mattering to her so I revealed my feelings in a video that I made showing how tough I was and that I would have not problem using violence against Mr. Parker. This was a dangerous obsession. I owned guns, I thought that was being a real man. For me, guns were power, and I owned them to deny my feelings of powerlessness. In Kid CAT, I came to feel that I didn't care about anyone except my own selfish behavior and my own needs for a perfect family. In Restoring Our Original True Selves (R.O.O.T.S.) I learned about the intergenerational trauma I suffered growing up having immigrant parents who not only faced their own cultural struggles but also lacked the skills to communicate their feelings. This hurt my ability to communicate my own struggles therefore losing my cultural identity. I shunned away from my traditions. I learned that the physical and mental abuse exacted from my parents was passed down by their parents because it was the only form of discipline they knew. Through Non-Violent Communication (NVC), I learned in situations to rather than making judgments, make observations and to empathize feelings and needs of others. I saw that by not being able to communicate my own feelings and needs to Mr. Parker, I acted out in aggression in order to get

my needs met. As I look back onto August 2, 2004, I learned to empathize with how Mr. Parker went through his day. He started the week happy and eager to see his daughter and not expecting a confrontation from me after leaving his job. His feelings were frustration and worry and his needs were to have security and safety from me as I made demands for him to sign over custody. In that moment, the observation is that I was unable to communicate my own feelings of frustration, I acted in the way I wanted in order not to feel powerlessness or frustrated. I felt angry because I was wanting of respect and purpose. I now know how to communicate to another in situations where I can recognize their needs and feelings as in a situation without judgment. I wish I could undo the choices I made. I can't, but I do strive to never cause harm or fall into the same negative thinking that brought me to prison. I found peace and positive purpose in making my indirect amends to Mr. Parker. The 13 and half years I spent in prison have given me valuable skills where I learned to become a person who makes good choices and considers the needs of others. I continue to learn and improved every day by continuing my education working towards achieving an Associates of Arts degree from Prison University Project. I continue to enroll in self-help groups such as Guiding Rage Into Power, and working as the Layout Designer and Crossword Creator for the San Quentin News. My work for the Television Specialist gave me the skills to learn lighting, filming, editing, and programming productions onto the prison television system to get employment. I hope to become a graphic designer in the arts department of newspaper, magazine, or website companies upon my release with a backup plan to find work in the television field with the production skills I have attained in prison. I am also a member of the Society of Professional Journalism at San Quentin where I am provided with a vast media network and job opportunities beyond prison. I have the addresses for transitional housing both in the San Francisco and Los Angeles as well as a job opportunity waiting in Frank Ruona's support letter working for his construction company. I am grateful for the chance and opportunity and thank you for your consideration. Whether I am granted a commutation or not, I will strive every day in prison for the rest of my life to repay the people and the community for what I took from them.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Justin Chung

In 2006, 16-year-old Justin Chung and several other gang members got into a gang-related confrontation with Eric Huang and Calvin Yao at a party. When Mr. Huang and Mr. Yao left the party, Mr. Chung and his crime partners followed them onto the freeway. Mr. Chung fired multiple shots at their car, killing Mr. Huang and injuring Mr. Yao. On February 1, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Chung to 25 years to life for murder, 7 years to life for attempted murder, and an additional 50 years to life in firearm enhancements – a total of 82 years to life.

Mr. Chung is now 28 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 12 years. In his application for clemency, he expressed sincere remorse for his actions and emphasized the transformation he has made in prison. Mr. Chung wrote, "I am not the same 16-year-old boy who came into the prison system. Today, I am a 28-year-old young man who understand[s] that I needed to go to prison for what I did...Prison not only put an end to my self-destructive behavior, it spared countless others from my immature and reckless conduct."

While in prison, Mr. Chung has maintained a spotless record and has shown a true commitment to his rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for misconduct in prison. Mr. Chung has participated in multiple self-help classes including Celebrate Recovery, Victim Awareness, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. He has also participated in several groups for youthful offenders, including a juvenile crime deterrence program. Mr. Chung has furthered his education by earning his GED and several Bible college degrees. He routinely receives positive work records, and is respected by staff members who work with him. In 2018, a senior librarian commended Mr. Chung for his work skills and willingness to learn, and wrote, "He is able to adapt to change, and is effective at communicating with patrons of all backgrounds/affiliations. Most importantly, he has the patience, ability to teach, and the demeanor to be a positive role model to those around him." Mr. Chung's family supports his commutation, and has pledged to provide him with housing, help to find work, and other support in the event that he is released from prison.

Mr. Chung committed a very serious crime as a teenager. Since coming to prison, he rejected the influence of gangs, refrained from violence, and has instead dedicated himself to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe he deserves an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Justin Chung to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If the pardon is granted, this application or the Certificate of Rehabilitation may be a public record; specific personal information may be blacked out before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Justin Chung (G-06281) Date of Birth: [redacted]/[redacted]/89 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: Correctional Training Facility P.O. Box 689, Soledad, CA 93960

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
1 st Degree Murder & Attempted Murder, Shooting at vehicle	08-17-00	Los Angeles County	75 yrs - Life + Life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(see attached)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(see attached)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

(see attached)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

(see attached) none.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Justin Chung, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

Justin Chung

Date

03-21-18

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Justin Chung,
was convicted of the crime of 1st degree murder, 1st degree attempted murder, shooting at occupied vehicle.
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 08-17-06.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: G-06281.

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Justin Chung
Applicant's Signature Date 04-03-18

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steven Frankel, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Justin Chung

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed - [Signature]
Date 4-16-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime:

I was a 16 years old immigrant boy at the time of the crime. I had recently been jumped into a Korean gang. On August 17, 2006, I went to a house party in Rowland Heights with our gang, including Daniel Ryoo and Linnora Lay. We drank alcohol and smoked weed at the party. We were told that members of a rival gang were there. Two older members of our gang confronted them and accused them of belonging to our rival gang. When they left the party, Daniel, Linnora, and I got into Daniel's car and followed them. We caught up to them on the freeway, and I fired a gun into their car. I found out the next day that Eric Huang died in the shooting, and Calvin Yao was struck twice, but survived. Three others, Kelvin You, Xu Zhang, and Nan We, were in the backseat of the car.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation:

I am requesting a commutation because I have transformed my entire way of thinking and living. I am not the same 16-year-old boy who came into the prison system. Today, I am a 28-year-old young man who understand that I needed to go to prison for what I did. It was good that I was sent to prison at a young age. Prison not only put an end to my self-destructive behavior, it spared countless others from my immature and reckless conduct.

After my conviction, I soon came to realize how monstrous my behavior was. I have inflicted immeasurable pain and trauma on my victims and their families. I have also hurt my own family and my community. I have repented of my crime. My victims and their families are constantly on my mind. Not a day goes by that I don't think about them. This is something I will live for the rest of my life. I am now truly sorry that it took the jury's conviction to make me realize that I had done such a horrible thing.

I've had a lot of time to think about what I did, and why I did it. I've participated in numerous self-help groups, including A.V.P. (Alternative to Violence Project), C.G.A. (Criminal and Gangs Anonymous), Celebrate Recovery, A/A, N/A (12 Step Programs), T.U.M.I. (The Urban Ministry Institute), Cage Your Rage (Anger Management), Y.O.P. (Youth Offender Program), and Cemanahuac (Cultural Group). These self-help groups changed my life in more ways than I can count. With help from counselors and other inmates, I have addressed my insecurities, my low self-esteem, and my entitlement issues. I have learned the tools of Biblical teachings to transform my pattern of thinking and behavior. I have learned to deal with my emotions. I have also learned to speak for myself, to think independently, and to make my own adult decisions. Finally, I have learned that being assertive with good intentions is the healthiest way of communication.

When I got to prison, I made up my mind to finish my high school education and to pursue any further education available to me. I obtained a G.E.D. in Pelican Bay State Prison in 2008. I have an Associate's Degree from Harvest Bible University and another Associates Degree from Onesimus Bible College. I am currently pursuing my Bachelor's Degree from Onesimus. I am also attending the on-site campus college provided here by Hartnell College to obtain an A.A. in Social Sciences.

I am always looking for opportunities to share my story with at-risk youth, in the hope that my words and experience will change their course of direction. I volunteer with an organization called Life Cycle: Prison Letters 4 Our Struggling Youth. Through this program, I correspond with troubled youth, in the hope that my words will make a difference in their lives.

I also strive to contribute to my community here at the Correctional Training Facility. I help lead worship services, and I have been active in prison ministry in a leadership role since 2013. I help facilitate, teach/preach occasionally to serve my fellow inmates. I have held various industrial jobs as a tutor, a

Lieutenant's clerk, a program clerk, a barber, a yard crew, and currently assigned as a law library clerk. I have also performed in the prison's annual poetry showcase (Louder Than These Bars), Christmas showcase from Hartnell College, Victim Awareness events, and The New Year's Eve showcase, as a means of using my passions and talents to better serve my community. I hope to one day pursue my passion as a minister; both to the men here and to the youth when I am eventually released.

In short, I am not the same person I was twelve years ago. I have not been gang-affiliated since the time of my crime. I have received no 115s in all my years of incarceration. I was transferred to a level 2 prison in 2015. My placement score is 19, the lowest available. Unless I am granted a commutation of sentence, my earliest youth offender parole hearing will be in December 2030. I am requesting a commutation to be released either to a transitional housing in California or to live with my mother in Korea.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or a commutation:

Going to prison made me completely re-evaluate my life choices. I know I have changed for the better, and I am still taking advantage of every opportunity I have to learn and grow. I now strive to serve my family, my church, and my community. When I am released, I hope to share what I have learned with other young people that violence is not the way to gain respect or validation from others. When I am released, I hope to come back to the juvenile halls, county jails, and the prisons as a minister for incarcerated youth. If I should be granted a commutation, I know that it would solely be on the basis of mercy, an act of grace. Thank you for your time in considering my application.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Clinton Colon

In June 2006, 18-year-old Clinton Colon was participating in a drag race, going more than 100 miles per hour on a surface street when he collided with another car. There were three passengers in the other car; Anthony Mondragon was killed on impact, and two others suffered significant injuries. Mr. Colon and his two passengers were also seriously injured. On October 17, 2008, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Colon to 15 years and 8 months in prison for vehicular manslaughter, reckless driving, and 3 great bodily injury enhancements.

Mr. Colon seems to have turned his life around during his incarceration. In his application for commutation, he wrote, "When I was 18, I thought I could control all situations, but had I known what I know now about how quickly those situations can get out of hand and end tragically, I would have never made those choices and could have spared everyone who has been touched by this terrible situation." He explained that he has matured and that he now thinks "about the future and how my actions today will translate into consequences." He expressed sincere remorse and empathy for his victims and their families and said, "No matter what I will always live with this, and no matter what...I will never let this happen again."

Despite the significant pressures of prison, he never got involved with gangs, drugs, or alcohol. He has never been disciplined for any serious misconduct and routinely received satisfactory to exceptional work ratings. Mr. Colon participates in self-help programs, earned a vocational certification, and volunteers as a GED and literacy tutor. Mr. Colon's family and religious community have pledged to help support him when he is released.

In 2015, Harriet Salarno, the Chair and Co-Founder of Crime Victims United of California, personally delivered his commutation application to my office and wrote to me supporting Mr. Colon's release from prison. She said, "After reviewing the case and speaking to the Colon family, I believe Clinton has been justly punished and has served a fair amount of time."

Mr. Colon's reckless and careless conduct as a teenager had tragic results that have had a lasting impact on his victims and their families. However, I am convinced by his statements to the Board's investigators and conduct in prison that he is deeply remorseful for his action and has matured in his thinking. In light of his exemplary record and his deep contrition, I don't believe he needs to be incarcerated any longer.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Clinton Colon to release him on parole.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Amy Davis

In 2005, Amy Davis participated in the murder of Theodore Salanti, a man she had met years earlier in an internet chat room. Mr. Salanti was killed and his home was ransacked for drugs and money. The San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Davis to life without the possibility of parole for murder on January 11, 2008. After sentencing, two jurors wrote to the judge expressing their opinion that the sentence was too severe given the evidence they had considered at trial.

Ms. Davis claims that two men were sent to commit the crime by her abusive pimp, Marvin Pope. An attorney for the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking opined that "Amy was under the direction and control of Marvin at the time of Theodore "Rocky" Salanti's murder and that she would never have directly or indirectly played a role in such a crime if not for her victimization and exploitation at the hands of Marvin." A psychologist found that Mr. Pope was "severely physically and sexually abusive to Amy, including situations where he tortured her physically and sexually. . . . She believed he would kill her if she did not submit to his control." The psychologist opined that "except for the exceptional level of coercive control by Marvin Pope over Amy, her behavior could have been totally different. Without Pope's control, Amy would not have been in a position where he could use her vulnerability and fear to cause her participation in any of these events." An investigation completed by the Board of Parole Hearings also yielded evidence supporting Ms. Davis' claims that she suffered from intimate partner battery at the time of the crime.

Ms. Davis' commitment to rehabilitation in the face of a life sentence without the possibility of parole has been exemplary. She has dedicated herself to understanding her drug addiction and overcoming the trauma caused by years spent as a prostitute under the control of her abusive pimp. Ms. Davis has never been disciplined for misconduct in prison, has remained sober, and lives in the honor dorm. She earned an Associate of Arts degree and has worked as a substance abuse counselor for other inmates. She has routinely received exceptional work ratings. In 2016, a correctional lieutenant commended her for her excellent work ethic, good behavior, and positive attitude, saying, "I have witnessed Inmate Davis evolve into a confident and balanced individual who has successfully used the resources available to her at [the prison] to improve herself." A social worker who worked with Ms. Davis in individual and group therapy noted that she has "confronted the sexual and mental abuse she experienced at the hands of her pimp." A community resources manager wrote, "Because of her commitment and inspiring attitude, Inmate Davis should be acknowledged as a role model and congratulated for her hard work." Ms. Davis has participated in an impressive array of self-help courses including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Self-Esteem, and Healthy Relationships. She created and facilitates a self-help group to help other victims of human trafficking. Senator Cathleen Galgiani and San Joaquin Superior Court Judge Richard Vlavianos each awarded Ms. Davis a Certificate of Appreciation in 2015 for her involvement on a Beyond Incarceration panel to help at-risk youth. Similarly, then-Stockton Councilmember, now Mayor, Michael Tubbs commended her in 2015 for her "dedicated services towards restoring the youth in San Joaquin County by participating in Choices and Consequences and youth diversion efforts."



Ms. Davis participated in a serious and violent crime, but has made serious efforts not only to turn her own life around, but also to help others do the same. As such, she has earned an opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Amy Davis to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Amy Davis (X28708) Date of Birth: [redacted] 1980 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: Amy Davis, c/o Post-Conviction Justice Project (Attn: Heidi Rummel) 699 Exposition Blvd., LA, CA 90089

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Please see attached.			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Amy Davis, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of San Diego with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Amy Davis
Applicant's Signature *Attorney*

2/7/2018
Date

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*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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Via U.S. MAIL

February 8, 2018

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Office of the Governor
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RE: Amy Davis (X-28708), Application for Commutation of Sentence

Dear Governor Brown:

Amy Davis (Ms. Davis) was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole (LWOP) for crimes she was involved in under violent coercion from her abusive, sadistic pimp Marvin Pope. For years, Pope subjected Ms. Davis to brutal daily sexual, physical, verbal, and psychological abuse, ultimately using threats of violence to involve her in the robbery of Theodore "Rocky" Salanti. During the robbery, two of Pope's associates killed Salanti. Ms. Davis's attorney did not present evidence of intimate partner battering (IPB) during trial or sentencing. As a result, Ms. Davis was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to LWOP. Neither Pope, nor the two men who perpetrated the violence against the victim, were charged or prosecuted.

Despite her hopeless sentence to die in prison, Ms. Davis has been a model inmate during more than a decade of incarceration. She has never received a single disciplinary violation. She

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has the lowest possible classification score (19) for an LWOP inmate, and she has the lowest possible score on the California Static Risk Assessment (1). She has earned an AA degree, receiving highest honors, and consistently receives "exceptional" marks in her work assignments. She has programmed extensively, founded rehabilitative groups, created a curriculum to educate others about and advocate for victims of human trafficking, and been widely recognized by both public officials and CDCR staff for her leadership and exemplary behavior.

Ms. Davis understands and has addressed the causative factors of her crime. As a child, she suffered from low self-esteem as a result of bullying and lack of affection and attention from her father. Her quest for love and acceptance led to early drug abuse, abusive relationships with older men, and eventually prostitution and exploitation by Marvin Pope. When Ms. Davis met Marvin Pope, he initially lavished her with affection and convinced her that he loved her. He quickly began placing conditions on his displays of affection, with which Ms. Davis complied. Over time, Pope used escalating levels of isolation, control, and violence to exploit Ms. Davis for his own ends. He cut off her contact with friends and family; he monitored her phone calls and email; he confiscated her paychecks; and he ultimately used violence – including beating, branding, tasing, cutting, suffocating, and sexual torture – to terrorize her. Pope forced Ms. Davis into daily prostitution and used threats of violence to control her every move.

In 2005, Pope ordered Ms. Davis to rob Rocky Salanti, a drug dealer whom Ms. Davis had befriended. Ms. Davis went to Rocky's house and searched his safe while he was running an errand. When she reported that the safe was empty, Pope sent two other men to the home. When Rocky returned, the two men beat and killed him. Ms. Davis was hiding in another room during this killing, and she did not know that the men were going to kill Rocky.

Ms. Davis does not have a single other incident of exhibiting violence in her life, before or after this crime. It is beyond dispute that Ms. Davis's participation in the commitment offense was the culmination of years of exploitation and abuse, and directly and solely resulted from the effects of IPB. Experts confirm that, at the time of both the crime and Ms. Davis's arrest and prosecution, she was suffering from extreme IPB and also qualified as a victim of human trafficking. Dr. Linda Barnard concluded that Pope's "coercive control . . . over Amy was extensive and dictated her behavior in every way"; that Amy was suffering from "cumulative traumatic stress," causing the experience of each instance of trauma to be compounded by past traumatic experiences; and that the psychological impact of Pope's abuse was "traumatic bonding" that distorted Ms. Davis's perspective, made her believe she was trapped in the relationship with Pope, and crippled her ability to resist him or escape from his control. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 17-20, 23.) Sarah Leddy, an expert on human trafficking, concluded that Ms. Davis "would never have directly or indirectly played a role in such a crime if not for her victimization and exploitation at the hands of Marvin [Pope]." (Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 388.)

Despite knowledge that Ms. Davis was suffering from IPB and was only involved in the crime as the result of duress, Ms. Davis's counsel in her criminal proceedings never presented any evidence of this. During the proceedings, the psychologist working with Ms. Davis (Dr. Hahn) notified her counsel that IPB was an issue in her case. Although counsel sought a continuance to obtain a domestic violence expert, he never followed through; no such expert testified on Ms. Davis's behalf; and the jury never heard evidence about the impact of Ms. Davis's longstanding and sadistic abuse by Pope or his role as mastermind of the crime.

Ms. Davis respectfully requests that the Governor consider her stellar behavior and progress in prison, and the role that trafficking and abuse played in her participation in the crime,

and commute her LWOP sentence to a parole-eligible life term so that she can make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings that she has grown and matured and no longer poses a risk of danger to society.

I. CASE HISTORY

A. Family and Social Background

Ms. Davis was born on July 24, 1980, in San Diego. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 3.) From a young age, Ms. Davis struggled with low self-esteem. (*Id.*) She was picked on throughout her school years, due to her red hair and early puberty, leading her to feel worthless. (*Id.*) Ms. Davis was also constantly seeking affection from her father, who was reserved and detached. (*Id.*)

Ms. Davis's parents separated when Ms. Davis was starting high school. (*Id.*) The separation was incredibly difficult for Ms. Davis. (*Id.*; Ex. C, Murphy Eval. at 29.) Still desiring her father's affection to make her feel valued and secure, when given the choice, she chose to live with him. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 4.) Unlike Ms. Davis's mother, her father did not set boundaries or enforce rules, and Ms. Davis essentially had no parental supervision. (*Id.*)

During high school, Ms. Davis continued to struggle with low self-esteem and self-worth. Seeking acceptance from her peers, she began using drugs – something prevalent at her school, and also with her two older brothers. (*Id.*) She fell into a pattern of co-dependent relationships with older men, many of whom were abusive, manipulative, and engaged in criminal activity. (*Id.* at 4-5.) She became sexually active at 16 (a one-night stand with a 26-year-old she had just met), and quickly developed a belief that the way to obtain the love she craved was through sex. (*Id.* at 4; Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 382.) At age 17, Ms. Davis discovered she was pregnant and her father pressured her to have an abortion. (*Id.*) Ms. Davis moved from one abusive, unhealthy

relationship to another – she now sees that, at the time, “she didn’t believe she deserved better than abusive men.” (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 5.)

B. Abusive Relationship with Marvin Pope

Ms. Davis met Marvin Pope in 2003 when she was working at Taco Bell, and he immediately began to groom her for prostitution. (*Id.*) He actively pursued her and lavished her with attention, convincing her that he loved her. (*Id.*) He talked to her for hours, obtaining huge amounts of information about her but disclosing very little about himself. (Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 383.) Gradually, he began to “test” her commitment to him, placing conditions on his expressions of affection, and Ms. Davis complied out of fear he would leave her. (*Id.*) At the same time, he kept promising Ms. Davis that they would build a wonderful “future” and telling her about the life they could have together. (*Id.* at 384.)

Pope began to exercise control over Ms. Davis in small ways. He coaxed her to sign over her paychecks to him to save for their future together. (*Id.* at 383-84.) Over time, his coercive tactics escalated, and eventually Pope used verbal, psychological, physical, and sexual abuse to exercise near complete control over Ms. Davis, forcing her into daily prostitution. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 5-6.) According to Dr. Barnard, Pope used the following methods to exert this power and control over Ms. Davis. (*Id.* at 11-16; *see also* Ex. F, Davis Decl.; Ex. Y Leddy Eval. at 383-85.)

Isolation: Pope made Ms. Davis erase all the numbers in her phone, especially targeting any numbers of men. He controlled when she could leave the house, preventing her from seeing friends and family. He monitored her activities during her free time by placing cameras in her car and monitoring her phone and email. Severe consequences ensued any time Ms. Davis acted on her own. Pope would also call Ms. Davis constantly when they were not together, and he

would beat her if she did not pick up on the first ring. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 12.)

Emotional Abuse: Pope continued to damage Ms. Davis's already low self-esteem through further degradation. He screamed at her, criticized her, humiliated her, and openly engaged in sex with other women. (*Id.* at 12-13; Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 41, ¶ 8(e).)

Economic Abuse: Pope exerted total control over Ms. Davis's money (taking her paychecks and the money she earned through prostitution). He frequently refused to give her basic necessities, and did things like forcing her out of the car and abandoning her on the side of the road or locking her out of the house. He would also destroy her possessions, such as clothing, as punishment. On one occasion, he forced her to abort his child and left her homeless with nowhere to go. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 13-14; Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 38, ¶ 3.)

Physical Abuse: Pope's physical abuse of Ms. Davis was extreme. It included beating, branding, tasing, attempting to carve his name into her leg, smothering, starving, kicking her in the stomach to try to cause a miscarriage, forcing her to do drugs when she did not want to, forcing her to eat his feces, smearing his feces on her face, and dragging her by the hair. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 10; Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 39-40, ¶¶ 5-6; Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 384-85.)

Coercion and Threats: Pope routinely threatened Ms. Davis with violence and harm against herself, her family, or others she cared about. He once tied her to a chair and threatened her with a handsaw, and he many times threatened to kill her. The innumerable times that he carried out acts of violence made his threats real and believable to her. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 14; Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 384-85.)

Intimidation: Pope used random violence and cruelty to terrorize and intimidate Ms. Davis. His violent outbursts would be accompanied by a change in his tone and the way he looked at her. He would spontaneously explode into violence without warning and, for example,

smash a car window. He was also cruel to Ms. Davis's dog, to the point that the dog would not go near him. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 14-15.)

Sexual Abuse: Pope's sexual abuse of Ms. Davis was extreme. He forced her into daily prostitution for years. He forced her to have sex with him more times than Ms. Davis could count. He filmed her having sex with him, and used the video to blackmail her. And he engaged in sexual torture, tying her to a chair, penetrating her with objects, and swabbing her vaginal cavity with rubbing alcohol. (*Id.* at 15; Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 38-39, ¶¶ 2-3, 5; Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 384-85.)

Stalking: Pope put hidden cameras in Ms. Davis's car and around the apartment so that he could monitor her activities at all times. He also required her to use a cell phone he provided so that he could monitor her phone activity. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 15-16.)

During the years of abuse by Pope, Ms. Davis engaged in heavy drug use, seeking to numb the pain she felt and dissociate from her situation. (Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 384.) By 2005, she was using crystal methamphetamine on a daily basis, and was often heavily under the influence of drugs. (*Id.*)

Ms. Davis became friends with the victim, Theodore "Rocky" Salanti, a drug dealer, through her forced prostitution. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 6.) Unlike Pope, Rocky was kind to Ms. Davis, and they began spending time together at his house – he took care of her when she had nowhere to go; he did not put her down; and he gave her money to pass on to Pope without requiring her to have sex with him. (*Id.* at 6-7; Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 41, ¶ 9.) When Pope discovered Ms. Davis's relationship with Rocky, he beat her severely and began controlling everything about the relationship. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 6.) This included ordering Ms. Davis to obtain codes for Rocky's safe and to steal large sums of money from him on multiple

occasions. (*Id.* at 6-7.)

C. Commitment Offense

On the day of the crime, Pope ordered Ms. Davis to help rob Rocky's safe. (Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 42, ¶ 14; Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 386.) Ms. Davis went to Rocky's house and, after asking Rocky to run an errand, reported to Pope that the safe was empty and that she could not find any money. (Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 43, ¶ 15; Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 386.) Pope sent two associates to Rocky's house and told Ms. Davis that, if she did not let them in, he would kill her and harm her family. (Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 42, ¶ 14; Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 7.) While Ms. Davis hid in another room, the two associates searched the house. (Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 43, ¶ 15; Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 7; Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 386.) When Rocky returned home, the men beat and ultimately killed him. (*Id.*) Ms. Davis, who was under the influence of drugs, did not participate in the murder. (*Id.*) She did not initially realize that the men had killed Rocky, and did not know that they would do so. (*Id.*)

Pope ordered Ms. Davis to drive the two men and drop them off, to return to Rocky's home and continue searching for money, and to conceal Rocky's body. (*Id.*) Ms. Davis complied out of fear. (*Id.*; Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 43, ¶ 16.)

D. Prosecution

Ms. Davis was arrested for murder. Neither Pope nor the two associates that murdered Rocky were arrested or prosecuted. Although Ms. Davis was questioned numerous times by law enforcement, she did not mention Pope during these interviews or at trial. (*See* Ex. W, Court of Appeal Opinion, People v. Davis at 303-08.) During this time, Pope was threatening to harm Ms. Davis and her family if she disclosed his role in the crime, and Ms. Davis was both afraid of

him and convinced that she needed to protect him. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 8; Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 43-45, ¶¶ 17-20, 25.)

Ms. Davis was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to LWOP. (Ex. D, Abstract of Judgment.) At trial, Ms. Davis testified that she had no part in the robbery-turned-homicide, that two men approached her with weapons outside Rocky's house and carried out the crime, and that she did help cover up the murder and search the house for money because she was high on methamphetamine. (Ex. W, Court of Appeal Opinion, People v. Davis at 307-08.) She did not disclose Pope's abuse or his overriding involvement in the murder. (Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 43, ¶¶ 18-20.) Her testimony at trial was confusing and inconsistent. (Ex. E, Letters from Jurors (stating that they believed Ms. Davis told "several different stories" and lied, but asking for leniency in sentencing).)

During the criminal proceedings, Ms. Davis did reveal Pope's involvement and effect on her to a psychologist, Dr. Hahn. (Ex. G, Hahn Decl. at 47-48, ¶ 2.) Dr. Hahn relayed this information to Ms. Davis's defense attorney. (*Id.* at 48, ¶ 3.) Although the attorney sought a continuance so that he could secure an expert on domestic violence, he never followed through. (*Id.* at 48-49, ¶¶ 4-5; Ex. F, Davis Decl. at 44-45, ¶¶ 21, 24; Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 21.) Evidence of IPB was not presented at trial or sentencing. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 21.)

Had evidence of IPB been presented in Ms. Davis's case, it could have resulted in Ms. Davis not being convicted of first-degree murder, and thus not receiving an LWOP sentence. Under California law, IPB evidence can negate intent and mitigate responsibility for certain crimes. The California Supreme Court has explained: "[D]uress may negate the deliberation or premeditation required for first degree murder." *See People v. Burney*, 47 Cal. 4th 203, 249 (2009) (citing *People v. Anderson*, 28 Cal.4th 767, 784 (2002)). Although duress is not a

defense to murder and does not reduce murder to manslaughter, it can make second-degree (instead of first-degree) murder the only available crime, thus eliminating the possibility of the special circumstance finding and an LWOP sentence. *See Burney*, 47 Cal. 4th at 249; Cal. Penal Code § 190(a) (penalty for second-degree murder is 15-to-life sentence unless the victim was a peace officer or the killing was perpetrated by means of shooting a firearm from a motor vehicle); *id.* § 190.2 (LWOP is available penalty in special circumstance first-degree murder cases). IPB evidence is directly linked to showing duress, and therefore would have played a pivotal role in Ms. Davis's trial. *See, e.g.* Cal. Penal Code § 1473.5 (recognizing that expert testimony on IPB is relevant to duress); Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 23 (concluding that Pope's threats and coercion are central to entire case against Ms. Davis for the robbery and death of Rocky).

Notably, after Ms. Davis's conviction, two jurors wrote to the sentencing judge requesting a more lenient sentence than LWOP. (Ex. E.) The jurors specifically stated that they did not believe Ms. Davis had any intent to carry out a murder (as opposed to the underlying robbery), and they found her level of involvement fundamentally irreconcilable with such an extreme mandatory sentence. (*Id.*)

E. Expert Testimony re IPB and Human Trafficking

The following testimony could have been presented in Ms. Davis's criminal proceedings:

Dr. Linda Barnard concluded that, at the time of the commitment offense and her arrest and prosecution, Ms. Davis was suffering from extreme effects of IPB as a result of physical, verbal, psychological, and sexual abuse by Pope (not to mention prior abusive relationships). (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 17.) Dr. Barnard explained that the impact of IPB is to paralyze the battered woman, distort her perspective, and cause her to honestly take on the beliefs and

perceptions of her abuser, ultimately allowing the abuser to exert total control over her. (*Id.*) Dr. Barnard explained that these dynamics would be even further exacerbated where the abuser is also the woman's pimp, and that they would also be compounded by Ms. Davis's drug dependency. (*Id.* at 19, 20-21.) As a result, Ms. Davis did not have the same psychological freedom as women with no history of abuse, and she responded to events in an abnormal way. (*Id.* at 18.) In addition, Dr. Barnard concluded that Ms. Davis also suffered from "cumulative traumatic stress," caused by a victim experiencing current trauma simultaneously with the effects of prior traumas, intensifying the effects of the symptoms. (*Id.*) Further, the innumerable times that Pope carried out violence against Ms. Davis made his threats even more believable to her. (*Id.*)

Dr. Barnard concluded that, due to the effects of IPB, "[t]he coercive control by Marvin Pope over Amy was extensive and dictated her behavior in every way." (*Id.* at 23.) IPB evidence would have been "critical" to Ms. Davis's case because it would have explained how Ms. Davis perceived an immediate threat to herself from Marvin and his associates at the time of the crime, and during her prosecution, and how she did not have the same psychological capacity as women with no history of abuse to resist Marvin's coercion or to disclose his treatment of her and his overriding involvement in the crime. (*Id.* at 21, 23.)

Notably, Dr. Barnard also explained that IPB affects not only the way victims react to events, but also how they remember and recount events. (*Id.* at 20.) Prior trauma can cause IPB victims to skip around when telling stories, leave out vital information, or change their stories, which critically affects credibility unless explained. (*Id.*) Expert testimony about this effect of IPB was highly relevant to Ms. Davis's case and the inconsistencies in her law enforcement

interviews and testimony at trial. (*Id.*; Ex. E, Letters from Jurors (stating that they believed Ms. Davis told “several different stories” and lied, but asking for leniency in sentencing).)

Human trafficking expert Sarah Leddy also concluded that Ms. Davis qualifies as a victim of human trafficking due to her exploitation by Pope. (Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 387-88.) Ms. Leddy found that, at the time of the crime, “Amy was strongly trauma bonded to Marvin and exhibited all the key signs of Stockholm Syndrome.” (*Id.* at 387.) She concluded: “Amy was under the direction and control of Marvin at the time of [the crime] and [] she would never have directly or indirectly played a role in such a crime if not for her victimization and exploitation at the hands of Marvin.” (*Id.* at 388.) She also concluded that the victimization and threats by Pope were “the reasons that Amy did not reveal the true circumstances surrounding the crime for which she was charged,” contributing to the omission of substantial IPB evidence at her trial. (*Id.*)

F. Exceptional Performance in Prison

Despite a sentence to die in prison, Ms. Davis has been a model inmate and showed exceptional motivation to change her life during her incarceration. She has never received a single disciplinary violation. Her classification score is the lowest possible (19) for an LWOP inmate. (Ex. U.) She also has the lowest score possible score (1) on the California Static Risk Assessment. (*Id.*) She is a leader in her community – she lives in the Honor Dorm, has designed a curriculum for trafficking victims, founded self-help groups, and gained recognition from public officials and CDCR staff. She has not only developed insight into the circumstances that led to her crime, but she has used that insight to help others.

Ms. Davis has excelled in college and in vocational training. (Ex. H.) She earned her Associate in Arts from Feather River College, receiving highest honors with a 3.66 GPA. (Ex.

I.) She has been successful in multiple jobs, including her current work as an HIV/Aids Peer Health Educator, and consistently receives “exceptional” marks. (Ex. J.) Certified as a T4T trainer, she has given more than 25 presentations to the general population about sexually transmitted disease, as well as other health classes, seeking to improve the well-being of her fellow inmates. (Ex. J.) For ten years, Ms. Davis has been housed in the Honor Dorm in recognition of her exemplary behavior. (Ex. K.) She has received special recognition within the Honor Dorm, including a Woman of the Quarter Honorable Mention and Honor Dorm Honorable Mention. (Ex. H.)

Ms. Davis has participated in virtually every self-help program available to her. These programs have helped her heal from past trauma and gain insight into the behavior patterns that led to her involvement in the commitment offense. (Ex. N.) Most notably, she is chairperson for the Beyond Incarceration Panel (BIP), a group of inmates hand-selected for their positive programming. (Ex. M, BIP Documents at 115.) She identifies this program as the “most impactful on [her] change, maturity, and [] passion.” (*Id.*) Through BIP, Ms. Davis created and facilitated a human trafficking workshop as a way to use her experiences and rehabilitation to advocate for others and honor her victim. (*Id.* at 120, 128-47.) She has also created workshop curricula for the Big Sister Mentor Program. (Ex H; Ex. Q, Big Sister Mentorship Program Chronos at 196.) Through the Honor Dorm, she has participated in Domestic Violence Group, Accountability and Restorative Education, Relapse Prevention, Life Skills, 12-Step Study, Get Out and Stay Out (GOSO), and Cage Your Rage, among others. (Exs. H, K.)

Ms. Davis has received recognition from public officials as part of her involvement in BIP. Councilmember Michael Tubbs awarded her a Certificate of Recognition for contributions to the Helping Out People Everyday Ministries. (Ex. M, BIP Documents at 122.) State Senator

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Cathleen Galgiani awarded her a Certificate of Recognition for her contributions to the San Joaquin County collaboration team. (*Id.* at 124.) The Honorable Richard Vlavianos, Judge of the California Superior Court for San Joaquin County, issued Ms. Davis a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedicated services towards the youth in San Joaquin by participating in Choices and Consequences. (*Id.* 123.)

Numerous CDCR staff have commended Ms. Davis for the tremendous work she has done for her prison community. (Ex. O.) Staff have commended her for “establishing an avenue to aid with conflict resolution” (*id.* at 160); her volunteerism with the Honor Dorm (*id.* at 162); and for consistently excellent performance in every job she is assigned (*id.*). Correctional Lieutenant Tegtmeier specifically notes that she has “evolve[d] into a confident and balanced individual who has successfully used the resources available to her at CCWF to improve herself. She is constantly working towards bettering herself . . . and is to be commended for her growth, positive attitude, and appropriate conduct.” (*Id.*)

Several programs have been particularly impactful for Ms. Davis in developing insight into the causative factors of her crime. She participated in Herion’s Insight and Lifer Group offered through Mental Health. (Ex. N.) Ms. Davis developed further insight into her “timeline, cycle of violence, and victim impact” in the two-year intensive program Victim Offender Education Group (VOEG). (*Id.* at 143.) Between these programs, she has developed a comprehensive understanding of the factors from her childhood and early adulthood that led to her involvement with Marvin Pope, the cycle of violence in that relationship, and the full impact of her choices. By recognizing and addressing these factors and consequences, she has been able to rehabilitate and live in amends to her community.

Ms. Davis has dedicated herself to giving back to her community. (*See, e.g.*, Ex. M, BIP Documents at 116 (staff sponsor stating that Ms. Davis’s “concern with reaching out to those who are in need is evident and inspiring”).) In addition to creating curricula to educate and advocate for victims of human trafficking, and also for the Big Sister mentor program, she has developed a group for fellow LWOP inmates. After participating in programs she found particularly helpful to self-discovery and improvement, often offered to lifers, she recognized a similar need in the LWOP community. Ms. Davis co-founded the LWOP Support Group to give resources and hope to fellow LWOP inmates. (*Id.* at 150; *see also* Ex. X.)

II. MS. DAVIS’S LWOP SENTENCE SHOULD BE COMMUTED.

LWOP is an unnecessary and unjust sentence in this case.

Ms. Davis’s involvement in this crime was the direct result of her own victimization, not inherent criminality or violent inclination. It is telling that Ms. Davis has not once perpetrated violence, either before or since this crime. Three separate experts conclude that Pope’s physical, verbal, sexual, and psychological abuse created an “exceptional level of coercive control” which Pope used to force her participation in the crime. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 2; *see also* Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 387 (concluding that absent Pope’s abusive control, Ms. Davis “would never have directly or indirectly played a role in such a crime if not for her victimization and exploitation at the hands of Marvin.”); *see also* Ex. G, Hahn Decl. at 48, ¶ 2 (noting that Pope had a “strong emotional hold” on Ms. Davis, as evidenced by the fact that she concealed his key involvement in the crime).) Expert Sarah Leddy concluded that Ms. Davis qualifies as a victim of human trafficking, who was severely “trauma bonded” to Pope at the time of the crime. (Ex. Y, Leddy Eval. at 387.) This control was exacerbated by the fact that Ms. Davis was suffering complex

trauma, and by her substantial drug dependency, cultivated as she tried to numb her pain and dissociate from her unimaginable circumstances. (Ex. B, Barnard Eval. at 17-18, 20-21.)

Ms. Davis has done everything in her power to change her life, and she has earned an opportunity to demonstrate to the Board of Parole Hearings that she can safely be released to the community and become a contributing member of society. Even in the face of an LWOP sentence, she has shown astounding motivation to apply herself, rehabilitate, and achieve at the highest level. Ms. Davis has never received a disciplinary violation, she graduated with an AA degree with highest honors, she has earned a place in the Honor Dorm since 2008, and she has created curricula and founded programs to put her knowledge to use and benefit the community around her. Ms. Davis has cultivated deep and healing insight into the causative factors of her crime, and developed from a codependent young woman to a "confident," "balanced," healthy, and mature adult. (Ex. O at 162.) Furthermore, she constantly seeks to use her healing and gained insight to help others grow and find healing as well. Her achievements and profound contributions to her prison and broader communities have garnered recognition from public officials and CDCR staff.

A commutation is Ms. Davis's only avenue to relief from her unjust LWOP sentence. Because Ms. Davis was 25 at the time of her crime, she is not eligible for a resentencing hearing under SB 9, or a Youth Offender Parole hearing under SB 394. She is also barred from seeking relief under Penal Code § 1473, which applies only to sentences imposed before August 29, 1996. Her direct appeal and subsequent habeas petitions were denied.

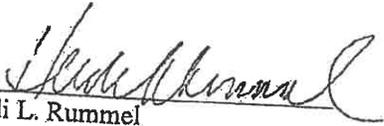
III. CONCLUSION

Ms. Davis respectfully requests that her sentence be commuted to a parole-eligible sentence so that she can make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings that she has grown and

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changed and does not pose a risk of danger to society.

Respectfully submitted,



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Abel Delcid

In 2009, Abel Delcid agreed to help his father recover a debt from Joe Ibarzabal. He and his father, brother, and friend of his father's held Mr. Ibarzabal at gunpoint, tied him up, and drove him to a remote location, where his father shot and killed Mr. Ibarzabal. On November 29, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Delcid to 15 years to life for murder.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Delcid described the progress he has made toward his rehabilitation. He has dedicated himself to making amends for his participation in this crime, and wrote, "I hope that through my conduct and sharing of insight and experiences with others here and beyond these walls, I can be a positive influence on those who are still on a path of destruction but still within reach." Mr. Delcid has maintained a spotless record during his incarceration. He had no criminal history before this crime, and has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. Mr. Delcid is a peer health educator. He has not only been dedicated to improving his own education and is close to finishing four A.A. degrees, but he is also committed to getting other inmates interested, involved, and enrolled in the college program at the prison. He has participated in self-help groups including Alcoholics Anonymous, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Anger Management, and Victims Impact.

Mr. Delcid has also earned outstanding commendations from the staff members who know him well. A correctional lieutenant praised Mr. Delcid's hard work and dedication, and wrote, "He has shown himself to be trustworthy in a work environment where honesty is required. . . . Inmate Delcid possesses many skills and abilities that allow him to be an asset to any job assigned to him, allowing him to move forward in his rehabilitation and eventual re-integration into society." He holds "one of the highest trusted positions in the prison working in medical." Another correctional lieutenant wrote, "Inmate Delcid has been exemplary to other inmates working around him in his conduct and has demonstrated his rehabilitation over the years." A correctional counselor supported Mr. Delcid's commutation and praised him for committing to a positive path despite his lengthy sentence. She wrote, "When he was received into prison he could have easily taken the road most inmates go down. Rebel against the system, get tattoos, look for support in gangs, and let go emotionally and mentally, as he was given a life sentence. To most, a life sentence at a young age means they can give up." She continued, "I have no hesitation or doubt in my mind that if he were to walk out of prison today, that he would be nothing but a productive member in society, with a good job, a stable family with great respect for the law and fellow mankind." And she concluded, "Not only [do I] speak for myself, but on behalf of the staff who have worked around Delcid; we are all in agreement that he should be released from prison."

Mr. Delcid participated in a very serious crime, but has shown that he has left violence behind and is truly dedicated to improving himself. I believe that he has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that they can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Abel Delcid to a total of 10 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Abel Delcid Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-1988 Inmate ID: AK4362

Address: DS-117 P.O. Box 2199, Blythe, CA 92226 Facility: Ironwood / Delta Yuma

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
187(A) 2nd Degree	6-10-2009	Los Angeles	15 to Life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(See Attachment)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(See Attachment)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(See Attachment)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

CLEMENCY ATTACHMENT PAGES

1. **Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime:**

On June 10, 2009, my father asked me and my brother, Ezequiel Delcid, to help him recover some money from a man who he said owed him. I and my brother agreed, and my father called my victim, Mr. Joe Ibarzabal, to ask him if they could meet up at a property that Mr. Ibarzabal owned. He agreed and once there, me, my brother, my father, and my father's friend, forced Mr. Ibarzabal into an SUV at gun point, zip tied him and drove him out to a remote area of the Palmdale desert. Once there, we dragged him out of the vehicle into a dried out wash. My father and Mr. Ibarzabal began conversing with one another and soon began arguing heatedly until the point where my father shot him in the head. I didn't think that we were going to murder Mr. Ibarzabal, however I believe that by me carrying a weapon during the crime, I knew that there was a high probability that violence would occur and therefore, I am as equally responsible for the murder of Mr. Joe Ibarzabal. I never once attempted to stop my father or my co-defendants. I went along with everything and I won't deny that because I wish to tell the truth. After my father shot Mr. Ibarzabal, we realized that we didn't have any tools or plan as to what to do with Mr. Ibarzabal's body, and so my father and brother left the scene and went to purchase shovels. When they returned, I and my father's friend buried Mr. Ibarzabal in a shallow grave. My brother and I then drove Mr. Ibarzabal's vehicle away from the scene to Pacoima. Once there, I wiped the interior of the vehicle with bleach in an attempt to get rid of any evidence, then left the keys in the ignition and my brother and I joined my father and his friend in a separate car. We then went out to eat at a restaurant while an innocent man was left buried in the desert.

2. Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

It's very difficult and saddening to write about my crime because I am ashamed of my actions and the heartless monster that I was then. I am ashamed of how my actions took the life of a husband, a father, a brother and an innocent person. I regret every act that I committed against Mr. Joe Ibarzabal and am miserably sorry and repentant to his memory, his family, his friends, loved ones and the entire community, for the immense damage I caused. During my incarceration and rehabilitation I have learned about having insight into my crime and how it has affected so many people, directly and indirectly. I know that I have to repay the life I took and be a living amend to the memory of Mr. Joe Ibarzabal by living honorably and helping others who are on a path of destruction so that they may come to the light and not hurt others as I have. During my time in prison I have remained positive, utilizing my time wisely by learning new skills and tools that I can use in life. Self-Help groups have transformed my heart and mind into positive being full of love, whose desire is to give back to others what was so freely given to him, despite of who he was and has done in the past.

I wish to be with my family and my loved ones to repay all the good they have done for me, even when I was at my worst. They have been my support in this long journey of change and redemption and I owe them everything. My wife Sara not only taught me how to love without expecting anything in return, but also to have empathy for others and to be kind. My mother taught me how to forgive and how to ask for forgiveness through actions. Not just words. My Aunt Silvia taught me the meaning of family, and that if you really love and value them, you must be willing to suffer and sacrifice for what is important and good. I have remained disciplinary free throughout my time in prison, because I value my family and loved ones today. I not only do it for them, I do it for myself because I believe in my heart that following the rules and doing the right thing is a way of honoring my victim, Mr. Joe Ibarzabal, his family, and an entire community of people that were affected because of my actions. I was a young man full of self hate, resentment, with no regard for the law or anyone else. I felt entitled, self righteous, and insecure, but in denial of it all. I over compensated for my failures by all means necessary, destroying many lives in the process. Today, I am a loving, law-abiding

human being who wants to make a difference in his community. I am pro-social, looking for people to help, people who were just like me, lost without any direction, only violence and criminality on their minds. I am a man who understands the magnitude and reaches of what he did in the past and only wants an opportunity to prove himself worthy of freedom, to become an asset instead of a burden on society. I am a God fearing man who wishes to make amends to those he harmed, and help those who are on the path of destruction, but can still be saved before they harm others. Today, I know who I am. I am responsible, caring, empathetic, honest, humble, and hopeful for my future.

I pray everyday for the Ibarzabal family, that God may give them relief of the pain that I caused them. Mr. Ibarzabal had goals, dreams, and aspirations. He had every right to live. He was a human being who was innocent and did not deserve to die. I helped end his life and impacted not only his family, but the community, his loved ones and all those first responders who were involved in cleaning up my horrific mess. I am truly and deeply sorry and utterly ashamed of my actions. I am saddened and regretful of the person that I was, affecting so many lives. I've had plenty of time to meditate and think on my actions, the irrational decisions I made, my state of mind at the time, and the factors that led up to my involvement in a brutal and callous crime. I've had to un-learn all of the negativity, and take on new values and beliefs in order to change my thinking patterns and my very core. I've had to completely transform from someone who thought it was ok to help his father murder an innocent man, to someone who values life, has empathy and care for others, and who is responsible and accountable for his thoughts and actions.

3. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a Commutation:

I humbly believe that I am a candidate for a Commutation because I believe in my heart that I am no longer a threat to society. My behavior and disciplinary free record can testify to this. I'm blessed with support from my family and friends, who have volunteered to provide me with employment, housing, funds, transportation, and practical and spiritual guidance. I also have transitional housing ready to receive me upon my paroling. I have participated in numerous self-help groups and volunteer activities (see attachment) in order to rehabilitate and transform myself into someone society will accept. I'm also enrolled in 2 local colleges, Coastline Community and Palo Verde Community, where I'm 2 classes shy of graduating with 3 AA degrees and 1 AS degree in the following areas: Social and Behavior Sciences, Business, American Studies, and Arts and Humanities. I'm on track to graduating in the spring of 2019. I'm currently also attaining a vocational certificate from Palo Verde College in Building Construction Technology, which include courses in renewable energy such as Photovoltaic Installation Theory. I also have numerous commendations from facility staff who can attest to my change and character, as they have witnessed my transformation and development throughout my incarceration. I have also volunteered in the annual Cancer Walks, raising money for cancer research and have donated time and funds to charity events, in an attempt to make amends, directly or indirectly. And most importantly, I'm a believer in God and serve as the music director here at our church on this facility, leading the worship services with my fellow musician brothers. I currently sing and play piano.

Although I have been blessed with the opportunity to accomplish all of these things, and continue to work on my rehabilitation and renewal of self, it still doesn't bring back the life that I selfishly took when I was young, the life of Mr. Joe Ibarzabal. I can only hope and pray that the choices I make and the lifestyle I'm living today are worthy of honoring his memory and his family. I hope that through my conduct and sharing of insight and experiences with others here and beyond these walls, I can be a positive influence on those who are still on a path of destruction but still within reach. I will speak to anyone who will listen and dedicate my time in an attempt to save the lives and futures of our

youth, and of those who they would potentially victimize if they continue in their warped beliefs. As a youth, I irrationally and unjustifiably victimized so many people, however as a man, I now want to make reparations and bring healing to all those I have harmed. I'm asking for an opportunity at life and freedom, a chance to prove myself worthy of living among society and being a contributor. I'm asking for a chance to repay and honor not only society and my family, but the memory of Mr. Joe Ibarzabal and his family and loved ones.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Manuel Delgado

On October 5, 1997, while under the influence of heroin, Manuel Delgado noticed a bicycle in Paul Knapp's open garage and stole it. A neighbor immediately informed Mr. Knapp, who was subsequently able to locate and detain Mr. Delgado until the police arrived. The bicycle was given back to Mr. Knapp at the scene. On June 22, 1999, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Delgado to 25 years to life for burglary plus two years for prior prison terms.

Mr. Delgado started using heroin at 17 years old and became addicted – injecting the drug twice a day. He would sell marijuana and commit burglaries to support his drug habit. He is now 45 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 21 years. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I have been in prison now more than 19 years [and] have used the time to improve myself. . . . [I] have remained free from drugs and alcohol for more than 19 years and [am] simply no longer the same person who entered the prison system."

During more than two decades in prison, Mr. Delgado has rejected drugs and alcohol. He has focused on improving himself through self-help programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Impact, Criminal and Addictive Thinking, and Anger Management. In 2012, an academic instructor wrote that "his attitude toward education has matured and interpersonal skills are excellent." Mr. Delgado earned his GED, has sought to enroll in college courses, and routinely receives positive work ratings from his supervisors. He has maintained strong family ties and plans to live with family if granted release from prison.

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Delgado.

I do not discount the community impact of the numerous property crimes that Mr. Delgado committed, but it is clear that his acts were driven by his heroin addiction. He has since committed to sobriety, education, and rehabilitation. For all of the foregoing reasons, I conclude that it is appropriate to mitigate his sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Manuel Delgado to release him on parole.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2018.




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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Manuel Delgado Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 72 Inmate ID: J10150

Address: P.O. Box 92 Chowchilla Ca. 93610 Facility: V.S. P

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
459 Burglary	12-14-93	SAN BERNARDINO	6yrs
459 Burglary	11-2-94	SAN BERNARDINO	6yrs
459 Burglary	10-05-97	RIVERSIDE	25 to LIFE.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

During these crimes I was under the influence Heroin and these had been committed to support my addiction.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

The crimes which resulted in the term now serving are all non-violent felonies, and I have served more than 19yrs on a 25 to LIFE term. The crimes all took place while still at a young age, and my prison record reflect I have learned to live within the rules as well as sought help for addiction.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Due to the change in public opinions on amount of time given to persons whom commit crimes not involving violence. The money provided for rehabilitation as well as.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

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- 3) Participation in AA/NA been free of drugs and alcohol for more than 19 years. Worked for and completed G.E.d as well as other programs offered by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
- 4) I have been in prison now more than 19 years. Have used the time to improve myself. I've worked for and completed my G.E.d. Participated in numerous self help programs and continue to do so. Victims impact, anger management, self awareness - co dependency and more. Have maintained strong family ties and have full support of my family. Have remained free from drugs and alcohol for more than 19 years and simply no longer the same person whom entered the prison system. I've taken full responsibility for the crimes I've committed and understand the fear and loss do to my actions.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Bernadino County: Please take notice that I, Manuel Delgado # J-10150,

was convicted of the crime of first degree Residential burglary,

committed in San Bernadino County, California, on the date of 10/05/97.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Manuel Delgado
Applicant's Signature

12/28/2015
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Michael A. Ramos, District Attorney of the County of San Bernadino,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Manuel Delgado

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

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Signed

Michael A. Ramos

Date

March 9, 2016

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Andre Edmund

In January 1992, Andre Edmund attempted to commit a robbery of a local fish market and shot and killed the store owner. On March 15, 1993, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Edmund to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a four-year firearm enhancement. At sentencing, Judge Neidorf stated, "It's real sad. I don't feel great about this. Hopefully some governor in the future will have some mercy on you and allow you to be paroled."

Mr. Edmund has now been incarcerated for more than 25 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Edmund wrote that he has done a considerable amount of work and now looks at life through a different lens. Mr. Edmund wrote that he "has adjusted his attitude and behavior, and wants a second chance at life with his wife and his freedom," adding, "people make mistakes and people can change." He also noted that he "would like to work with at-risk youth who are headed down the wrong path and do not even realize it."

During over two decades in prison without any possibility of parole, Mr. Edmund has been dedicated to transforming his life. He earned his GED and is enrolled in classes to obtain an A.A. degree. Mr. Edmund has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Celebrate Recovery, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Victim Awareness, and Path to Peace. He has facilitated Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous.

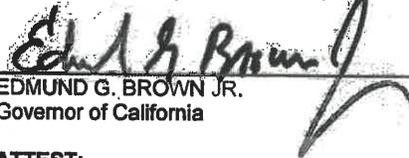
Notably, Mr. Edmund was commended while working as a Literacy Tutor by his instructor, who noted that Mr. Edmund "willingly tutors and teaches students in any academic areas needed" and "has been an immense asset to this program." In 2018, Mr. Edmund was also commended by a chaplain who noted that Mr. Edmund "continues to demonstrate a good commitment in assisting the programs while keeping good manner and respect for staff and inmates." He has been a role model for other inmates and helped them achieve positive goals in an extremely challenging environment. In the event of his release, Mr. Edmund plans to live in a transitional housing facility, where he has been offered assistance finding employment in plumbing and electrical work and would also receive assistance with with life skills and his transition into society.

Mr. Edmund committed a serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Edmund has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Andre Edmund to a total of 30 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2018.


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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. **If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Andre' Miquel Edmund Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/71 Inmate ID: H-72419

Address: 2302 Brown Road, Imperial, CA 92251 Facility: Centinela State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
"NO PRIOR CONVICTIONS"			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

"PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT"

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

"PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT"

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

"PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT"

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

"I am preparing this application on my own, and I haven't paid anyone to assist me."

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Andre' Miquel Edmund declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Andre' M. Edmund
Applicant's Signature

June 13, 2018

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

2. "BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING

A COMMUTATION:"

The following is a concise summary of the prosecution's case and the defense case, highlighting the "circumstances of the crime." This summary comes from a "Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus," written by Marilee Marshall & Associates INC., Attorneys at Law, and submitted in "The Court of Appeal of the State of California-Second Appellate District. (See Attachment for full discussion-Ex: "E")

The evidence presented by the prosecution established that on the evening of January 15, 1992, Koang Ho Song was working with Jack Enge and another person at Rick's Fish Market on Washington Blvd, Los Angeles. Petitioner and a companion entered the store, and were waited on. As Enge walked out shortly thereafter, he passed the petitioner and his companion. He had previously seen the petitioner numerous times in the neighborhood and in the store. He heard petitioner say something about robbing the store, but ignored the comment and returned to the shop.

A few minutes later, petitioner entered the premises again. This time he was alone and was dressed differently, wearing a sweater, eyeglasses and a kango hat. Enge saw petitioner standing at the counter with a can of soda. As Song opened the cash register, petitioner pulled out a small revolver, held it down on the counter, pointed at Song and demanded the money in the register. The gun went off and a bullet stuck Song, and causing death almost immediately. Petitioner ran out of the store without taking any money.

Petitioner testified at trial that his confession was false and was the result of threats and promises which were not contained in the tape of the interview. The interview lasted for approximately three hours. At the beginning of the taped interrogation, petitioner stated that he witnessed an incident at he market and at the end of the tape, confessed that he participated in the shooting.

3. "EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE REQUESTING A COMMUTATION:"

The reasons I am requesting for a commutation are many, they are sincere, hopeful and honest.

Over the course of my incarceration, which has been approximately twenty-six years, I'm proud, yet humbled, to admit that I've become a man of "Strong and Balanced Faith" with an opened heart, mind and spirit of "Conviction and Understanding." These elements have truly allowed me to view "Life" and everything that happens in it as "Beautiful and Necessary" acts of "Divine Decree," even though we may lack an understanding of them, or the patience to forebear them when it becomes more or less apparent in our personal lives.

I remember vividly the day, Wednesday, March 3, 1993, sitting before the Honorable Richard Neidorf, waiting for a sentence to be handed down after I was found guilty in the Los Angeles Superior Court. The Judge said something to me that has stuck with me throughout these years, and, there were times that I relied on them for "Strength and hope," when I didn't have any, and, I rely upon them now, as the essence of my request for commutation. The Judge said:

"It's real sad. I don't feel great about this. I don't feel great about sending anyone to prison forthwith. Hopefully some Governor in the future will have some mercy on you and allow you to be paroled so you can be with your parents."

(See Attachment for full discussion)
(Exhibit "A")

Another reason that I'm requesting a commutation is to be able to enjoy and be with both my mother and father before they pass away and being sentenced to "Life Without the Possibility of Parole," a commutation is a very real opportunity to obtain any meaningful chance to get a "Second Chance" at life and sustaining a high quality of living beyond these walls and relative barriers of incarceration in order to experience life "anew" with a renewed sense of "Being, Determination,

and Desire," with a sound understanding of what my proper roles are as a "Productive Citizen, Son, Husband, Father, Brother, Spiritual Leader & Guide, A Successful Businessman and as a Reformed and Rehabilitated Human Being." I now possess and value "Self-respect" "Self-esteem" and "Self-love;" "respect and compassion for all life," and my "identity and true purpose in life."

Everything that I was taught and everything that I learned, or experienced through the "Self-Help" courses and groups that I either "developed, facilitated or participated" in, are very valuable and essential tools that I am completely dedicated to sharing with my beautiful and supportive wife, Mrs. Michelle Edmund, our children and the community "as a whole," and consciously using them as I pursue success in my career which will include, volunteer work with established programs and centers that are dedicated to eliminating and addressing "Gang Violence & Participation," the underlying problems that are less visible, for example, fatherless homes, skilled, or talented youth from low income families and endangered communities that lack "reasonable and reachable" alternatives, and bridging the existing gap between our "Religious/Spiritual Centers" and the youth in these great communities, including their families and caregivers.

"SELF-HELP GROUPS AND COURSES" (Exhibit "B")

- * Workforce Development-Transition Skills (Instructor and Facilitator)
- * PACE Learning Systems (PLS) (Coordinator and Facilitator)
 - ** Accelerated Learning Lab curriculum in content areas including: Spelling, Reading, Language, Writing, Basic Math, Advanced Math, Science and Social Studies.
- * E-Learning (Electronic) "Career Resource Center" (Instructor and Facilitator)
 - ** Course Content: "Career Planning" "Learning about your Interest and Skills" "Finding Jobs where you can use your Interest and Skills" "Learning About Jobs" "Make Choices about Life Roles" "Finding out what kind of Education or Training you need" "Finding a Job" and "Keeping a Job."
- * Internal Empowerment Coaching and Scripture Therapy Institute, in conjunction with William Glasser, Inc. and Loyola Marymount University
(Graduate and Participant)

I'm requesting a commutation because, I've been rehabilitated and reformed from my past "reckless and toxic" behavior and thinking, behavior and thinking that was more criminal than civil, more idle and easily influenced, than focused and disciplined. Today, my "behavior and thinking" is reflective of my "Hopes, Dreams and Goals."

I would like a "Second Chance" so that I can incorporate all of the programs, their tools, guidance and wisdom, into helping the "Youth and Adult" change or improve their lifestyle, especially those that suffer from a destructive or harmful "Behavioral Addiction" "Lifestyle Addiction" "Drug/Alcohol Addiction" or "Habit Addiction." Being a "Certified Coordinator" (Lead Facilitator) in Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) California, I would like to introduce the **AVP Program** into the school system as a part of their curriculum, generally, as a vehicle to assist "children" in learning personal and social tools to encourage coping skills, character building, communication and cooperation, etc.. with themselves, their parents and environment; specifically, however, for those children that either, exhibit certain "behaviors or risk factors," or have already been subjected to a/any Judicial punishment, for example, "Probation, Community Service, or Juvenile Detention."

My other "Passions and Goals" include, starting a business (Non-Profit and Profit) that will provide jobs especially to those that need a "second chance" at life, or recovery, to help my parents with their "Bed and Breakfast" business, and to start a family of my own, so that, I can enjoy and take pride in "Fatherhood" and "Manhood," and be the best example that I can possibly be to them, and pass on to them everything that I've learned and experienced in this wonderful and empowering life that Almighty God has given me.

These are some of the main reasons why I am requesting a commutation.

Since 2012, up to the present, I have been functioning in the capacity of an "Inmate Minister" here at Centinela State Prison, and I was appointed to this position, initially, because of my knowledge and understanding of the Religious and Spiritual "Principles, Scriptures, Ceremonies and Pillars," however, the quality, sincerity and correctness of my character and behavior, as well as, my ability to effectively communicate with individuals and groups in this environment, has also been a determining factor and compass, by which, I uphold my priorities and responsibilities as a "Leader, Counselor, Friend, Educator, Life Coach, Peer Mentor, Healer, and Advisor."

I have, however, since 2003, also held the positions of "Minister of Education" and "Arbitrator." My duties included, developing, coordinating and teaching an academic curriculum which focused on fundamental topics such as, "Morality, Purification of The Heart, Soul & Mind, Social Responsibility, Critical Thinking, Relationship Management, Etiquette and Reform."

For a period of approximately two years, I was a member of the M.A.C (Men's Advisory Council) Committee, where I served as a liaison between the inmate population and staff, helping in every capacity that I could to keep the channels of "Respect, Peace, Communication and Cooperation" open, fair and functioning.

I've taken on these positions of "Trust, Influence and Leadership" willingly and wholeheartedly because, it keeps me honest with myself, first and foremost, then, accountable and selfless with those around me. It's taught me valuable lessons upon my own path of "Reform & rehabilitation," such as, patience and perseverance, putting someone's needs before my own, forbearance with undesired circumstances, right conduct & the reciprocation of human rights, moderation, tolerance and love. All these "principles and values," I've learned and experience during my twenty-six years of incarceration and it has been extremely fulfilling and enlightening. I greatly look forward to experiencing how "fulfilling and empowering" it will be at home, as a free man, in the free world..."Born-Again."

4. PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY YOU SHOULD BE GRANTED A COMMUTATION

The man and human being I am today, is nothing like the individual I was as an adolescent, who deeply lacked discipline, direction, vision, a system of belief or balance. As an adolescent, I depended on people's attention, acceptance and favorable opinion of me, and because of that, I always found myself going to great lengths to receive it, even if it required disrespecting or disobeying myself, my parents, or totally going against what I knew was right, and doing what was wrong or harmful to me and others. This counter-productive pattern of "dependency and immaturity" became habitual and it influenced my behaviors, my attitude & perspective, my process of thinking and complete well-being, while, masking all the pain and growing voids that accumulated.

Today, by the "Grace, Guidance and Mercy of God," I've managed to completely embrace the "Qualities and Boundaries" of "True Manhood-Adulthood" and "Maturity" through a deep, prolonged and sincere introspection, over the course of twenty-six years, especially as it applies to my actions, behaviors and the manner in which I express myself in my relationships and social interactions. Today, I understand the "Value, Responsibility and Importance" of "Education, Spirituality, Having a Firm Resolve and Humility," and the need to apply these basic, yet, profound principles "every single day," regardless if the circumstances are favorable or unfavorable, small or large, personal or otherwise.

I continue to take pivotal steps towards putting these principles into action and, on October 29, 2016, I married a beautiful and outstanding woman by the name of Mrs. Michelle Lee Edmund, my companion, best friend, supporter and lover, and together, we're dedicated to success and happiness. (See: Exhibit "C"). I've also taken the initiative, quite recently, to contact the ARC (Anti-Recidivism Coalition), to express my intent and interest to be an active part of their organization through membership, and I will be following up with their response. (See: Exhibit "D").

Andre' M. Edmund H-72419
2302 Brown Road
Imperial, CA 92251-0901

June 10, 2018

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.,
c/o State Capitol, Suite # 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.,

May the Peace, Love and Blessings of The Almighty God be upon you and your family as I briefly introduce myself to you, and, at the time when you receive it.

I know sir, that at this transitional point in time, you are a very busy man and the time that you can devote to me is a blessing in itself, so, I will try my best not to be too long or overbearing. My name is Andre' Miquel Edmund. I was born in London, England, to two amazing people, Mr. Barry Edmund and Ms. Joycelyn Raymond, who, together, decided to migrate to the United States in 1978, with the hopes and dreams of pursuing a successful career, raising a wholesome and loving family, and capitalizing on every opportunity that America had to offer.

I had a very good upbringing, some will say "privileged," in the sense that, I had both my parents in the home, my sister Michelle and I had the best education and my parents did what they could to keep us active in a multitude of sports activities and extracurricular programs, hoping that our lives wouldn't be consumed or influenced by "gangs, drugs, idleness or delinquency."

Regardless, at a very young age, I found myself being pulled and attracted to those very "things" that my parents tried so hard to steer me away from especially, being conscious and wise about the friends that I keep, and irresponsibility. Growing up, I can admit and take full responsibility that I made countless mistakes and very poor decisions, one after the other, refusing to listen to, and take heed to that "internal voice" inside of me that always seem to surface every now and then, trying to steer me aright when, I was clearly on the wrong path---finding myself deeper and deeper in some kind of trouble, growing more distant from my parents and emotionally & psychologically bankrupt.

When I came to prison, I was twenty years old, broken in more areas of myself than a few and it wasn't before long that I hit "rock bottom," and came "face-to-face" with the "memories and emotions" of all my wrong "decisions and actions." This proved to be a very pivotal time in my life, where I had to take an honest and thorough look at me. It was definitely hard, honest and emotional; but, it was necessary because, I knew deep down in my soul that, "this wasn't me," "I wasn't born to live the rest of my life in prison," and "I'm going to do what I have to do to 'evolve and mature' into my true self" because, once I'm free, "I'LL NEVER DO ANYTHING TO PUT MYSELF IN PRISON AGAIN OR PUT THE PEOPLE THAT LOVE ME THE MOST IN THIS POSITION EVER AGAIN."

Mr. Brown, I'm not a bad person and I've spent the last twenty six years of my life making amends for the bad that I did when I was a child. I try to let all the work and energy that I put forth, speak for the remorse that I feel and live with every single day, and I'm asking you with all the "humility and love" that I can gather in myself, to grant me a "Second Chance" to be the best that I can be towards my parents and family, my beautiful wife and our family and towards humanity. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for everything great thing that you've done and accomplished in office. You're a true blessing and kind soul.

Sincerely Submitted, *Andre' M. Edmund*

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Rita Ennis

In 1994, Reza Dadrass owed Rita Ennis a debt for drugs. Ms. Ennis and her husband, Gregory Ennis, confronted Mr. Dadrass on March 8, 1994. Mr. Ennis took Mr. Dadrass' wallet and car keys, tied him up with duct tape, and put him in the back of a pickup truck. While Ms. Ennis stayed home, Mr. Ennis drove the truck to a remote location, killed Mr. Dadrass, and disposed of his body. On October 20, 1999, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Ennis to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus eight years for kidnapping.

Ms. Ennis is now 61 years old and has been incarcerated for over 23 years. In her application for clemency, she expressed remorse for her participation in this crime. She wrote, "I knew right from wrong, I chose to do wrong, to act based on my defects instead of my conscience. I am deeply sorry for my part in this crime and [am] deeply ashamed of myself." She continued, "My remorse is what lets me know that I am no longer that person, that I am strong enough to live a peaceful and proper life should you decide to grant me commutation of my current sentence."

Ms. Ennis has shown a genuine commitment to turning her life around. She has only been disciplined twice during more than two decades in prison, and has never been involved with drugs or violence. Ms. Ennis earned two A.A. degrees from Feather River College, and completed a paralegal certificate from Blackstone Career Institute. She has participated in self-help programs including Beyond Violence, Restorative Justice, and Women's Empowerment. Ms. Ennis has lived in an honor dorm for several years and has mentored other women through self-help groups and volunteer efforts. She has also maintained a positive work record and completed a vocational training program. A correctional officer who supervised Ms. Ennis commended her for her hard work to help others, and wrote, "Inmate Ennis has grown in maturity and insight over the years and this is reflected in her positive attitude and demeanor. I believe inmate Ennis deserves the chance to re-enter society and gain her life back again." Ms. Ennis' commutation is supported by many members of her family, who have offered her housing, financial assistance, and help to transition back into the community in the event of her release.

Although she participated in a very serious crime, Ms. Ennis has worked hard to show that she is a changed woman. She has been dedicated to self-improvement and helping others for many years now. For these reasons, I believe Ms. Ennis should have the opportunity to make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Rita Ennis to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Rita V. Ennis Date of Birth: /57 Social Security Number:

Address: CIW (California Institution for Women)
16756 Chino-Corona Rd. Corona, Ca 92880

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Kidnap, Felony-murder w/Spec. Cir.	03/1994	07/31/1997 Sn. Brn	LWOP
Possession Illegal Sub.	? (1990/1991)	Clark Cnty, L.V.	Probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached documents

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached documents

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached documents

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

See attached documents

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Bernardino County: Please take notice that I, Rita V. Ennis,

was convicted of the crime of Kidnap-murder special circumstances,

committed in San Bernardino County, California, on the date of March 1994.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: W69936.

Rita Ennis
Applicant's Signature

04/12/18
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Rita Ennis, W69936
CIW LA-255L
16756 Chino-Corona Road
Corona, CA 92880

April 05, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of the State of California
Attn: Legal Affairs
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Application for Commutation of Sentence for Rita V. Ennis

Dear Governor Brown,

I respectfully request a Commutation of Sentence for myself, Rita V. Ennis, an elderly mother and grandmother. I am serving a Life Without Parole sentence for a crime of which my lack of insight at the time, caused me to participate in; the murder of a young man, Reza Dadrass. As you read the attached documents you will see that my life and time in prison, my commitment to self-rehabilitation, and becoming a model inmate are a testament to the fact that change is possible. My hope is for a second chance at life with my family and in my community. I note here that I presently have a Writ of Habeas Corpus filed and in process with the Supreme court which is based on the Banks case. In light of my age and the number of years I have already served, (from March 1995-beginning at the county-through the present time here at CIW). I am asking that you Commute my sentence to a 25-to life sentence as to provide me with a meaningful chance for release.

Upon analysis of my crime and my individual participation, I can see now how I am accountable for Reza's death. He may have been mildly acquainted with a couple of my teenage children at this time but the only reason he became further involved with my family was because of the money I felt he owed me. Thus, when he was enticed into coming to our home, I did nothing to stop the situation. I should have been more cognizant of the situation and realized they meant to threaten or possibly harm him. I should have been more perceptive to the danger posed to Reza's personal safety, I was in fact more concerned with myself and my own needs and paid no attention to whether or not he was in any sort of danger. And the idea of selling his car to recoup the debt was far too enticing; however, the debt was already part of criminal activity to begin with so there was nothing about this thought or idea that could be justified. Then when my husband and the others took Reza from my

home, I should have realized he was in even graver danger. I should have tried to stop them, but I didn't. I then heartlessly participated in suppressing Reza's murder by facilitating the communication between my husband and another codefendant and by telling them to keep their mouths shut. I am extremely ashamed of my behaviors and I deeply regret how these behaviors contributed to the murder of Reza Dadrass.

At that time in my life I had no sense of selfworth, I felt I had no value as an individual. I consistently gave in to the demands and requests of the man I was married to, Gregory A. Ennis. I did not have the foresight or maturity to handle what was happening in my own home at this time in my life. I had grown up completely codependent due to the childhood abuse and domestic violence in my childhood home. I became desensitized to any form of bullying and aggressive behavior. I should have never considered what was happening to be "normal" behavior but at the time it was happening, I did. My mother was divorced and remarried when I was very young so I grew up in an environment of fear because the man she married was a violent, abusive, alcoholic. This caused me to develop strong codependencies and insecurities. This childhood abuse, I know now, led to my defect of having a lack of empathy. I developed no sense of concern for others.

The abuse I endured as a child, that led to my personal defects, I later allowed to continue in both of my marriages without making the choice to seek help for myself. As a result, I was both insensitive and insecure and therefore willing to participate along with my husband and the other codefendants in getting what we believed was owed to us instead of having any concern for our victim's safety. These facts of behavior and defects are not an excuse, they are only an explanation of the causative factors in this crime. I knew right from wrong, I chose to do wrong, to act based on my defects instead of on my conscience. The insight I have gained has empowered me to know I would never participate in a situation like that again. I am deeply sorry for my part in this crime and deeply ashamed of myself. My remorse is what lets me know that I am no longer that person, that I am strong enough to live a peaceful and proper life should you decide to grant me Commutation of my current sentence. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,


Rita V. Ennis

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Willie Erwin

On November 15, 2001, Willie Erwin entered Esther Lugo's home while she and her grandson were sleeping, intending to burglarize it. Mr. Erwin left the house with several small items. On August 8, 2002, the Fresno County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Erwin to 25 years to life for burglary and 5 years for a prior felony enhancement – a total term of 30 years to life.

Mr. Erwin is 58 years old and has now been incarcerated for more than 17 years for this crime. In his application for clemency, Mr. Erwin wrote that at the time of the crime he struggled with a substance abuse problem. He wrote, "Afforded the chance to reform and address my addiction over the 17 years in prison, [I have been] disciplinary free over 11 years, and [have] renewed [my] relationship with God."

During almost two decades in prison, Mr. Erwin has worked to transform his life. Mr. Erwin has only been disciplined twice for misconduct over the course of his incarceration. He completed electrical, office services, and substance abuse counselor vocational training. Mr. Erwin has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Substance Abuse, Personal Growth and Development, Anger Management, and Getting Out by Going In. In 2009, a director for the Substance Abuse Program said regarding Mr. Erwin, "He has demonstrated an outstanding will, and has shown great motivation in learning the curriculum." In 2008, Mr. Erwin was assigned as a lead tutor for the Independent Study Program at the Pleasant Valley Adult School to help other inmates improve their academic skills in order to obtain their GED.

In addition to Mr. Erwin's rehabilitative efforts in prison, I am moved by Mr. Erwin's significant health issues. Mr. Erwin struggles with Meniere's disease, hearing impairment, and limited mobility. Mr. Erwin also has the support of numerous family members, friends, and pastors upon his release.

Additionally, the Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Erwin's case at an *en banc* meeting and recommended him for a commutation of sentence. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Erwin.

Mr. Erwin has remained dedicated to and focused on his rehabilitation throughout his incarceration. For all the foregoing reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Erwin's sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Willie Erwin to release him on parole.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Willie George Erwin, Jr. Date of Birth: 1960 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: Central Facility, X-Wing-119Low, Hwy 101 North, P.O. Box 689, Soledad, CA 93960-0689

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
459/460, subd. (a)	11/15/2001	Fresno County	30 yrs. to life
See Conviction Summary on page 1.		Sacramento County	13 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Charged with only one present offense, the present burglary conviction did not involve violence, relatively small amounts of property were involved with no bodily harm or threats of harm, contact with the occupant was avoided. Qualified for a doubled sentence only because this inmate was convicted and served one prior prison term.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

This inmate is a 57 year old, nonviolent property offender, 2nd term, who, like many others, has committed burglaries to support a substance abuse problem, but unlike most others, served a single prison sentence on his prior "strike" convictions. None of this inmate's present or prior burglary convictions involved crimes against a person.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Afforded the chance to reform and address my addiction over the seventeen years in prison, being disciplinary free over 11 years, and my renewed relationship with God. Believes, I earned the opportunity to make my case before the Board of Parole Hearings.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Not Applicable.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Willie George Erwin, Jr., declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Fresno with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Willie George Erwin, Jr.
Applicant's Signature

March 13, 2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Marco Antonio Flores

On June 16, 1997, 16-year-old Marco Flores, Jesse Silva, and other gang members attempted to enter a house party. Prior to entering, Albert Molina requested to search the group for weapons. Mr. Flores, Mr. Silva, and the others refused to be searched and started yelling their gang affiliations. Mr. Silva pulled out a gun and shot Mr. Molina in the chest, killing him. On January 11, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Flores to 22 years for voluntary manslaughter and 10 years for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 32 years.

Mr. Flores has been incarcerated for 10 years. During that time, he dropped out of his gang and has dedicated himself to self-improvement. In his application for clemency, Mr. Flores wrote, "I am no longer that immature, irresponsible, angry and impulsive 16-year-old teenager that was once lost in a false warp belief system, susceptible to gangs and violence. I made the choice to disassociate myself from any gang, drugs or criminal behavior and began my journey of self-discovery and rehabilitation." He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he is ready to give back to the community he has taken so much from by sharing his experiences during his incarceration and possibly changing the minds of at-risk youth.

Since his incarceration, Mr. Flores has been disciplined for misconduct only twice. He earned his GED and is currently enrolled in college classes. Mr. Flores completed vocational training in office services and electronics. He participated in self-help programs including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. A sponsor of his Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous group wrote that Mr. Flores's "continuous work at recovery is helping him to gain insight on the physical and emotional consequences that addiction has had on his life," and that he "has become a positive role model for his peers in the group." In the event of his release, Mr. Flores has been accepted into transitional housing, and he has the support of his family.

I acknowledge that Mr. Flores participated in a very serious crime. However, based on his age at the time of the crime and his commitment to rehabilitation, I believe Mr. Flores has earned an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is ready to be released from prison.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Marco Flores to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: MARCO ANTONIO FLORES Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1991 Inmate ID: #A92918

Address: 19005 WILEY SWEET Rd. BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, 92225-2287 Facility: IRONWOOD STATE PRISON

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

#2:

On June 16, 2007 I made some irresponsible and impulsive choices. I assisted on injuring Dario Novoa and Martha Rojas. At 4:20pm I was on a bicycle at Brandford park in the city of Arleta in the County of Los Angeles. I was accompany by Michael Deleon, Jesse Silva, Eduardo, Anthony, Jose all Gang members. When Dario Novoa and his brother-in-law walked passed me, Dario Novoa entered the restroom. His brother-in-law walked passed me again. But this time he bumped and kicked my bicycle. I look in his direction and waited for him to excuse himself and he just kept walking. So I yell at him and said 'What's up homie' but he ignored me and that's when I felt disrespected due to my false warp belief system that the gang embedded in me. That's when I felt challenged so I confronted Dario Novoa brother-in-law and I seen the look he had when I approached him. He had no idea of what I was talking about. He was confused. That's when Dario Novoa exited the restroom with no knowledge of what was going on. All he seen was his brother-in-law in an altercation with myself. So he walked towards me and got in my face to protect his brother-in-law. I felt threaten by his demeanor so I acted impulsively fueled by fear, so I pushed Dario Novoa causing him to stumble on his feet. He looked surprised that I had pushed him. He then rushed back my way that's when Michael Deleon, Jesse Silva, Eduardo, Anthony and Jose jumped up and attacked Dario Novoa before he could reach me. I could see and hear Martha Rojas yelling and screaming "Stop, stop let him go!", your hurting him. I then seen how Martha Rojas jumped on top of Dario Novoa to protect and shield Dario Novoa from being assaulted. When I seen Martha Rojas getting involved I yelled to all my co-defendants " let's go, let's go, I was on my bicycle and watched how everything took place. My impulsive action by pushing Dario Novoa triggered my co-defendants to react the only way they knew with violence to protect me even though I was in the wrong by starting and provoking Dario Novoa, that resulted in an assault and lost of their personal belongings. My poor decision making was not over yet. It progressed because later that night on June 16, 2007, I attended a party with Michael Deleon, Jesse Silva, and Giovanni Leyva (driver) We arrived at 12462 Osborne street in the city of Pacoima in the County of Los Angeles. I made another irresponsible choice. I brought a gun (silver revolver) 32 caliber with me because of what had happened at the park earlier that day. As I walked out the vehicle I showed Michael Deleon my gun. That's when Michael Deleon asked me if I wouldn't mind him carrying it at the party. I said No. So I handed it to Michael Deleon the (32 caliber revolver) from my waistband. Michael Deleon grabbed the gun and put it in his right pocket of his shorts. Michael Deleon and Jesse Silva walked ahead of Giovanni Leyva and myself. As we approached 12462 Osborne street, we could see the entrance to the party. I noticed Michael Deleon and Jesse Silva arguing with the people in the entrance, one of them being Albert Molina who was in control of the entry into the party. Albert Molina refused our entry because Michael Deleon refused to be searched upon entry, because he had the 32 revolver in his possession. We began to shout our gang, that's when tension progressed and Michael Deleon swung at Albert Molina striking him on the chest and upper torso area. Albert Molina protected himself by grabbing ahold of Michael Deleon. Michael Deleon pushed Albert Molina causing him to let go and stumble. That's when I heard two shots fired. I seen Michael Deleon holding the 32 revolver. He had it locked up in the air, everyone got down. We yelled our Gang again, that's when Jesse Silva (co-defendant) took the gun from Michael Deleon hands and Jesse Silva aimed it at Albert Molina direction and began to shoot. Four shots were fired. Everything happened in a matter of seconds. Everyone around me is running and screaming. I run toward our vehicle and when I look back Michael Deleon, Jesse Silva and Giovanni Leyva our (driver) were running towards me. Jesse Silva with the 32 revolver in his hands. We entered the get away vehicle. I was seated front passenger,

Giovanni Leyva driving, Michael Deleon left backseat and Jesse Silva right backseat behind me. I told Jesse Silva to empty the 32 revolver by removing the empty shell casings so I could discard them. Jesse Silva gave me all six casings and I threw them out the window one by one as we drove away from the crime scene. Reflecting back not only on June 16, 2007 but in life, I realized that I had made the biggest mistake of my life. I was seeking for help and guidance in all the wrong places and from all the wrong people. This choice led me to another poor decision in my life, the day I decided to join a Gang. I joined the Gang because it was my coping mechanism. It helped me deal with everything I was going through in life. Being abandon by my father at the early age caused my mother to struggle and have a disfunctional home. I was just seeking acceptance and approval from my family. I began to develop low self-esteem. All I wanted was tone recognized by my own family. The love and affection that only family could provide, I seeked it eles where and replaced it with the Gang. It became my avenue. I was able to vent out by causing others pain, suffering, and fear, at the same time relieving my own through violence. I was impulsive, selfish and irresponsible. I only cared about myself and the satisfaction that I received from hurting others. I was made to believe I had every right to hurt another human being. This cowardly and callous warp belief system was embedded and normalized in my life. Now I'm able to understand that I was completely wrong. All I did was suppress my emotions, my problems and justified my actions with violence. I had No right assault and injure Dario Novoa, his brother-in-law, Martha Rojas and the community. They had no intention of causing harm to me or anyone around. I was the problem. I provoked and caused Dario Novoa and Martha Rojas to be assaulted and injured. They didn't deserve to be hurt mentally, emotionally or physically. As for Albert Molina, he did not deserve to lose his life the way he did. He did nothing wrong. He was at a party, when he was confronted and murdered by four gang members. I did not shoot Albert Molina but I am as guilty as Jesse Silva the shooter, because I owned and furnished the 32 revolver used to kill Albert Molina. I also encourage the shooting by yelling the Gang. I know that there are no words I can say or write that could take back my actions, but I take full responsibility and accountability. I want to make it clear that my age does not justify my actions on June 16, 2007. No one has the right to take a humanlife.

#3

On January 11, 2011 I was sentenced to 32 years and as a second striker in which a prior juvenile strike was used to double up my base term, along with an adult strike. I was convicted of voluntary manslaughter. I was 16 years old when I assisted in committing these crimes. I was arrested at the age of 17 and tried as an adult. However I can now truthfully state as a 26 year old that through self-developing courses offered by (CDCR) I was able to understand the gravity and negative ripple affect of my crimes and impulsive actions. My age at the time of the crime and lack of coping skills do not justify my actions, but through criminals and gangs members anonymous program (GCA) I was able to understand that I played a part in my contributing factors that made me vulnerable to contribute and commit these cowardly and horrible crimes. I am no longer that immature, irresponsible, angry and impulsive 16 year old teenager that was once lost in a false warp belief system, susceptible to gangs and violence. I made the choice to disassociate myself from any Gang, drugs or criminal behavior and began my journey of self discovery and rehabilitation. I admit I struggled at first. I stumbled a few times, but I motivated myself because I wanted to become a better human being. I was not going to let my destructive lifestyle and crime define me. I found healing and peace through my spiritual life and participating in self help groups that offered me the correct way of dealing with my problems. I came to understand that I will forever be in service to others in the community while incarcerated or upon release. There are no words I can say or actions I can take that will bring Albert Molina back to life. But I owe it to Albert Molina, his family and the people I've hurt in the community by giving back any way possible. I believe that if given the opportunity, I can make a difference and change the community by servicing other communities, by reaching out to the youth so we can discourage the youth from Gangs, drugs and criminal behavior. I can share my story and teach the community how to help our youth by showing them that we are there to help, not judge and provide our community with proper coping skills so our youth can mature into productive and successful members of society. I am not requesting for a commutation of sentence to minimize my crime or avoid accountability for what I've done. I am humbly requesting an opportunity to earn a second chance in life.

#4

Reflecting back on all the damage and unnecessary trauma I inflicted on my community through acts of behavior, I know I don't deserve to be granted a commutation because Albert Molina never got a second chance at life. He didn't deserve to be murdered the way he did on June 16, 2007. There ain't nothing I can do or say that will bring Albert Molina back to life, but through years of rehabilitation I came to understand that I can honor Albert Molina life by never re-offending and being in service to others in prison and upon release. I have took the time to educate, rehabilitate, and better myself as a human being. These 10years Why? Because I have a burning desire, a goal in life, a purpose and it begins here in prison through the youth offender program at Ironwood state prison where I am able to be a positive role model and mentor to my peers while incarcerated creating a better community. I also part take in a youth diversion program offered by Ironwood state prison called "Life's to short" where I am able to give back to the community through the youth, their parents, and our custody staff by sharing my story of transformation and showing the youth that they are not alone, because at one point in my life I was that lost teenager seeking for help and guidance in all the wrong places. I don't want this destructive cycle of Gangs, drugs and criminality to continue damaging our youth. I know I can not change everyone I encounter, but if granted a commutation I know what I am capable of doing with a second chance in life, and I will make a positive impact in our communities with the help of my support network (see attached support letter) I want to help rebuild our communities starting with the youth, showing them that they can make their dreams come true, no matter what neighborhoods or upbringing they come from, help them understand and believe in themselves because they are tomorrow's future. They do not need Gangs or drugs to feel loved, accepted or happy. All they need is someone to spend time with them, listen to them, understand them and relate, establishing communication, developing a relationship and teaching them how to trust. It's hard especially for youth who have been let down because it takes time and patience. I come from this reality so I know I can help them now and upon release. I ask that you judge me by my will to regain the trust of the community and for making all the necessary changes in my life to be part of the solution and no longer the problem.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Tammy Rochelle Garvin

Tammy Garvin had been acting as a prostitute since the age of 18 when she met Herman Lemelle, who became her boyfriend and pimp. Ms. Garvin and Mr. Lemelle decided to rob Rolf Neumeister, a restaurant owner and former boyfriend of Ms. Garvin. On February 25, 1991, Mr. Neumeister let Ms. Garvin into the restaurant, and Mr. Lemelle stabbed Mr. Neumeister to death. Afterward, Ms. Garvin and Mr. Lemelle robbed Mr. Neumeister. On December 22, 1995, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Garvin to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

An investigation conducted by the Board of Parole Hearings concluded that Ms. Garvin was suffering from the effects of intimate partner battery at the time of the crime, as a result of prior abusive relationships and abuse from Mr. Lemelle. In a 2007 declaration, Mr. Lemelle admitted that he was "physically violent and threatening" towards Ms. Garvin, including threatening her with knives at times. He stated that he wanted Ms. Garvin to pressure Mr. Neumeister for more money, noting that Ms. Garvin was justifiably scared of him. Ms. Garvin was set to testify against Mr. Lemelle, but after he threatened her in jail, she was too afraid to carry through, resulting in the rescission of a plea offer that would have resulted in a sentence less than life without the possibility of parole. In her application, Ms. Garvin acknowledged the effect that intimate partner battery had on her actions at the time of the crime and how she has worked to address her history while incarcerated. She wrote, "I am responsible for murdering Rolf as it was my choice to stay in a dangerous relationship. At the time I didn't understand that I was making bad choices, or that I had much choice at all, but after years of therapy I have insight into my mental and emotional condition at the time as well as the conditions of abuse I was living with and why."

Ms. Garvin is now 59 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 28 years. In her commutation application, she wrote that she requested a commutation "because it is my prayer to show accountability, maturity, and rehabilitation to earn a second chance outside of prison." She continued, "I am a changed person who values life and healthy relationships and I am always striving to be the best person within my community that I can be." Ms. Garvin told a Board investigator, "I can show that people can change given the right tools." In prison, Ms. Garvin has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. She has received only four rules violations over the course of her incarceration and has not been disciplined in over 12 years. Ms. Garvin has resided on an honor yard since 2014 and served on the Inmate Advisory Council, including as Chairperson. She has participated in myriad self-help classes, including co-dependency, alternatives to violence, substance abuse, and healing trauma. She has also served as chairperson of the long-termers organization and facilitator for the domestic violence and beyond violence groups.



Ms. Garvin's commitment to self-improvement and helping others has also earned her the respect and praise of staff. In 2015, a lieutenant wrote that Ms. Garvin is "an avid voice for the people who sometimes don't have one" and commended her for "her determination to make a positive difference in the lives of those around her." In 2018, a staff sponsor commended Garvin on putting others before herself and wrote, "She always thought of what was best for her community." A licensed clinical social worker who has worked with Ms. Garvin since 2009 wrote, "I have found her to be a stellar woman with a great deal of integrity." She continued, "I know that Ms. Garvin is an upstanding, honest, and forthright individual who will go forth in the free community and continue as a positive citizen role model." A correctional officer wrote in 2017 that Ms. Garvin's "desire for growth and how she has become a better person not only for herself but also for others as an example of how rehabilitation should play."

Additionally, her application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Ms. Garvin.

Mr. Neumeister's family has expressed opposition to Ms. Garvin's release. While the profound impact of Ms. Garvin's crime cannot be erased, I have weighed the evidence and given to Ms. Garvin's exemplary conduct in prison and her efforts to put the impacts of her prior abuse behind her through programming, I believe she has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Tammy Rochelle Garvin to a total of 28 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: TAMMY GARVIN Date of Birth: [redacted] 1959 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: P.O. BOX 1508, CCWF/512-19-31, Chowchilla, CA 93610-1508

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: SEE ATTACHED ARREST RECORD

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACH

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACH

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

SEE ATTACH

5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

[Redacted line]

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Tammy Garvin, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Santa Clara with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Tammy Garvin _____
Applicant's Signature Date 5/14/17

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of SANTA CLARA County: Please take notice that I, TAMMY GARVIN, was convicted of the crime of 1st DEGREE MURDER + (2) SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, committed in SANTA CLARA County, California, on the date of FEBRUARY 25, 1991.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: W60997.

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Tammy Garvin Applicant's Signature 4/18/17 Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, JEFFREY F. ROSEN, District Attorney of the County of SANTA CLARA,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from TAMMY R. GARVIN,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Jeffrey F. Rosen

Date 7/3/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

1. Conviction Summary

I have an extensive arrest record. I was a juvenile prostitute that followed me thru my adult life. I have also been to state prison before. See Attach Record.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime (s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation.

On Monday, February 25, 1991 at approximately 10:15 a.m. Campbell police officers were dispatched to a restaurant known as " Brigitte's" 384 East Campbell Avenue, California. There officers determined that the restaurant owner, 70 year old victim Rolf Max Neumeister had been murdered. The victim suffered approximately 61 stab/slash wounds to the face and upper body. The victim's personal valuables were missing. I was identified as an ex-girlfriend of the victim and a previous employee in his restaurant. My Co-defendant Lemelle was my pimp/boyfriend.

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Tammy Garvin, W60997

Addendum to Form

2) Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation:

As a battered woman and a second time offender, I was sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole for first degree murder. At the time of my trial in 1995, the jury didn't hear anything about "battered women's syndrome," which is now recognized as "intimate partner battering and its effects." Nothing was explored about my domestic violence, battered women's syndrome, or the impact of the traumatic events in my life. I had an expert witness on pimps and prostitutes and I should have had an expert witness on intimate partner battering and its effects.

I'm requesting a commutation because it is my prayer to show accountability, maturity, and rehabilitation to earn a second chance outside of prison. I am and have developed into the woman I was created to be. I am a changed person who values life and healthy relationships and I am always striving to be the best person within my community that I can be, I have stayed involved as an active participant and leader in my community, a valued worker, self-help group participant and facilitator, a citizen in prison with many productive talents. I have become a role model and I have committed myself to living a life of service and rehabilitation. I have not remained disciplinary free throughout my time in prison, but my last disciplinary was in 2005, I have five CDCR 115's total. I currently live in the honor dorm and it is my prayer to be afforded the opportunity to serve the outside community and give of myself in the same way. I live a life of love, integrity, truly living a life of amends to Rolf, so that his death will not be in vain.

3) Explain why you are requesting a commutation

A domestic violence expert came to the prison to interview me in February 2008 on intimate partner battering, Linda Bernard, Ph.D. During my trial, the court did not hear expert testimony concerning whether I was suffering from intimate partner battering at the time of the murder, because the pimp/prostitute relationship was not fully recognized as a qualifying relationship under the law. I am aware that Sara Kruzan had her LWOP sentence commuted in 2011 by Governor Schwarzenegger, who recognized the pimp/prostitute relationship as a relationship especially vulnerable to intimate partner battering. The Attorney General also dropped her opposition to Sara's post-conviction appeal based on intimate partner battering evidence, after first misunderstanding that an abusive pimp/prostitute relationship was not intimate partner battering. At the time of my arrest, I didn't know anything about battered women's syndrome or understand how I allowed those relationships to control me, nor did I understand why I stayed. Today I understand why. I took advantage of every self-help group and rehabilitation I could so that I could change, and heal. I learn and understood why I was the way I was during those relationships. Who I was before, and who I am now.

I wasn't able to represent myself well before the jury at court. I was not mentally in my right mind. I was traumatized from years of abuse. It has taken years of therapy from my mental health group called abuse and trauma, and my mental health staff Ms. B. Herion. When I was in jail, the district attorney offered me a deal of 25 to life to testify against my co-defendant. My co-defendant wrote my father a letter letting him know that he killed Rolf. My father was going to testify against my co-defendant and when I came back from court one evening there was a letter at the end of my bed from my co-defendant threatening my father and I not to testify. This is why I came to prison with Life Without Parole.

I am responsible for murdering Rolf as it was my choice to stay in a dangerous relationship. At the time I didn't understand that I was making bad choices, or that I had much choice at all, but after years of therapy I have insight into my mental and emotional condition at the time as well as the conditions of abuse I was living with and why. I deserve to pay for my crime and for being responsible for taking Rolf's life. I am requesting your mercy to lessen my life sentence to afford me the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings.

4) Provide a brief statement explaining why you believe you should be granted a commutation:

I'm asking to be granted the commutation based on my rehabilitation and the fact that I am not the person I used to be. I'm a battered woman and I am asking for a life sentence that is parole eligible. I have grown into a responsible woman who is confident, trustworthy, and makes good and healthy decisions. I'm accountable for my actions and have knowledge and insight into why I stayed in an unhealthy and dangerous relationship. I now have healthy boundaries. I live a life of amends to Rolf and the many victims as a result of my crime by taking ownership of my crime and holding myself completely accountable every single day. I live a life of amends by being a productive citizen and leader within the prison community, by continuing my self-help, by facilitating self-help groups, and by helping others through sharing my experiences.

From the start of my prison sentence I set out to get help and be the woman I was intended to be. In 1996, this prison had very little to offer. I have worked in the Law Library, went to substance-abuse class, worked as a Captain's clerk, and as a maintenance mechanic in Plant Operations where I learned to fix washers and dryers. I am also a Certified Peer Educator on Hepatitis A,B,C, HIV/AIDS, and Herpes. In 2009 I started therapy and mental health and I still participate in this group. I reached out to get help, to heal and to find out what was wrong with me that caused me to stay in a relationship that was unhealthy and dangerous.

(See attached index of self-help groups and accomplishments.)

Since coming to prison I became a better person through rehabilitation, a person who is healthy in mind, body, and soul, not only for me, but for Rolf, his family and friends, my family and friends, and so many people who are also victims affected by my crime. I am a Beyond Violence facilitator, I have served as the Facility Chairperson Executive Chairperson, ViceChair, and Sergeant-at-Arms for the Women's Advisory Council for at least 15 years or more. I also served as the Chairperson for the Long Termer's Organization for six years. A major pivotal point in my life of insight and healing came in 2014 through the "Bridges To Life" restorative justice program, a victim impact awareness program. It was then that I gained an even deeper understanding of my responsibility in my crime and how my childhood connected to who I was at the time of my relationship with Mr. Lemelle. I watched my aunts and my mother stay in abusive relationship, I witness many fights, and no one called the police, so this is why I stayed because I thought this was a normal way of life, and a womans place. I have remained dedicated to myself and my self-help and on the positive path of rehabilitation. I have facilitated self-help groups throughout the institution like Helping Women Recover, Bridges to Life, Domestic Violence, Relapse Prevention, A Woman's Way Through the 12 Steps, and a series of self-help groups and workshops pertaining to attitudes, anger and, denial, including Cage Your Rage, A Place Called Self, and many more. I am currently facilitating Beyond Violence, and Domestic Violence self-help groups with women who want to change their life.

I pray to be granted a commutation to reduce my sentence. I will continue to serve my community. I have included realistic parole plans and letters from a strong support system.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Tyren Gillison

Between November 4 and November 27, 2007, Tyren Gillison committed a string of armed robberies. On March 13, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Gillison to 10 years for six counts of robbery plus an additional 10-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Gillison has now been incarcerated for almost 11 years. In his clemency application, he expressed remorse these robberies, writing, "My incarceration has granted me the ability to delve inside myself to grasp the devastating harm my past actions have caused my victims. The disgraceful crimes I committed are unforgettable, but if forgiven the person I've become would like to begin some type of restorative efforts to earn back the trust of society that was broken."

During over a decade in prison, Mr. Gillison has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has never been disciplined for any violent misconduct. He is working towards his GED and has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alternatives to Violence, Cage Your Rage, Narcotics Anonymous, Self-Awareness and Improvement, and Getting Out by Going In. Mr. Gillison also serves as Chairman of the Men's Advisory Council at the Correctional Training Facility. Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Gillison has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see him on a regular basis.

Mr. Gillison routinely received satisfactory to exceptional work ratings. In 2018, a correctional sergeant wrote that Mr. Gillison has "maintained a positive attitude and has remained disciplinary free. He has proven to be a model inmate by his willingness to help the facility by volunteering his time and assisting with new projects for the general population." Also in 2018, Mr. Gillison's work supervisor noted that he "has proven to be a mature and responsible individual," adding that Mr. Gillison "will be a positive role model and a productive member of society upon his release."

I believe Mr. Gillison has earned an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is ready to be released from prison.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Tyren Gillison to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County: Please take notice that I, TYREN ALLEN GILLISON,

was convicted of the crime of 6 counts of 2nd degree armed robbery (PC 211),

committed in LOS ANGELES County, California, on the date of 11/7/07 thru 11/23/07

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

RECEIVED

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GOVERNORS OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS



Applicant's Signature

9/27/2016
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Paulina Wolff HO, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Tyren Allen Gillison

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence

Signed Paulina Wolff

Date 10/18/16

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: TYREN ALLEN GILLISON Date of Birth: [REDACTED] /79 Inmate ID: #G10257
Address: P.O. Box 441 Chino, CA, 91708 Facility: B - Birch Hall (CIM)

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s)	Date of offense(s)	County of conviction(s)	Sentence(s)
211	1/24/1995	Los Angeles	6 months Probation
487(D)	1/13/1999	Los Angeles	Detained
69	8/9/2001	Hawthorne	Detained/Charged

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

The crimes of armed robbery were committed by me, and I took full responsibility for my actions. I committed and was arrested for 6 counts of robbery. No one was physically harmed nor would I ever do such a thing, but my very reckless behavior could have gotten someone hurt or worse. At the time of the crimes

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

My incarceration has granted me the ability to delve inside myself to grasp the devastating harm my past actions have caused my victims. The disgraceful crimes I committed are unforgettable, but if forgiven the process I've become would like to begin some-type of restorative efforts to earn back the

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

The harmful and frustrated individual I was in the past is not who I am today. Thanks to the help I received from all of the voluntary rehabilitative programs provided by the department of corrections, has allowed me to

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, TyREN ALLEN Gillison, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

(Question #2 attachment)

The purpose was monetary gain, but the person I am today knows there is absolutely nothing that can be said to downplay or justify my actions. That's why I have never tried to rationalize what was done, because wrong is wrong no matter how you look at it; as my mother says.

(Question #3 attachment)

Trust of society that was broken. I would like to help educate anyone that is misguided or troubled, and explain that there are so many positive ways to Succeed in Life. No matter what goes on in your personal life, there is never an excuse to commit crime for any reason. There is nothing worth going to prison for, and I learned that the hard way cause of a lapse in my moral judgment which was totally my fault. Hurting anyone physically or Mentally is wrong on so many levels, and most importantly is not what a decent human being does. The person I was in the past was not a decent human being, but the man I am today will continue to always conduct himself decently and humane without a second thought for the rest of my Life.

(Question #4 attachment)

Learn many of the necessary skills and tools needed to never resort to any type of crime again. Self-respect, self-confidence, humility and healthy communication are just some of the principles obtained that will continue to direct me on the correct path of positivity and maturity for not only myself; but my family and the community I've wronged. I meditate on the principles learned, and place them into action on a daily basis. I've made it a goal of the highest priority not to make another poor decision, and commit a crime of any kind. Even though that should have been my state of mind in the first place, we sometimes don't use the best judgment and have to learn things the hard way when it was not necessary. It's no exaggeration to say that I regret what I did everyday, and the things that have stayed on my mind is what I did to my victims and their families; as well as what I've done to my own family. I know it will never be forgotten the crime that I committed, but my hope is that you can sense that the man I am now has made a lifetime commitment to change. There is nothing in the world worth coming back to prison, and I can say that with 100% confidence in myself.

"We should always strive to be a much better person today, then we were yesterday."

And I am..... Hope you can sense that today.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Bobby Gonzales

In December 2003, Bobby Gonzales was 16 years old and wanted to prove himself to fellow gang members, James Lopez and Malik Alaybue. The three men drove through rival gang territory and spotted Nelson Mayorga and his girlfriend walking to their apartment. Mr. Lopez told Mr. Gonzales to "handle your business." Mr. Gonzales shot Mr. Mayorga six times in the back. Mr. Mayorga died the next day. On November 3, 2008, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Gonzales to 15 years to life for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement – a total term of 25 years to life.

Mr. Gonzales has been incarcerated for almost 15 years – nearly half his life – and is deeply remorseful for committing this crime. When submitting his request for commutation, Mr. Gonzales expressed, "I believe I have obtained the insight and maturity required to not only be granted parole, but to succeed on parole and to thrive as an asset to society. I believe this wholeheartedly because it is who I have already become while here in prison and is a direct result of my remorse and dedication to making a living amends."

While in prison, he has dedicated himself to rehabilitation and has devoted his time to self-improvement. Mr. Gonzales earned his GED in 2011, completed a vocational training program, and has participated in self-help programs including Alcoholics Anonymous, Criminal Thinking, Anger Management, and Victim Awareness. He routinely received above average work ratings. Mr. Gonzales has not been disciplined for a serious rule violation in nearly a decade. Mr. Gonzales has been commended by many correctional staff members for his positive and productive behavior. He contributed stories and poems for a prison newsletter, Word on the Yard. He has also facilitated Away With Words, an art, music, and poetry group dedicated to sharing artistic works with inmates via video. Mr. Gonzales organized chapel talent shows and participated in several music performances related to his music therapy group. In October 2018, Mr. Gonzales was given the opportunity to share his story and rehabilitative efforts with a group that included music artist Common, who noted that Mr. Gonzales was "one of the most insightful, enlightened individuals he had ever met" and a "living example of a transformed individual who can go on to do good in society."

I have taken into consideration not only the serious crime Mr. Gonzales committed, but also his age at the time, the difficult circumstances of his upbringing, his conduct in prison, and his substantial efforts to turn his life around. Mr. Gonzales chose a different path while incarcerated and has become an example to other inmates. I find that he deserves an earlier chance to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is ready to be released from prison.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Bobby Gonzales to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Bobby M. Gonzales Date of Birth: [redacted] 87 Inmate ID: F-25927

Address: Valley State Prison POB 92 Chowchilla, CA 93610 Facility: D1-12-1Up

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
2nd Degree Murder	12/22/2005	Santa Clara	15 to Life
Gun Enhancement	(same)	(same)	10-yr. Consecutive

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached Please

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached Please

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Attached Please

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

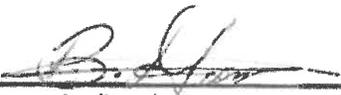
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I, Bobby Martin Gonzales, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Santa Clara with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

6/24/18
Date

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"Introduction"

B Gonzales

CDR# F25927

My name is Eddy Martin Gonzales and I take full responsibility for the murder of Nelson Mayorga on the night of Dec 22nd, 2013.

Although the following expresses an acknowledgement of my co-defendant James Lopez and the role he played in my thought process, I own my choices and make no attempt to minimize my actions or detract from the pain and suffering I have caused the entire Mayorga family including and especially Nelson's fiancée Sandra Ramirez and their son.

I am remorseful and deeply apologetic, so I only hope to provide a greater scope into the details of that night with honest descriptions to show who I was and what I have done to apply myself to the rehabilitative process.

"The Circumstances Of My Crime"

B. Gonzales

CDOR# F25927

Situation:

Two weeks after my 16th birthday, I was invited to a Bar & Grill on Bascom Road along with Malik Alyube, 18. James Lopez 24, was hosting a gathering there with his wife, daughter and several other "OG's" from "Varrio Horseshoe".

Upon leaving and getting into cars, I let James know that I was carrying a gun and he became excited with the idea of coming across "Scraps" (Surenos) and decided for all of the fellas to go by foot.

I chose to follow as we walked down San Carlos St. through Leigh Ave then on to Scott St. Every other corner we came to, the "OG's" yelled out "Horseshoe Gang!" bell gerantly and James asked me if I was "ready to ride?" in a rallying type manner.

I was not foreign to this kind of behavior however, James' words had great effect on me, especially when he looked me in the eyes and said "This is what separates the Real from the Fake."

We then reached the house without coming across anybody and James seemed to be disappointed. About 15 minutes later he says to Malik and I to go with him to get pizza. Once in the car, he explains after getting pizza, we can cruise through Cadillac Dr. (Known Surenos Neighborhood) if I'm down?

Thoughts:

The "OG's" are just drunk, be cool. Everything is under control, I got this. Wait... why's he questioning me like that? What's he mean "am I ready?" I ain't no punk! He doubts me, I know it. He remembers! He knows. He's saying I'm fake!
I have to prove myself once and for all.

Consequences:
(Positive)

Instant gratification. I proved James wrong for doubting me. I obtained the respect/status I desired, confirmation of my manhood and re-established safety and security within myself.

Consequences:
(Negative)

I selfishly murdered Nelson Mayorga. I severely traumatized Nelson's fiancée Silvia, as she witnessed me murder her soon to be husband and father of their unborn child. I also traumatized their unborn child due to feeling the effects of such a terrifying moment, along with the entire Mayorga family.

I received a life sentence and was forced to face the reality of the indoctrinated lies I foolishly chose to believe.

Beliefs:

I believed in violence as a solution.

I believed being a Norteño was my identity.

I believed in objectifying human beings.

I believed Sureños were my enemies.

I believed in status and desired it for myself.

Needs:

I needed to murder Nelson to feel secure in my manhood.

I needed to obtain the status James and the other "OGs" held which I perceived to be sickly dependent on whether or not I was ready to shoot & kill.

I needed to eliminate the "threat" I felt from James' questions because I perceived them to be in reference to the molestation I suffered at 5 yrs old.

Only James knew such a secret because he was the one who molested me.

So, I desperately needed to prove to James that I was a man, and with all my warped beliefs, my perception of a "Man" was being able to kill.

"Reasons For My Request and Why"

B. Gonzales

COOR#F25927

I am requesting a commutation because I believe I have obtained the insight and maturity required to not only be granted parole, but to succeed on parole and to thrive as an asset to society.

I believe this wholeheartedly because it is who I have already become while here in prison and is a direct result of my remorse and dedication to making a living amends.

I began soul searching before any change of law or political perspective on Youth Offenders and our Mental Health ever came along, which I believe further reflects the depth of my sincerity.

As my environment (FVSP IV Fac-A) was recorded as "Most Violent NY" I was promoting peace & positivity by writing and performing songs approved by administration to be recorded and broadcasted to the whole institution since 2010.

I then began to share my insight with others, creating a space for individual expression by facilitating "Music Art Therapy" supported by the Director of Mental Health and receiving praise from the Warden himself, then going on to co-found the Art, Music and Poetry group (A.M.P.) as an official I.L.T.A.G. in 2016.

All while also maintaining participation in other Self-Help Groups such as NA, CGA, Anger Management and Victim Awareness.

I am fortunate enough for SB26C to allow me the opportunity for a Y.O.P. hearing in 2023, however, I believe it'd be remiss of me to not continue to do all I can to make it home to my family even sooner. →

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ezequiel Gonzalez

In 2007, 15-year-old Ezequiel Gonzalez was at a party with fellow gang members. He got into a fight and shot John Santana in the chest. Mr. Santana survived, but suffered several broken ribs and a punctured lung. On October 25, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Gonzalez to 23 years for attempted murder with a firearm, great bodily injury, and gang enhancements.

Mr. Gonzalez is now 26 years old and has spent 10 years in prison. During that time, he has dramatically turned his life around. Mr. Gonzalez got sober, stopped associating with gangs, and turned away from violence while incarcerated. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct while in prison – a significant accomplishment. In his application for clemency, Mr. Gonzalez wrote, "I have matured and changed my lifestyle...I have the tools needed to become a contributing member of society; tools I can use to help at-risk youth avoid making horrible choices that victimize society." He earned his GED and is currently taking college classes. He has participated in numerous self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Moving Beyond Violence, and Victim Offenders Education. Mr. Gonzalez is active in an arts in corrections program, through which he mentors younger inmates. A correctional officer who worked with Mr. Gonzalez on the arts program commended him for his leadership and wrote, "He is the reason our Arts in Corrections class is so successful. Inmate Gonzalez E. is professional and is interested in seeing inmates learn to succeed when or if they get out of prison. . . . [He] really has a heart to see others succeed." Mr. Gonzalez has received positive work ratings, chaired a writer's group, and currently serves as a literacy tutor for other inmates. Mr. Gonzalez has also developed a strong plan to support himself following his release from prison.

Despite the serious pressures in prison and the lure of gangs and drugs, Mr. Gonzalez has rejected negative influences and demonstrated a commitment to rehabilitating himself. He is dedicated to self-improvement and helping those around him. For all of these reasons, I conclude that it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Gonzalez's sentence so he has an earlier opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ezequiel Gonzalez to make him eligible for a parole hearing by July 18, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Ezequiel Gonzalez Date of Birth: [redacted]-92 Inmate ID: AK2966

Address: CIM, Facility C, C4-246, P.O. Box 500 Chino, CA 91708 Facility: Facility C

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include: 664/187 Attempted Murder November 2007 Los Angeles 23 years; assault on peace officer July 2008 Los Angeles 23 years; Possession of a firearm July 2008 Los Angeles

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On November of 2007 I was at a party. I was 15-years old and intoxicated on a combination of marijuana and alcohol. During this party, I shot Johnny Santana in the chest with a .22. revolver, an act I should have never committed.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I would like a commutation because I have matured and changed my lifestyle in the past nine-years. I have the tools needed to become a contributing member of Society; tools I can use to help at-risk youth avoid making horrible choices that victimize Society.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I should be granted commutation because I will be an asset to society with my personal experience and developing intrapersonal skills; skills needed to reduce recidivism.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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I, Ezequiel Gonzalez, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

8-7-17
Date

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

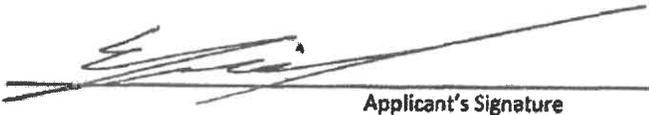
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Ezequiel Gonzalez,

was convicted of the crime of Attempted murder, assault on a peace officer, and a firearm,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of November 2007 and July 2008

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.



Applicant's Signature

8-7-17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Andrew Granger

In March 1980, Judith Barnett wanted to have her ex-husband, Howard Witkin, killed so that she could have full custody of their children. Andrew Granger, then 20 years old, was one of the men recruited to drive to California to kill Mr. Witkin. On March 20, 1980, Mr. Granger went to Mr. Witkin's door and shot him several times, killing him. On September 25, 1981, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Granger to life without the possibility of parole plus a four-year firearm enhancement.

Notably, Mr. Granger confessed to his role in this crime when he was interviewed by detectives. He said he was racked with guilt, and felt a moral obligation to testify against his co-defendants and did so. A prosecuting attorney in one of his crime partner's cases wrote a letter in support of Mr. Granger. He wrote, "In my 28 years as a prosecutor, I have never written a letter on behalf of a convicted murderer. Until now." The former prosecutor explained that Mr. Granger was an "extremely immature youth," who "truly regretted what he had done as a youth, and wanted to do whatever he could do make things right." He emphasized that Mr. Granger has now served almost 40 years in prison for this crime. And he urged clemency, saying, "I believe that justice has been served by the time he has spent in prison, and that further incarceration will serve no benefit or purpose."

Mr. Granger is now 58 years old and has been incarcerated for over 38 years. Despite serving all of these years without any possibility of parole, Mr. Granger has been dedicated to rehabilitation. He has only been disciplined for misconduct four times in nearly four decades. Mr. Granger has completed vocational training in sewing machine repair and carpentry. He has also participated in Alcoholics Anonymous, assisted with the start-up and coordination of the Electronics program at his prison, and participated in Arts in Corrections. He has also received exceptional work ratings and has earned praise from his supervisors.

A correctional officer who supervised Mr. Granger wrote, "Inmate Granger consistently aspires to a higher degree of job performance, and serves as an example to his fellow inmate workers. Inmate Granger has been utilized as a critical worker during periods of lockdowns and modified program, and has proven himself repeatedly to be a team player. I would strongly recommend inmate Granger to any future supervisor for any position within the institutional environment, or in any career he may pursue on the streets."

Mr. Granger committed a serious, violent crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his concerted efforts toward rehabilitation in prison. As a result, I believe that Mr. Granger has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Andrew Granger to 27 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Andrew Lee Granger Date of Birth: 1960 Inmate ID: C-36469
Address: Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility
480 Alta Road / San Diego, California 92179 Facility: E-24-A-101-3 Up

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
See Attached			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Not Applicable

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Andrew Lee Granger, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Santa Clara with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Mr. Andrew Lee Granger
Applicant's Signature

June 10, 2018
Date

---*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Not Applicable

1. Conviction Summary:

I have no previous criminal charges or convictions, misdemeanor or felony. Prior to my commitment offense, I only had moving violations / traffic citations. I am a "First Timer" in regards to my criminal history.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation.

In early March of nineteen eighty one (1981), I was approached by a childhood freind, Gary M. Oliver to be involved in a criminal enterprise of which he had become part of. Mr. Oliver told me that he had been approached by someone to kill another person. Mr. Oliver told me that he intended to drive to the state of California, and fullfill the "job" he had undertaken. Mr. Oliver asked me if I would be interested in making some money, and I responded that I would. Mr. Oliver told me that he only needed me to help him drive out to the state of California, and that he would in fact commit the murder.

I was reluctant at first, however, Mr. Oliver informed me that the intended victim was (supposedly) a "creep" and was known to have offered or provided drugs to his own minor children, and possibly even molested them as well.

Mr. Oliver was a childhood freind and confidant, and he (Mr. Oliver) was well aware that my late father Gideon Granger was a pedophile and that I had grown up under the umberella of a dysfunctional homelife. I harbored a great hatred for any person who harms innocents. Based on the information Mr. Oliver had given to me, I enjoined in the criminal enterprise. We purchased a vehicle (a Chevorlet - Chevell) and began driving to California. Approximately half way to our intended destination (San Jose, California) Mr. Oliver began to express doubts of his ability to follow through with the crime. Faced with the possibility of turning around and going home, and suffering the possible consequences of the unknown finacial backer of the crime, or pushing forward and completing the job some how, Mr. Oliver and I opted to continue to the state of California and complete the job which we had already taken a portion of payment. All the way to California, I continually told Mr. Oliver that he had gotten me into the situation, and it was up to him to do what he had put in motion.

2. Brief description of crime ..

When Mr. Oliver and I arrived in California, we initially wound up in the San Francisco area (due to misdirections) and once we found our way to the County of Santa Clara, we found the location of the residence of the intended victim, Mr. Howard L. Witkin. The man lived in a condominium in the city of Santa Clara, in a Cul Du Sac.

Fate took a turn, and the vehicle we were driving broke down, and we found ourselves stranded in the parking lot of a K-Mart on Fruitdale Avenue in San Jose. While milling around in the parking lot, trying desperately to determine what we would do, we met a young man and his girlfriend. The young man's name was Mr. Thomas Maciolic, and after speaking with him at length, a deal was struck where Mr. Maciolic would sell my partner Mr. Oliver and I an old pick-up truck and would assist us in doing a robbery (Mr. Oliver and I lied to Mr. Maciolic and told him we had come to California to rob a drug dealer.).

Late in the evening of March 23, 1980, Mr. Maciolic drove Mr. Oliver and I to the vicinity of the victim's home, and it was not until the last minute that it was decided, by myself, that I would have to be the one to go to the man's house and commit the crime. Mr. Maciolic dropped me off and I walked through back yards, armed with a firearm, a .22 calibre rifle (which I had brought with me as a 'back up weapon').

I made my way to Mr. Witkin's condominium and entered a small walkway by a wooden gate. I rang Mr. Witkin's doorbell, and stepped back into the shadows of the end of the walk. When Mr. Witkin answered his door, he stepped out into the light of his porch, and I closed my eyes and fired three (3) times. The bullets grazed Mr. Witkin across his mid section. He may have uttered something, an expletive or the like, and turned to go back the re-enter the home. As he went back in the home, and closed the door, I ran up to the front door, and paused for a moment.

2. Brief description of crime(...

In an instant, I made the decision to fire my weapon at the door. My thinking in the moment was that I could return to Michigan, and claim that I had tried to fulfill the obligation, but had missed my mark.

Tragically, what I did not know was that Mr. Witkin had not fled from the area directly in front of his door. Instead, he had placed his hands palms flat, on the door, in an attempt to keep the still unlocked door shut. The bullets passed through the door and struck Mr. Witkin, causing fatal wounds. Mr. Witkin fell in his own hallway, and died as a result my actions.

I immediately fled the area, and rejoined Mr. Oliver and Mr. Maciolic who were waiting in Mr. Maciolic's car a block or so away. Mr. Oliver and I stayed the night with Mr. Maciolic and his girlfriend, and the following day made telephone arrangements to have money sent via Western Union to give us the funds to purchase bus tickets and get home. At this time, neither Mr. Oliver or I actually knew if Mr. Witkin had even been hit or wounded.

Upon returning home, Mr. Oliver confirmed that it was already known in Michigan by the people who had paid the money, that Mr. Witkin had been shot and died of his wounds. It was not until then that I knew I had become a murderer.

A few months after the crime, I had been attempting to rebuild my life. I had a fiance and I had obtained work as a Potato Chip Truck Driver. I was picked up for questioning on June 5th of 1980, and after a short interview with the Michigan State Police and California Police, I made semi-culpible statements which would lead to my being officially arrested and charged with being part of the murder plot.

Once extradited to California, I cooperated with the authorities, and not only made statements which would condemn me, but I even made a video reenactment of the crime for the police.

2. Brief description of crime(s)....

I was charged with, tried for and convicted of the crimes of Murder in the First degree (P.C. §187), with the 'Special Circumstance' of Murder for Financial Gain, Conspiracy (P.C. §182) and the personal use of a firearm, to wit a rifle (P.C. §12022.5). After being found guilty at trial, I waived the 'Penalty Phase' and was sentenced to Life in Prison Without the Possibility of Parole, plus a two (2) year enhancement for the firearm violation. With respect to Count #2., the charge of Conspiracy, that count was stayed at sentencing and the stay was to become permanent once the first life term had been served.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

I take full responsibility for the killing of Mr. Howard L. Witkin. My aim and goal in seeking a commutation of my current term is based on the mitigating factors which are related to my youthful mental state at the time the crime took place, my willingness to cooperate with the authorities once I had been apprehended, and the efforts I have undertaken, since my incarceration to seek after and obtain rehabilitation.

When I entered the gates of San Quentin State Prison in November of 1981, I clearly recall thinking to myself that I would not allow those bleak walls to define how I would live my life from that point on.

I knew that I could not change any of the tragic events that led to my being in prison. The only thing I could change, was myself. I did not last long on the mainline at San Quentin. My problems started immediately stemming from the news that I was one of the individuals involved in the 'Witkin Murder Case' out of Santa Clara. I ended up lasting only eleven (11) days before being sent to administrative segregation (the 'Hole') based on safety and security issues.

In time, by Fate, I was allowed to be transferred to the Protective Housing Units, then located in the California Training Facility (CTF) at Soledad, California.

Beginning in the years I spent in those Protective Housing Units, I made every effort to recreate myself. To do away with the 'old me' and become the man I should have been all along.

In time, I transferred to another prison, the California Men's Colony (CMC) located near San Luis Obispo, California. While housed there in 1994, I was brought back to Santa Clara County to provide my testimony at the trial of Judith Barnett-Witkin-Singer. The ex-wife of the victim of my case. I testified as to my involvement, and provided the Court with the same truthful testimony as I had at my own trial in 1980/81.

3: Explain why you are requesting a commutation...

The Deputy District Attorney who prosecuted Ms. Barnett-Witkin-Singer, is a man named Richard J. Titus. Mr. Titus, subsequent to my providing testimony at Ms. Barnett-Witkin-Singer's trial formed an opinion as to my character since incarceration. In 2001, Mr. Titus, who at the time was still in the employ of the County of Santa Clara as a prosecutor, drafted and issued a correspondence, detailing his knowledge and involvement in this case, and my previous cooperation with law enforcement. (A copy of this letter is attached to this package.)

Over the years, I continued to pursue my goal of attaining relief, and though a lay person, and self-taught, I began filing Petitions in the Courts. Late 2017, I reacquainted myself with Mr. Titus. One of my (now grown) Nephews made contact with Mr. Titus, and as a result, I was able to contact him by mail. Mr. Titus responded in a correspondence in January of 2018. In this letter, Mr. Titus agreed that the time was ripe to apply for a pardon (meaning commutation) from Governor Brown. (A copy of this letter is attached to this package.)

On May 8th, 2018, Mr. Titus codified his knowledge and opinions of my situation, and drafted a correspondence, reflecting these thoughts. (A copy of this letter is attached to this package.)

As stated at the beginning of this explanation, my mental state was not fully developed at the time I killed Mr. Howard L. Witkin. I was a twenty (20) year old youth, with the mind of a person socially inept, and cognitatively truncated. As a juvenile offender, I did not have the skills to make sound decisions with respect to the events that took place. This is simply a fact, and not presented to minimize my involvement, only mitigate the circumstances. Nothing can ever change my guilt or culpability for the crime itself. I may only ask that the entire scope of the matter be reviewed and granted consideration for relief.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

I believe that I should be afforded a commutation based on several factors. First and foremost, it is well established by recent studies that the mental state of persons, under the age of twenty five (25) is not so far advanced as to allow persons to make rational judgements. I was just turned twenty (20) years young when I committed the act which caused an innocent person to lose their life. I was a 'Juvenile Offender' and had no previous criminal record before this case. I was not an incorrigible person.

Secondly, since my arrest, conviction and incarceration, I have continually strived to maintain a manner of living based on following a course of right action, as opposed to the chaos and self-destructive life I led up until my confinement. My prison record is not spotless, but I have only been subjected to disciplinary actions a few times, and never engaged in violence or the pursuit of alcohol or drugs.

Thirdly, I have now served thirty eight (38) years behind bars for my tragic decision making. I honestly feel that now that I am nearly sixty (60) years old, and have matured and grown, become more educated (earning an Associate of Arts Degree early in my term) and following a spiritual life, I am no longer the immature, dysfunctional youth I was once so long ago.

I cannot state definitively that I 'should' be granted a commutation, that is in the hands of Governor Edmund G. Brown, and a much Higher Power. I can state that I am not the person I was thirty eight (38) years ago, and that, if granted the ability to gain relief from incarceration, I will live my life to the fullest, and work daily to be an example of what a person who seeks to follow a course of right action is supposed to be.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Charles Tyree Green

Charles Green was convicted of killing his coworker Harold Golden in a parking garage in 1982. On February 10, 1987, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Green to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one-year deadly weapon enhancement.

Mr. Green is now 64 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 36 years. During that time, he has maintained an excellent record and has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence. He has only been disciplined five times during nearly four decades in prison. Mr. Green has participated in self-help programs including Victim Awareness, Relapse Prevention, and Denial Management. He has maintained a positive work record, and routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors. In the event of his release, Mr. Green's family is prepared to help him transition back into the community and provide him with the resources he needs. Additionally, two public defenders who have worked with Mr. Green support his application for clemency.

Additionally, Mr. Green's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. At the Board's meeting, a representative from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office opined that it would be appropriate to commute Mr. Green's sentence to allow him a chance at parole. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Green.

For all of these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Green's sentence so that he can make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Charles Tyree Green to a total of 36 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Charles Tyree Green 3-136 Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1954 Inmate ID: D50639

Address: PO Box 4000, Vacaville, California 95696 Facility California State Prison Solano

Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. -	
Offense: Murder	Date of offense(s): July 25, 1986
County of Conviction: Alameda	Sentences(s): Life without the Possibility of Parole

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Charles was convicted of a crime that occurred in Oakland California in a parking garage that was open to the public in an unsecured dangerous section of downtown Oakland. The garage had homeless people and drug dealers and buyers wandering in and out of the garage, known to shelter in the corners of the garage at night and early evening. Charles worked at the garage as a janitor with the victim Mr. Golden the garage cashier. They worked together for years with no problems or arguments. Mr. Golden's work duties required him to close up the garage at night. The garage manager was a retired homicide detective for the Oakland Police Department. The manager would berate Charles in front of people and often call him to report to work on his off days. If Charles said he could not come into work, the manager threaten to fire him. The manager made out the work schedules. Prior to the murder the week of the murder Charles had been scheduled for five days -.

On February 11, 1982, Mr. Golden's body was found in the trunk of his car a block away from the garage. He had been stabbed multiple times and hit with an object. The trunk of the car had a voluminous amount of blood. There was no forensic evidence, no fingerprints, or DNA that belonged to Charles - nothing. After Mr. Golden was found the police failed to contact Charles, go to his home or impound his car. The police waited for Charles to report to work. They had ample time to investigate and search the garage, the lockers or collect evidence.

When Charles reported to work as scheduled the police was waiting for him. They asked him if he knew what had happen to Mr. Golden - he answered no. They asked him if he would answer questions down at the police department - he said yes. They told him they would drive him to police headquarters and promise to bring him back to work. Charles had never been in trouble so he had no reason to mistrust the police so he went with them. The police had a tape recorder in their car they could have taken a statement from Charles at the garage in the manager's office.

Charles is a trusting man with a diminished IQ. His mental disorder is a need to trust people and please authority. When Charles was leaving with the garage with the police he heard the garage manager say to the officers "I finally got that "Nigger"". Accustom to the manager's insults Charles failed to understand the brevity of the statement.

When Charles arrived at police headquarters the police locked him in an interrogation room with two detectives. One of the detectives - Sitterud a friend of the garage manager told Charles he would be free to leave anytime he was ready - to go. Charles was questioned without receiving his Miranda Warnings for 5 hours under intense police coercion and threats - they denied him bathroom relief. He asked to leave many times and the police told him no. Charles was locked up in an interrogation room a total of 12 hours without a bathroom break. Charles was unlawfully in police custody without being given his Miranda Rights.

During the interrogation Sitterud told Charles if he had nothing to hide he should give them permission to search his work locker. Charles gave his consent to search his work locker. He had nothing to hide. The locker was unlocked and accessible to anyone that wanted to look in it.

Detective Sitterud left Charles locked up in the interrogation room with another detective. While he supposedly went back to the garage to search the unlocked locker and the garage basement. When he returned to the interrogation room he told Charles he found the objects used to murder Mr. Golden in a brown bag in a dumpster outside of the garage and overalls in the unlocked locker with blood on the pant leg. It should be noted if the overalls been worn during the commission of this crime they would have been completely covered in blood.

The area where these items were found was open to the public. People wandered in and out of the garage area and customers parked in that area. Charles kept an extra pair of work overalls in his locker, and the janitorial supplies were accessible to anyone that needed them.

Sitterud was abusive and physically threatening. Charles asked him if he was in trouble. Confused and scared he asked if he could go home. Charles didn't know to ask for an attorney since he had never been in trouble. He had not been Mirandized.

When Sitterud returned from the garage he told Charles he knew he murdered Mr. Golden – Charles told him he did not commit the murder and ask to call home to talk with his Mother. His Mother was not home – he talked with his younger sister – who told him she would tell their Mother where he was. Charles answered the police questions and they told him for hours he was lying. They intentionally locked Charles in an interrogation room with no intention of releasing him – without probable cause all to elicit a false confession.

The Miranda Warning were given after the police promised he would be released if he admitted to the crime. Charles' told the police he was confused and he was trying to think – he him "if he was in trouble" He had no clue what was happening to him. Naïve and scared Charles believed and trusted the police. The police told him they were his friend and would let him go home if he admitted to killing Mr. Golden. Believing them Charles made an involuntary confession after police promises of release to go home. Charles did not appreciate the gravity of what was happening to him.

As soon as Charles signed the false confession Sitterud told the other detective we've got our "Nigger" the same thing the garage manager said when Charles left the garage. They Mirandized him after he signed the false confession - Sitterud told Charles "you're going to jail you're not going home but we'll visit you in jail because we're your friend".

The police resumed their coercive interrogating tactics leaving him in a windowless, locked interrogation room without a bathroom break until 10 p.m.

Charles' constitutional 4th 5th and 14th amendment rights were violated and his disability exploited. The Oakland polices' psychological coercion under the extreme, isolating conditions improperly forced him to confess to a crime he did not commit.

At the voluntariness hearing at trial Dr. Stein found Charles' confession was not voluntary but was the result of isolation and his innate mental capacities and psychological vulnerabilities and the polices' coercive techniques. The Oakland Police Department took advantage of Charles'. They detained a man with a disability him for more than 12 hours. They lied and made false promises in exchange for his false confession. The police acted illegally

Charles' fingerprints were never found on any of the objects the police said were used in the crime, nor were they found in or on victim's car. No DNA was found - the site was bloody and yet no blood was found on Charles' work boots or shoes. The police went to Charles' home but failed to conduct evidence gathering test to collect DNA evidence that would implicated Charles. The police did conduct evidence gathering on the victim, the victims' car and on his body. No DNA evidence belonging to Charles nor any fingerprints were found belonging to Charles. The police lied and tricked him into giving a false confession in exchange for him being released from an illegal imprisonment.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary)

Charles is an innocent man. Charles is not a violate person. The police never explored or investigated leads that someone else was responsible for Mr. Golden's murder. or followed these leads.

Prior to trial The Alameda County District Attorney's Office offered a plea bargain agreement of 20 years with the possibility of parole – Charles refused the pled agreement because he believed the truth would come out that trial that would prove him innocent of the crime.

Charles is a nonviolent man has served more than 30 years in prison peacefully. He works in the prison kitchen and as a janitor. He also counsels his fellow inmates. Charles has been in prison for more than half his life.

Charles' trial attorneys were not qualified to present him – Michael Ogul, a recent law school graduate and Howard Harpham an employment law contract attorney for the city of Albany had both been recently hired by the Alameda Public Defenders Office. Neither had defended a first degree murder case with special circumstances. Neither were competent to represent him.

Post sentencing on May 24, 1988, Michael Ogul filed a pro se litigant appeal for Charles with the California Court of Appeals. The appeal brief failed to include critical appealable trial errors and omissions. When attorney Ogul was questioned about the omissions in the appeal brief he told Charles' sister "you get what you pay for"

The District Attorney assigned to try the case had never tried a murder trial. In his opening statement to the jury he told the jury Charles had confessed to the murder. A mistrial should have resulted. The Judge assigned to the trial – was a newly appointed judge who had never tried a murder trial or any trial.

On October 8, 1993, Charles sought federal habeas corpus relief challenging his state conviction in Alameda County Superior Court No. 74716.

In 1995, Charles' mother hired and paid attorney Frank Prantil more than 15,000.00 to file a habeas petition for Charles. On March 6, 1995, Charles received notice that his appeal had been denied by the Ninth Circuit in *Green v. James H. Gomez*, Director of Department of Corrections of the State of California, case no. 9515901.

On March 6, 1995, Atty. Prantil filed a notice of appeal. The U.S. District Court issued a certificate of probable cause on May 9, 1995. After filing an opening brief in the Ninth Circuit, Prantil filed a motion to stay the appellate proceedings and to remand to the district court for an evidentiary hearing. The request to raise an ineffective assistance of counsel claim of trial counsel.

On September 29, 1995, the 9th circuit court of appeals denied the motion without prejudice to renew with an indication that the district court was willing to hear and make a finding on the motion to vacate the judgment.

On November 13, 1995, the US District Court issued an order expressing its "Willingness to Vacate the Judgment and Dismiss the Habeas Corpus Petition" The court order stated that the ineffective assistance claim appeared to be unexhausted and stated that the Court "would entertain a motion to vacate the judgment denying the petition and enter in its place an order of dismissal without prejudice of the mixed petition" See No. 95-15901, docket #17.

On November 20, 1995, the respondent filed a motion for oral argument in the Ninth Circuit. The respondent stated that he was filing a motion for remand to the district court without prejudice: with the understanding that the district court would dismiss the petition without prejudice so that the respondent could raise a Fourth Amendment claim before the California Supreme Court. On the same day, the respondent filed a second motion in the Ninth Circuit to remand the case to the district court on a limited basis and for a stay of the proceedings. In his motion, respondent asked the California Court of Appeals to remand the case to the U.S. District court so the district court could dismiss the petition without prejudice.

On March 7, 1996, the Ninth Circuit granted the motion and dismissed the appeal without prejudice. On June 5, 1996, the district court granted Charles' motion to vacate the judgment and dismiss the petition without prejudice so Charles could exhaust the additional challenge to the state court conviction.

On April 24 1996 before the district court had granted the motion to vacate the judgment and dismiss his petition the Anti-terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA) was signed into law. Because Charles' conviction was finalized before the AEDPA became effective the filing deadline for his federal habeas petition became April 23, 1997.

What this meant for Charles is he had a one year statute of limitation imposed and the time started April 25, 1996 the day after the enactment. Attorney Prantil told Charles his state habeas petition should be filed by June 4, 1997 instead of April 23, 1997. On that date Attorney Prantil filed a second state habeas petition which was denied on October 29, 1997. Attorney Prantil demanded more money from Mrs. Green Charles' mother to file a new habeas petition with the U.S. District Court. The case was given a new case no. 98-4237. The court dismissed the case as untimely. The federal case was not filed for more than a year after the California court denied the petition as untimely.

On September 5, 2000, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the dismissal on the grounds that it was untimely. Attorney Prantil received more money after demanding that Charles pay for another habeas brief. In 2001, Mrs. Green discovered that Attorney Prantil was shamming her after receiving information that the second federal petition was dismissed as untimely. Mrs. Green Charles' mother filed a State Bar complaint against Attorney Prantil.

On November 20, 2002, the State Bar of California filed a notice of disciplinary action based on Charles' case and another case. On

January 10, 2006, after a trial the State Bar issued findings of fact and conclusions of law, finding that attorney Prantil acted incompetently in handling Charles case and unethically when he tried to convince Charles to withdraw his complaint with the State Bar. The court held that Charles had been denied his day in court and that Attorney Prantil should be disbarred.

In December 2006, the State Bar Court ordered Mrs. Green, Charles' mother (now 93 years old) be reimbursed the \$14,500.00 she paid Attorney Prantil.

In January 2007, Mrs. Green retained Attorney John Balazs to review the record and represent Charles. On November 8, 2007, in light of the State Courts January 10, 2006 ruling and disbarment of attorney Prantil, on November 8, 2007 a 60(b) Federal Rule of Civil Procedure motion was filed with the US District Court for the Northern District of California and on January 31, 2008 a noticed for a hearing was filed by retained counsel John Balazs.

On March 19, 2008, U.S. District Judge, Claudia Wilken, granted the 60(b) motion for relief from the Court's 1996 order which vacated its 1995 judgment and dismissed his first federal habeas petition without prejudice. The court reinstated the order denying the 1993 petition on the merits and the judgment thereon, and the related certificate of probable cause filed in 1995.

The court noted that Charles' petition was now ripe for review on appeal under the pre-AEDPA standards. The Court deferred whether further briefing would be required by the Ninth Circuit and if Charles could not afford counsel on appeal, he could move for the appointment of counsel.

See attached: No. 93-3672 CW, C.A. No. 95-15901- Order Granting Petitioners Motion for Relief from the Court's Order Vacating Judgment and Dismissing Petition Without Prejudice; See also Order, May 9, 1995; Certificate of Probable Cause, No. C93-03672.

On March 31, 2008 a motion was filed to reinstate Charles' appeal no.95-15901 and filed new briefs. There was a new notice of appeal filed April 17, 2008 as a precautionary measure pending the Ninth Circuit's ruling the new notice of appeal was assigned no. 08-15949. The court consolidated the two appeal nos. 95-15901 and 08-15949.

On April 1, 2009, attorney John Balazs, submitted to the Ninth Circuit an Appellant Brief and request for oral argument

On January 13, 2010, the Ninth Circuit heard oral argument of the appeals. Mid-way through oral arguments for Charles Justice Kozinski said this case is too old and cut off Attorney Balazs. The court denied a rehearing. The court cut off John Balazs and denied Charles an opportunity for a fair trial or to be heard. There are no other avenues for justice that remain for Charles. This commutation of his sentence is his last result.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Charles Mother is 94 years old. Her only wish is to see Charles a free man before she dies. She had no money at the time to hire an attorney for a proper defense of Charles and she is burden that when she did hire an attorney to appeal his conviction she was shamed. He is a nonviolent person and has conducted himself as a nonviolent during his entire incarceration. He does not belong to any gangs and only seeks peace and love of God. He has always been this way – and is not a jail house converse to God.

He was offered a 20 year plea bargain with parole at trial. He turned it down because he believed the court would see and find the truth – that he was innocent.

He has now served more than 30 years – more than half of his life in prison, and 10 more years than the DA originally offered him. The Green family respectfully request his sentence be commuted. Charles has served more than 30 years peacefully he was forced into a false confession. The commutation of his sentence would mean his 94 year old mother could rest in peace when she leaves this world. She is tormented by the fact she was unable to obtain an attorney for Charles at the time of his illegal arrest and that she too believed that the truth would come to light. She was duped by a slam artist attorney. An attorney that the State Bar of California disbarred.

Charles has suffered with ineffective incompetent attorneys at the trial level and the appellant level. Until 2008, when he was able to retain John Balasz – but Mr. Balasz was cut-off during oral argument when Ninth Circuit said the case was too old. The case may be old – but Charles is a man and he deserves mercy, justice and the protections of our United States Constitution. He is now barred from judicial redress. Clemency through commutation of his sentence is his and our family's only hope. Charles was poor, black with an IQ of 70 (disable). He has served more than 30 years - 10 years more than the plea agreement offered by the DA.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Charles Tyree Green declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)

California that I have served the District Attorney of Alameda, -----, -----, ----- with notice of my
intent to
apply for a commutation. (Name of County*)

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the fifying of perjury charges against me.

Charles Green
Applicant's Signature

8/30/17
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Alameda County:

Please take notice that I Charles Tyree Green, was convicted of the crime of Murder, committed in Alameda County, California on the date of July 25, 1986 I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Charles Tyree Green

Applicant's Signature

8/30/17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____ do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jose Green

On January 31, 2013, armed with a handgun, Jose Green drove himself and a friend into rival gang territory where Mr. Green's friend fatally shot Farrell Smith. The pair had incorrectly identified Mr. Smith as a rival gang member. On October 26, 2015, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Green to 15 years to life.

Mr. Green was 17 years old when he participated in this murder. In his application for executive clemency, he expressed remorse for his crime stating, "I can only imagine the pain Farrell, his fiancée, family, and the community went through." Mr. Green said, "I am no longer that 17 year old that I was back then. . . I made a horrible, disgusting mistake that absolutely, without any doubt, will not happen again by my hands, by my leave, or with my participation."

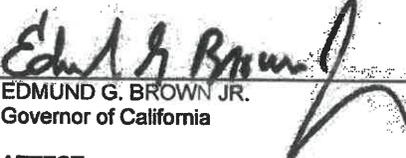
Mr. Green demonstrated his desire and willingness to put his life on a productive path by quickly embracing opportunities for self-improvement and rehabilitation. He dropped out of his gang and earned his high school diploma in 2013. In 2016, Mr. Green enrolled in college courses at Palo Verde College. He has completed computer-related vocational training and is now enrolled in a vocational masonry program. He has never been disciplined for violence in prison. Mr. Green has participated in self-help groups, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Gang Awareness and Recovery, and Inside Out Writers' Group. He also participated in the Life's Too Short Youth Diversion Program. Mr. Green has the support of his immediate family, and a plan to live in transitional housing and utilize his trade skills upon his release.

Mr. Green was just 17 when he was involved in this senseless crime. In light of his efforts to change and his positive conduct in prison, Mr. Green has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is ready to be released from prison.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jose Green to a total of 10 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jose R. Green JR Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Inmate ID: A73200

Address: Ironwood ST. Prison P.O. Box 2199 Facility: B1/136

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
2nd Degree Murder	1-31-13	L.A. County	15 to Life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Travis R. Green JR. declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

11.18.13

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of L.A. County: Please take notice that I, Jose R. Green JR.,

was convicted of the crime of 2nd Degree Murder,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of January 31, 2013.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Applicant's Signature

RECEIVED
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

11.18.13
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Woelfel #10, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Jose Green Jr.,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Woelfel

Date 1/10/18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Attachment:

Pg. 1, Q#2: I was first being charged with murder in the first degree up until October of the year 2015 where I pled no contest to 2nd degree murder. My crime was in complete violation of Penal Code § 187(a) and was not only unlawful but inhuman. A man by the name of Farrell Smith was shot and killed for no apparent reason. Although I may have not been the man behind the smoking gun, I might as well have been. Through recovery, I am gaining the understanding that I am just as guilty as he

Pg. 1, Q#3: I, Jose Romeo Green Jr., am requesting a commutation because I am no longer that 17 year old that I was back then. Yes, I haven't been incarcerated as long as most but who states how long one has to be in prison to change? My need to be a better person has come earlier than some simply based on empathy. I can only imagine the pain Farrell, his fiancé, family and the community went through. For me to be the cause of so much pain is what pains me most. I was raised better than that. I am paying for my life crime, but, personally, I don't believe that any of this time can bring closure to anyone. A man lost his life, a mother lost her son, a woman lost her lover, and children lost their father. No matter the sentence, they cannot get him back. I have been looking inside myself and I truly am changing. I think I can be of use to society instead of being a constant drain on the state. I made a horrible, disgusting mistake that absolutely, without any doubt, will not happen again by my hands, by my leave, or with my participation. All I request, humbly, is for the mercy that I should have shown Mr. Smith.

Pg. 1, Q#4: Briefly, I shouldn't be granted anything because of my sins and past actions. I simply don't deserve it. However, I want to be granted a commutation because I am not a menace to society. Back when I committed the murder of Farrell Smith, I was a troubled, lost boy who chose the wrong path but now I'm a 22 year old man who knows himself well enough to assure society that I will be a productive, law-abiding citizen. I, like yourself, am a human being and I'm 100% sure that a second chance will be all I need to show my growth from a boy to a man. My amends to all of my victims will not only be seen as true but will be carried with me all the days of my life.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Steven Green

On January 26, 1992, Steven Green and Frankie Aragon picked up 16-year-old Elizabeth Lozano and 13-year-old Tayde Vasquez. At some point during the evening, Ms. Lozano became upset with Ms. Vasquez and told Mr. Green that she wanted to assault Ms. Vasquez, steal her jewelry, and shoot her. Ms. Lozano asked Mr. Green for a gun, which Mr. Green provided. Ms. Lozano initiated a fight with Ms. Vasquez, then shot her twice, killing her. On August 7, 1992, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Green to life without the possibility of parole for first-degree murder plus a one-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Green has been incarcerated for over 26 years and is now 45 years old. Without minimizing the significance of his crime, Mr. Green told a Board investigator that he is seeking a commutation because he believes he has changed his life for the better. Mr. Green was 18 years old at the time of this crime and admits that he was actively involved with gangs. However, he has since demonstrated a sincere desire to turn his life around. Since being incarcerated, Mr. Green has dropped out of the gang and has never been disciplined for violence. He has earned his GED, six A.A. degrees, and a certificate in small business management. Mr. Green has also participated in self-help programming, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Tools for Positive Decision Making, and Victim Awareness. He currently serves as Chairman on the Men's Advisory Committee.

Mr. Green has also earned the respect of staff members who interact with him on a daily basis. In 2018, an academic teacher commended Mr. Green on his "dedication to achieving educational goals and demonstrating tremendous personal change and growth through rehabilitation and education." Also, in 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Green on his leadership qualities, noting that he "has also shown a maturity that does not define criminal behavior." In 2013, the warden at Calipatria State Prison commended Mr. Green on his positive attitude towards staff and inmates and his role in creating the Institutional Athletic Organization. The warden wrote, "I have known Inmate Green, for approximately 13 years, and believe that he has not only worked hard to successfully rehabilitate himself through his own efforts, but also has assisted others in completing the mandatory stress and anger management course required to participate in this group." In 2009, a correctional officer commended Mr. Green on his participation in self-help programs and positive influence on other inmates, noting, "Although Inmate Green was a former gang member he has since relinquished all ties and affiliations, and has made a one hundred and eighty degree turn in his life style." Mr. Green has strong family and community support, including from his wife, friends, and non-profit organizations. More than 3,000 citizens have signed a petition supporting his release from prison.

Despite serving a sentence that offered him no hope of future release, Mr. Green has demonstrated a commitment to self improvement through education, rehabilitation, and community service. He is considered a model for other inmates by those who have seen his growth and maturity first hand. For these reasons, I believe Mr. Green has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he suitable for parole.



THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Steven Green to a total of 26 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Steven Allen Green Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1973 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: Ironwood State Prison, A4-241, P.O. box 2229, Blythe, CA 92226

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
First Degree Murder/robbery	1-26-1992	Los Angeles	LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I would like to have my sentenced reduced to 25 years to life with the possibility of parole so that I can appear before the parole board and have an opportunity to be released on parole and become a productive member of society.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Tracy Lum, 46 S. Del Puerto Ave., Ste. B #106, Patterson, CA 95363 \$5,500

2. Circumstances of the offense:

On January 26, 1992, Steven, was driving with three other friends, Gabriel Littlejohn, Frankie Aragon, Elizabeth Lozano (aka Dreamer) and the victim. (Preliminary Hearing Transcript, pp. 11-14 (Exhibit A) My Life Crime, p. 1 (Exhibit B).) At one point they stopped and while everyone else was outside of the car, the victim, a 13 year old girl, told Mr. Littlejohn that Dreamer was going to set up Steven and Aragon. (Exhibit A, pp. 14, 20.) Mr. Littlejohn told Steven what the victim had said. (Exhibit A, pp. 14-15.) Steven then confronted Ms. Lozano about this. (Exhibit A, pp. 15, 20; Exhibit B, p. 1.) They all got back in the car and drove off. (Exhibit A, p. 15; Exhibit B, p. 1.) They stopped again so Aragon could steal hubcaps from a VW bug for his car. (Exhibit A, pp. 15, 20; Exhibit B, p. 1.) While Aragon was stealing hub caps, Ms. Lozano told Steven that she wanted to rob the victim, maybe beat her up and take her shoes, make her walk home and maybe shoot her. (Exhibit A, pp. 20-22; Exhibit B, p. 1.) Steven told Ms. Lozano he did not want to do that. (Exhibit A, pp. 22-23; Exhibit B, p. 1.) Steven told Mr. Aragon Ms. Lozano's plan and Mr. Aragon also said he did not want to do that. (Exhibit A, p. 23; Exhibit B, p. 1.) Again they all got back in the car and drove to Mr. Littlejohn's residence and dropped him off. (Exhibit A, pp. 15-16, Exhibit B, p. 1.)

The remaining four went to a park, and Steven, Ms. Lozano and the victim walked down a nature trail. (Exhibit A, p. 23; Exhibit B, p. 2.) Ms. Lozano told Steven she wanted to go through with the plan and asked for the gun. (Exhibit A, p. 23; Exhibit B, p. 2.) Steven gave her the gun and Ms. Lozano told the victim to take off her rings. (Exhibit A, p. 23; Exhibit B, p. 2.) Once Ms. Lozano had the rings she started fighting with the victim and knocked her to the ground. (Exhibit A, pp. 23-24, 39; Exhibit B, p. 2.) Ms. Lozano then pulled out the gun and shot the victim twice in the head at point-blank range. (Exhibit A, p. 24; Exhibit B, p. 2; People v. Lozano, January 14, 2016 Opinion, p. 7 (Exhibit C).) Ms. Lozano lied to the detectives about her involvement in the murder when she was interviewed, stating that she was in the car when the victim was murdered. (Exhibit A, p. 33.)

Later, they went back to Mr. Littlejohn's residence and Ms. Lozano admitted shooting the victim. (Exhibit A, p. 30; Exhibit C, p. 7.) Foot prints consistent with the shoes and size of Ms. Lozano's feet were found at the murder scene. (Exhibit A, p. 40.)

Steven was **18 years old** at the time of the crime. (Probation Officer's Report, p. 1 ([DOB: 10/1/73], p. 2 [Offense committed 1/26/92] (Exhibit D).) Steven's sentencing judge expressed his opinion that had the District Attorney sought the death penalty, the jury would **not** have given that sentence. (Sentencing Transcript, p. 12 (Exhibit E).) The judge also commented that the bailiff found Steven to be a good person and that he was fond of him. (Exhibit E, pp. 12-13.) **The sentencing judge seemed to regret that he was obligated by law to impose a sentence of life without the possibility of parole and urged Steven to hope that a Governor or a change in law would intervene so that Steven would have an opportunity to be released from prison.** (Exhibit E, pp. 13-14.) Although, he was pretty sure that the Youth Authority would not accept a person sentenced to life without, the judge personally made a call

to see if there was anyway the Youth Authority could house Steven until he was 25 years old. (Exhibit E, p. 15.)

Elizabeth Lozano was 16 years old at the time of the crime and due to recent enactment of SB 394, she is now eligible for parole in February 2019 despite originally being sentenced to life without possibility of parole. (People v. Lozano, November 9, 2017 Opinion, pp. 4-5 (Exhibit F); Inmate Board Actions (Exhibit G).)

Steven takes full responsibility for his crime. (Statement of Responsibility (Exhibit H).) He has considerable remorse for the pain and suffering he has caused. (Remorse Letters (Exhibit I); Psychological Evaluation/Risk Assessment, p. 2 (Exhibit J).) Steven's juvenile record consists of an arrest for possession of spray paint and battery, but neither petition was sustained. (Exhibit D, p. 5.) He has a burglary charge that was sustained for which he received 30 days in juvenile hall. (Exhibit D, p. 5.)

4. Reasons Clemency should be granted:

Youth Offender Factors:

Under California law, a youth offender is a person who commits a crime before the age of 26. (Pen. Code § 3051, subd. (b).) "Scientific evidence on adolescence and young adult development and neuroscience shows that certain areas of the brain, particularly those affecting judgment and decision-making, do not develop until the early-to mid-20s." (Senate Committee on Public Safety Hearing on AB 1308, June 27, 2017, p. 3 (Exhibit K).) "Research has shown that the prefrontal cortex doesn't have nearly the functional capacity at age 18 as it does at 25." (Exhibit K, p. 3.) "The prefrontal cortex is responsible for a variety of important functions of the brain including: attention, complex planning, decision making, impulse control, logical thinking, organized thinking, personality development, risk management, and short-term memory." (Exhibit K, p. 3.) "These functions are highly relevant to criminal behavior and culpability." (Exhibit K, p. 3) Regarding youth offenders, the Legislature has found that "only a relatively small proportion of adolescents" who engage in illegal activity "develop entrenched patterns of problem behavior," and that "developments in psychology and brain science continue to show fundamental differences between juvenile and adult minds," including "parts of the brain involved in behavior control." The Legislature recognizes that youthfulness both lessens a juvenile's moral culpability and enhances the prospect that, as a youth matures into an adult and neurological development occurs, these individuals can become contributing members of society. (Senate Bill 260, p. 3 (Exhibit L.) Regarding youth offenders, the Legislature has found that "only a relatively small proportion of adolescents" who engage in illegal activity "develop entrenched patterns of problem behavior," and that "developments in psychology and brain science continue to show fundamental differences between juvenile and adult minds," including "parts of the brain involved in behavior control." The Legislature recognizes that youthfulness both lessens a juvenile's moral culpability and enhances the prospect that, as a youth matures into an adult and neurological development occurs, these individuals can become contributing members of society. (Exhibit L, p. 3.)

The United States Supreme Court has identified “three significant gaps between juveniles and adults.” (*Miller v. Alabama* (2012) 567 U.S. 460, 471.) “First, children have a lack of maturity and an underdeveloped sense of responsibility, leading to recklessness, impulsivity, and heedless risk-taking. (*Ibid.* quoting *Roper v. Simmons* (2005) 543 U.S. 551, 569 (*Roper*) (Internal quotation marks omitted.)) “Second, children are more vulnerable . . . to negative influences and outside pressures, including from their family and peers; they have limited control over their own environment and lack the ability to extricate themselves from horrific, crime-producing settings.” (*Ibid.* quoting *Roper, supra*, 543 U.S. at p. 569 (Internal quotation marks omitted.)) “And third, a child’s character is not as well formed as an adult’s; his traits are less fixed and his actions less likely to be evidence of irretrievable depravity.” (*Ibid.* quoting *Roper, supra*, 543 U.S. at p. 570 (Internal quotation marks omitted.))

Mr. Governor, **Steven was only 18 years old at the time of the crime.** (Exhibit D, pp. 1-2.) I ask that you keep the above factors in mind as you consider whether to afford Steven an opportunity to prove his rehabilitation and possibly obtain release from prison. Steven has gained insight into his past behavioral problems and has thoroughly addressed them. (Exhibit J, 13.)

Steven’s mother was a 14-year-old child when she became pregnant with him by a neighbor, and gave birth to him when she was only 15. (Exhibit J, p. 2.) In the early years of Steven’s life he was shuffled back-and-forth between his mom and grandparents. (Exhibit J, p. 2.) Due to these frequent moves in his life, young Steven developed the feeling that nobody wanted him and that he did not belong anywhere. (Causative Factors Which Led to Tayde Vasquez’s Murder, p. 1 (Exhibit M).) As a result of the frequent moves, Steven found it difficult to make friends and became a loner. (Exhibit M, p. 1.) These feeling were exacerbated by the fact that his biological father was absent from his life until he was in the 5th grade. (Exhibit M, p. 1.) His father only remained his Steven’s life for about six months when he was tragically killed when the gas truck he was driving flipped over, exploded and was engulfed in flames. (Exhibit H, p. 4; Exhibit M, p. 1.) His father’s sudden death left Steven with a deeper feeling that he was alone. (Exhibit M, p. 1.) As a result, Steven developed abandonment issues and low self-esteem, which contributed to his decision to join a gang. (Exhibit M, p. 1.)

Young Steven was also exposed to domestic violence throughout his childhood. (Exhibit J, p. 3.) His mother chose the men in her life poorly. (Exhibit M, pp. 1-2.) Almost all the men who came into and went out of Steven and his mother’s lives were physically abusive and criminal. (Exhibit M, pp. 1-2.) Steven witnessed his mother being savagely beaten by men numerous times. (Exhibit M, pp. 1-2.) Steven’s mother was also physically and emotionally abusive toward him and his sister. (Exhibit J, p. 3; Exhibit M, pp. 1-2.) His mother punched him, beat him with belts and destroyed any material thing that young Steven valued. (Exhibit J, p. 3; Exhibit M, pp. 1-2.) All of this caused Steven to develop emotional detachment and numbing, led to feelings of helplessness, depression and losing interest in things at which he excelled. (Exhibit J, p. 3.)

Young Steven was also exposed to criminal behavior to the point that it was normalized for him. (Exhibit J, p. 3; Exhibit M, pp. 2-3.) His mother and stepfather were drug dealers and

instilled a distrust of authorities. (Exhibit J, p. 3; Exhibit M, pp. 2-3.) By the time he was in the fifth grade, his mother got him involved in assisting in her drugs deals. (Exhibit J, p. 3.) Steven learned from the example set by his mother and stepfather and began to steal to earn "pocket change." (Exhibit J, p. 3; Exhibit M, pp. 2-3.) His mother never punished him for this behavior. (Exhibit M, pp. 2-3.)

Steven became calloused and emotionally detached and blamed himself for not being able to protect his mother from the abusive men that passed through her life. (Exhibit J, p. 3; Exhibit M, pp. 3-4.) He also developed an inferiority complex regarding his ethnicity due to being Mexican, but appearing to be Caucasian. (Exhibit J, p. 3; Exhibit M, pp. 3-4.)

Steven's stepfather was also a gang member and they lived in a gang area. (Exhibit M, p. 3.) Not surprisingly, Steven began associating with a gang and was officially "jumped in" in the 9th grade. (Exhibit J, p. 2-3.) He felt that the gang provided him stability that he lacked in his home life. (Exhibit J, p. 3.) He was eventually expelled from high school when his mother sent two gang members to pick him up from school because the school had a zero tolerance policy. (Exhibit J, pp. 3-4.)

Despite all the negative influences from his environment, Steven was not intentionally predatory toward others, was not an arsonist, habitual fighter, animal abuser or sexual offender. (Exhibit J, p. 4.) When he had his own car stolen from him at age 17, he stopped stealing because he developed empathy for how it felt to have your belongings stolen from you. (Exhibit J, p. 4.)

He tried various drugs and alcohol but did not like them and never became a substance abuser. (Exhibit J, pp. 3-4.) His mother got his sister to use drugs with her. (Exhibit J, p. 4.)

Dr. Switzer found that as a juvenile, Steven was "absolutely" "more vulnerable to negative influences and outside pressures, including [his] own family and peers" and had limited control over his own environment and lacked the ability to extricate himself from a horrific, crime producing setting. (Exhibit J, p. 14.) Dr. Switzer explained that being raised in "a chaotic, drug abusing and criminal family and environment"; being recruited by his mother to assist in drug dealing and his step father routinely sanctioning his stealing and exposing him to drugs was a major influence on Steven being involved in a gang and in this murder. (Exhibit J, p. 14.) Dr. Switzer concluded that "[g]iven the totality of his life and presentation it is unfathomable that he would have pursued such activities outside of that influence and setting." (Exhibit J, p. 14.)

Rehabilitation and Behavior In Prison:

During his 26 years in prison, Steven has rehabilitated himself through religion, self-help, education and work. In 1995, at age 22, he became a Muslim and left the gang life in 1997, at age 24 because the "moral map" within the Quran influenced him. (Exhibit J, p. 5; Letter to the Governor, p. 1 (Exhibit N).) Through various self-help programs, Steven has identified that causative factors that led to his crime and he has addressed each one. (Exhibit M.) Steven has spent his time in prison wisely by taking numerous self-help classes, earning six

Associate's degrees, starting a rehabilitative program called Institutional Athletic Organization and volunteering his time to help others.

The following is a summary of his rehabilitative endeavors:

Self-Help:

- 1998- 2012 – Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous
- 1999 – Life Skills, Anger Management Curriculum
- 1999 – Life Skills, Social Development Curriculum
- 2000 – Life Skills, Health Curriculum
- 2000 – Life Skills, Parenting Skills Curriculum
- 2000 – Life Skills, Substance Abuse Recovery, Anger Management, Social Development, Health, Parenting & Job Prep. Curriculum
- 2000 – Life Without A Crutch
- 2007 – Conflict Resolution/Anger Management
- 2007 – Creative Conflict Resolution
- 2012 – Anger Management
- 2012 – Stress Management
- 2013 – Basic Nonviolent Conflict Resolution
- 2013 – Advanced Nonviolent Conflict Resolution
- 2013 – Alternatives to Violence Project, Facilitator Training
- 2013 – Alternatives to Violence Project
- 2013 – Inmate Peer Education (IPEP) Anger Management
- 2014 – Living Amends and Purposeful Living: 1) Finding Purpose Living, 2) Defining your Spiritual Life, 3) Goals & Priorities, 4) Developing Discipline, 5) Principles not Preferences, 6) Associations & Affinities, 7) Healthy Decision Making, 8) Maturity, 9) Service to Others; Intimacy with Others, 10) Self Care & Your Health, 11) Virtues and Vices, 12) Service to Yourself and Community, 13) Living Amends
- 2014 – Lifer Activity Group, Responsibility, Accountability and Remorse
- 2013-2014 – Lifer Activity Group, Insight into the life crime/criminal lifestyle, relapse prevention and living amends, including victim impact and victim awareness.
- 2014 – Alternatives to Violence Project
- 2014 – Community Building, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous (CGA)
- 2015 – Life Skills and Self-Development
- 2015 – Rehabilitation Workshop Conflict Resolution, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous (CGA)
- 2016 – Alternatives to Violence Project, Parenting While Incarcerated, Second Level (Advanced) Course
- 2016 – Advanced Nonviolent Conflict Resolution, Facilitator Only Advanced Course
- 2017 – Getting Out by Going In (GOGI) Self-Study
- 2017 – Tools for Positive Decision Making
- 2014-2017 – Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous (CGA)
- 2017 – Insight Workshop, Partnership for Re-Entry Program (PREP)
- 2017 – Domestic Violence

(Self-Help (Exhibit O); Exhibit J, pp. 5-6, 8-9.)

Education:

1993 – Earned his GED

2016 – Associated of Arts, American Studies, Coastline Community College (Honors)

2016 – Associated of Arts, Social & Behavioral Science, Coastline Community College (Honors)

2016 – Associated of Science, Business, Coastline Community College (Honors)

2016 – Associated of Arts, Science & Math, Coastline Community College (Honors)

2016 – Associated of Arts, Sociology, Coastline Community College (Honors)

2016 – Associated of Arts, Arts & Humanities, Coastline Community College

2017 – Victim Advocacy Certificate Course

2017 – Certificate of Career Preparation, Small Business Management, Palo Verde College

(Education (Exhibit P); Exhibit J, pp. 5, 9.)

Volunteer:

2003-2009 – Vice Director, Institutional Athletic Organization

2009-2013 – Director, Institutional Athletic Organization

2013 –Facilitator Training, Alternatives to Violence Project

2014 – Apprentice Facilitator, Alternatives to Violence Project

2014 – Ironwood State Prison’s Walk-a-Thon

2015 – Master Inmate Peer Educator

2015 – Ironwood State Prison’s Third Annual Walk-a-Thon

2016 – Ironwood State Prison’s Fourth Annual Walk-a-Thon

2016 – Co-Chairman, Alternatives to Violence Project

2015-2016 – Vice-Chairman, Alternatives to Violence Project

2016-2017 – Chairman, Alternatives to Violence Project

2017 – Apprentice Facilitator, Alternatives to Violence Project

2017 – Facilitator, Alternatives to Violence Project

2017 – Facilitator, Alternatives to Violence Project, Advanced Workshop

2017 – Facilitator, Alternatives to Violence Project, Basic Workshop

2017 – Executive Body, Alternatives to Violence Project

(Volunteer (Exhibit Q); Exhibit J, pp. 8-9.)

Relapse Prevention Plans:

Steven has utilized the above rehabilitative accomplishments to develop detailed relapse prevention plans for anger, stress and substance abuse. (Relapse Prevention Plans (Exhibit R); Exhibit J, p. 4.)

Prison Staff Accolades:

- 2013 – **G. J. Janda, Warden (A), Calipatria State Prison:** Steven has a “positive attitude towards staff and inmates, and his role in creating the institutional Athletic Organization (IAO) here at Calipatria State Prison. The IAO not only prepares inmates for reentry into society, but it also holds fundraisers and donates the proceeds to local elementary, junior high, and high schools for the purpose of construction and equipment for the sports facilities, and to local high school students in the form of scholarships. To this date, the IAO has donated over \$35,000.00 to the local community. The purpose of the group is to provide an opportunity for all inmates to participate in a variety of organized sports leagues. The IAO promotes respectful social interaction, sportsmanship, and respect for authority with an unbiased harmony among all inmates regardless of one’s race, color, creed, or religion. Through the course of this group, Inmate Green, has dealt with hundreds of inmates of various ethnic backgrounds, as well as correctional staff on a daily bases, and he is a vital part of its success. **I have known Inmate Green, for approximately 13 years, and believe that he has not only worked hard to successfully rehabilitate himself through his own efforts, but also has assisted others in completing the mandatory stress and anger management courses required to participate in this group. I believe that Inmate Green's positive programming is worth noting, therefore earning this acknowledgement.**”
- 2013 – **R. McColley, Correctional Supervisor Cook – I:** Steven has a “his positive work ethic, and attitude while assigned to the Calipatria State Prison Facility "D" Kitchen. Inmate Green has had various job duties while assigned, and has always performed his duties responsibly, and effectively. Inmate Green is always willing to assist others when needed. It is my personal and professional observation that **Inmate Green has shown a rare quality regarding his attitude, and work ethic therefore earning this acknowledgement.**
- 2012 – **G. Kastner, Correctional Officer:** Steven has a “positive attitude towards staff and inmates. Green has displayed a willingness to help, and assist others whenever a task appears too much for just two hands. Inmate Green is a long standing member of the Institutional Athletic Organization (IAO), which is a sports based inmate leisure time/self-help group here at Calipatria State Prison. Over the past (6) six years, as Delta Facility observation officer, I have observed Inmate Green, interact with inmates from various races, backgrounds, and religions during these sports leagues. **I have also observed Inmate Green, instruct, counsel, and resolve conflicts between inmates which could have [led] to violence during the heat of competition.** It is my belief that Inmate Green, continues to work hard at successfully rehabilitating himself through his own efforts. I believe that Inmate Green's positive programming should be noted, and acknowledged therefore earning this laudatory chrono.”
- 2012 – **E.S. Campos, Correctional Officer:** Inmate Green has a “positive attitude, and work performance. Inmate Green is willing to help others without benefit to

himself, and uses his time productively. I have known Inmate Green for approximately (12) twelve years, and he has been assigned under my supervision for approximately (7) seven years while assigned to the "D" Facility satellite kitchen. His work ethics are above average, and always completes his tasks in a timely manner. **Over the years I have had the opportunity to discuss Green's case with him at length, and he has never shown anything but shame and remorse for the victim and the victim's family.** This is a rare quality among most of the inmates which I have dealt with over the years as a correctional officer. I have seen Inmate Green put forth effort in rehabilitating himself through his own efforts. In my opinion as a correctional officer, **I believe Inmate Green would make a smooth transition into society, and would be a productive member of his community. I believe Inmate Green should be strongly considered for a parole date."**

2009 – J. Aguilar, Correctional Officer: commends Steven for "his positive programming." "I have had the opportunity to closely observe him over the past sixteen (16) years in social settings and his work assignments. Inmate GREEN treats everyone with common courtesy and respect. Inmate GREEN conducts his duties effectively and without complaint. I have observed inmate GREEN attend Self-Help Programs and helps the Volunteer Sponsors. Inmate GREEN is a positive influence for other Inmates and leads by example. After numerous discussions with Inmate GREEN, it is my belief that he has gained adequate insight into the nature of his committed offense. **Although Inmate GREEN was a former gang member he has since relinquished all ties and affiliations, and has made a one hundred and eighty degree turn in his life style.** I recommend that Inmate GREEN continue on his present course to rehabilitation."

(Prison Staff Accolades (Exhibits S); Exhibit H, pp. 6.)

Family Support:

Steven married his wife, Sutina, who has been his friend since 9th grade, in 2004. (Exhibit J, p. 4.) They have two children and she has three children from a prior marriage. (Exhibit J, p. 4.) His wife, children and grandfather are supportive of his release from prison and will support his transition back into society. (Exhibit J, pp. 11-12; Support Letters (Exhibit T).)

Community Support:

Numerous friends and community members have written letters supporting Steven's clemency petition. (Exhibit T.) **In addition, over 2,700 community members have signed a petition supporting Steven's clemency petition.** (Online Petition (Exhibit U), <https://www.change.org/p/help-steven-green-earn-a-second-chance-at-coming-home> as of April 8, 2018.)

Numerous non-profit organization committed to justice and prison reform, and rehabilitation have written letters supporting Steven's clemency petition. (Exhibit T, pp. 14-

Sam Lewis, Anti-Recidivism Coalition

Amalia Cortina, Center for Restorative Justice Works
Robert Garcia, Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative
Michael Mendoza, #cut50
Marvin Mutch, Prisoner Reentry Network
Sister Mary Sean Hodges, Partnership for Re-entry Program (PREP)
Imam Muhammad Toure, Muslim Chaplain, Ironwood State Prison
Jimmy Wu, InsideOUT Writers
Ben Lear, InsideOUT Writers
Amy Friedman, POPs the Club
Dennis P. Flynn, Cares for Youth
Javier Stauring, Healing Dialogue and Action
Michael Skolnik, Soze Agency
Geri Silva, Fair Chance Project
Carol Fennelly, Hope House
Nate Williams
Taina Vargas-Edmond, Initiate Justice

Parole Plans:

Steven has developed extensive parole plans that include a transitional housing program, a support network and job offers. (Exhibit J, pp. 10-11; Parole Plans (Exhibit V); Job Offer (Exhibit W).) Steven has a supportive wife and children that will support his transition back into society. (Exhibit J, p. 11.)

Disciplinary History:

Steven has not committed an act of violence, nor used drugs or alcohol during his 26 years of incarceration. Throughout his entire incarceration, he has only been disciplined four times.

In 1995, Steven was disciplined for inciting others when he refused to remove his shoes during an unclothed body search following a riot. He takes responsibility for this and understands that he should have complied with the officer's order.

In 2005, he was disciplined for misuse of state property when hung a towel over the window in his cell door and used a sheet as a partition to allow privacy when he used the toilet while his cellmate was in the cell. Steven takes responsibility for this and never did this again.

In 2010, Steven was disciplined for refusing a direct order when he refused to tell a correctional officer who had let him back into the kitchen because he did not want to get involved in an issue between a correctional officer and non-custody prison staff. Steven takes responsibility for this and informed the staff member he would never repeat this behavior.

In 2012, Steven was disciplined for having possession of a cell phone. The cell phone belonged to his cellmate and was found inside an oatmeal box, which was inside a laundry bag. Steven's cellmate took responsibility for the cell phone, but Steven was found guilty of the rules

violation based on the Hearing Officer's belief that he had knowledge of the existence of the cell phone.

(Exhibit J, pp. 5-8; Disciplinary Reports (Exhibit X); 115 Insight (Exhibit Y).)

Risk Assessment:

Taking all the above into consideration, Dr. Daisy Switzer, a forensic psychologist with 20 years experience, has rated Steven a **low risk** for violence or becoming involved in a new offense if released from prison, using the same risk assessment instruments that psychologist who prepare risk assessments for the Board of Parole Hearings use. (Exhibit J, p. 13-15; Resume of Daisy Switzer (Exhibit Z).)

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Steven Allen Green, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

4-22-2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Steven Allen Green,
was convicted of the crime of First Degree murder, robbery and special circumstance,
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 1-26-1992.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. *Inmate Number:* H-45861.

Steven Green
Applicant's Signature

4-22-2018
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**STATEMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY
(Penal Code Section 4807.3)**

I, Tracy Renee Lum, am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of California. I received payment of \$5,500 as compensation to prepare the following Application for Executive Clemency on behalf of Steven Green (H-45861). This compensation was for my time meeting with the client in prison, corresponding with family members and supporters, collecting and reviewing documents in support of the application; collect telephone calls, and preparing the application. I also paid all costs of postage, copying and binding of the application and related materials out of the aforementioned fee.

I declare under the penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the above statement is true and correct.

Date:



Tracy Renee Lum
Attorney for Steven Green

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Arturo Guerrero

In January 2008, Arturo Guerrero robbed a gas station and fled. On April 14, 2011, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Guerrero to 10 years for robbery plus 5 years each for two prior felony enhancements – a total of 20 years.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Guerrero wrote that he has "dramatically changed for the better . . . for once I am acknowledging and accepting responsibility for my actions. Denying nothing found in the details/circumstances of this case. Only admitting everything and truly saying I'm sorry for having victimized the community." Mr. Guerrero further wrote that religion has changed "my thinking, my heart, and my way of living."

Mr. Guerrero has been incarcerated for close to 11 years and is now 42 years old. He has obtained three vocational training certificates. Mr. Guerrero has been housed in the Progressive Programming Facility since 2017, and has participated in self-help courses, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Domestic Violence Awareness. Mr. Guerrero's rehabilitation has been noted by correctional staff and sponsors. In June 2018, an Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor commended Mr. Guerrero for being a positive influence. In March 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Guerrero for his positive attitude, respect, and being a positive influence, writing that he was "always willing to help me and other building officers." In February 2018, a chaplain wrote "[Mr.] Guerrero is my clerk in the chapel. I hired him because of his good character. He has shown that he can be relied upon. He is a leader in our church and also a member of the choir. It is my professional opinion that these programs have and will be a tremendous help to him in his rehabilitation." Mr. Guerrero has the support of his wife and family. He aspires to become a drug counselor once released.

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Guerrero.

It is clear that Mr. Guerrero has dedicated his years in prison to becoming a better citizen, husband, and father. He has worked hard to gain the skills necessary to lead a productive life when released from prison. As a result, he has earned an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for release.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Arturo Guerrero to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ARTURO GUERRERO Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 76 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON - LOS ANGELES COUNTY 44750 60TH STREET WEST LANCASTER, CA. 93536

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 215 (A)	2/16/97	LOS ANGELES	(6) YEARS
PC 245 (B)	2/16/97	LOS ANGELES	CONCURRENT
11550 (A)	2/2/05	SAN BERNARDINO	PAROLE VIOLATION

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

ON 1-20-08 I WILLINGLY WALKED IN TO A GAS STATION AND POINTED A FAKE BLACK TOY GUN, ALTHOUGH IT LOOKED REAL, AT THE CLERK AND DEMANDED MONEY THAT WAS IN THE CASH REGISTER. THE CLERK COMPLIED WITH MY DEMAND. I THEN ORDERED HER TO THE FLOOR AS I PROCEEDED TO EXIT AND FLEE.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

FOR THE CRIME I AM CURRENTLY SERVING A 20 YEARS PRISON SENTENCE I AM COMING UP ON 10 YEARS OF INCARCERATION. I HAVE HAD AND MADE THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT MY PAST CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR. I BELIEVE I AM NO LONGER AN ACTIVE CRIMINAL WHO POSES A THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I AM ENCLOSED A COPY OF THE STATEMENT MADE (PREPARED) BY THE PROBATION OFFICER IN REGARD TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF SENTENCE, DATED 11-4-2010. HER ASSESSMENT OF MY CRIMINAL PERSON IS ACCURATE. TODAY, 10-18-2017, MY PERSON SEE ATTACHMENT

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of SAN BERNARDINO County: Please take notice that I, ARTURO GUERRERO,

was convicted of the crime of SECOND DEGREE ROBBERY,

committed in SAN BERNARDINO County, California, on the date of 1-20-2008.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: AH-0800.

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Arturo Guerrero

10-18-17

Applicant's Signature

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, MICHAEL A. RAMOS, District Attorney of the County of SAN BERNARDINO,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from ARTURO GUERRERO,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Michael A. Ramos

Date

1-29-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capital, Sacramento, CA 95814.

ATTACHMENT(4)

HAS DRAMATICALLY CHANGED FOR THE BETTER. BESIDES THE NUMEROUS SELF-HELP PROGRAMS AND THE COMPLETION CERTIFICATES, INCLUDING MY G.ED, AND DISCIPLINARY FREE THE SIX-PLUS YEARS I HAVE BEEN IN STATE PRISON, FOR ONCE I AM ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS. DENYING AND OR JUSTIFYING NOTHING FOUND IN THE DETAILS/CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS CASE. ONLY ADMITTING EVERYTHING, AND TRULY SAYING, "I'M SORRY FOR HAVING VICTIMIZED THE COMMUNITY."

I AM ALSO ENCLOSING A LETTER WRITTEN BY MY THEN PUBLIC DEFENDER, THOMAS W. SONE, TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ON MY BEHALF IN HOPES OF OBTAINING A DETERMINATE OFFER. DATED 5-4-2010. LESS THAN ONE YEAR LATER I WAS SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS 85%. SHORTLY THEREAFTER I WAS LED TO TAKE A SERIOUS MORAL INVENTORY OF MY LIFE. AND I DID SO BY USING GOD'S WORD. ALTHOUGH I NEVER EXPECTED FOR HIM TO CHANGE MY OUTWARD AND CURRENT ENVIRONMENT, HE DID GO ON TO CHANGE MY THINKING, MY HEART, AND MY WAY OF LIVING.

I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE CONSIDER MY LETTER OF COMMUTATION REQUEST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. GOD BLESS YOU.

SINCERELY, ARTURO GUERRERO

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

McNeece Ham

On August 16, 1992, McNeece Ham participated in an armed robbery with four others at the house of Saray Chhoeuth. During the robbery, one of Mr. Ham's friends shot Mr. Chhoeuth several times, killing him. On November 8, 1993, the Placer County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ham to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 1 year for a firearm enhancement.

While this was a very serious crime, Mr. Ham was not the shooter and was not involved in the struggle that led to Mr. Chhoeuth's death. Mr. Ham has now been incarcerated for more than 26 years. Remarkably, he has never been disciplined in prison. He has resided on an honor yard for 17 years. He has completed self-help classes, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Anger Management, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Ham has also completed vocational training in office services. An instructor in the program noted that "Mr. Ham is able to work independently and maintains high productivity," commenting that Mr. Ham was "meticulous" in completing his assignments.

Many people sentenced to life without the possibility of parole give up hope and lose themselves in drugs, gangs, and violence. While serving that same sentence, Mr. Ham exhibited a commitment to rehabilitating himself. I understand that this crime was devastating to Mr. Chhoeuth's family members. I have read and considered the letter from his family expressing the pain caused by this heartbreaking loss and asking me to carefully weigh whether or not to give Mr. Ham an opportunity for parole. After serious consideration, I believe that Mr. Ham has transformed his life. Mr. Ham has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct in prison, and I believe that he has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of McNeece Ham to a total of 26 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Ham, McNeece Date of Birth: [Redacted]-67 Social Security Number: [Redacted]

Address: 44750 60th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93536

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Conspiracy to commit first degree robbery, attempted robbery-murder with special circumstance, and armed with a firearm	8-16-92	Placer	Life without the possibility of parole plus 1 year enhanced

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attach: #2

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation of my sentence from "life without the possibility of parole" to "25 to life."

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attach: #4

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

None

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I, McNeece Ham, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Placer with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

McNeece Ham 5-1-17
Applicant's Signature Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

#2

Two car with five people (Kan, Chea, Ly, Yang, and I) traveled from Fresno to a party in Sacramento. Two people in Kan's car and three people in my car. When arrived in Sacramento, Kan's car broke down. He did not have enough money to fix it, and he did not want to leave his car out there. When learned that a house has cashes, a robbery was planned. During the attempt robbery, Kan and Chea bumped into the victim on the side of the house who armed with a rifle. Both Kan and Chea also armed with a handgun. There was a struggle between them, and shoots were fire. Then, everybody fled. The victim died later. The jury found Chea as a shooter which resulted in the dead of the victim.

#4

This is my first felony, and I was not a shooter. Now, I am 50 years old and have been incarcerated for 25 years. Since I were in prison, I have never received a "115 disciplinary writeup" for misconduct behavior. I have been working as a supporting services for the majority of my time in prison. I have earned 14 vocational certificates of completion. Also, I will be graduated at the end of Spring 2017 with two college degrees which are "Associate of Art in Science and Math" and "Associate of Science in Business" with a Business Certificate of Achievement. For all the above reasons, I please for a possible opportunity to be able to parole because I have been an exceptional inmate; therefore, my communication should be granted to "25 to life."

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Todd Hess

In 1986, Todd Hess and his crime partner planned to rob a gas station. Mr. Hess went into the store and, during the robbery, shot gas station cashier Scott James, killing him. On November 24, 1987, the Ventura County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hess to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

When Mr. Hess applied for a commutation, he detailed the efforts he has undertaken to turn his life around and rehabilitate himself. He wrote, "I believe that after 32 years in prison, I have matured and have learned from my mistakes."

Mr. Hess is now 53 years old and has been incarcerated for over three decades. During that time, he has shown a remarkable commitment to living a productive life despite serving a sentence that offers him no hope of release. Mr. Hess earned his GED and took college classes. He has not been disciplined for misconduct in almost ten years, and has never been involved with gangs in prison. Mr. Hess routinely receives positive work ratings, and his supervisors have consistently commended him for his strong work ethic, positive attitude, and motivation. In 2018, a Prison Industry Authority supervisor wrote that Mr. Hess was an "exceptional worker" and was "conscientious, hardworking, diligent, and self-motivated." Another supervisor praised Mr. Hess and said, "As a result of his demonstrated work ethic, accumulated knowledge, and willingness to take on more responsibility Inmate Hess is currently assigned as a mechanic." In 2013, another supervisor recommended Mr. Hess for future work assignments and wrote, "He is a positive influence to those around him and an asset to this enterprise."

In light of Mr. Hess's transformation in prison and his commitment to rehabilitation, I believe he deserves an opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Todd Hess to a total of 32 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Todd M. Hess Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 65 Inmate ID: D71975
Address: P.O. Box 409040, Ione, Co. 95640 Facility: MCSP

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
Petty Thief	6/5/1985	Santa Barbara	45 days
Thief	8/25/1984	" "	60 days

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached page

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached pages

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached page

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

No one.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Todd M. Hess, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of Ventura County with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Todd Hess

Applicant's Signature

2-21-2018

Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

Declaration of Service
by mail enclosed. Done
on 11-13-17.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Ventura County: Please take notice that I, Todd M. Hess ^{D71975},

was convicted of the crime of P.C. 187, P.C. 190.2, P.C. 211, P.C. 12022,

committed in Ventura County, California, on the date of 10-15-1987

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Todd Hess

Applicant's Signature

11-12-2017

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Gregory D. Totten, District Attorney of the County of Ventura,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Todd Michael Hess (Inmate number D71975),

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Greg Totten

Date

3/27/18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

#2 Briefly describe the circumstance of the crime for which you are requesting commutation:

Myself and a guy I just met (Crime Partner) got stuck without gas money. The idea was hatch to rob the USA gas station for money and on gas. The clerk attempted to take the gun away from us and got shot and died. We took the money and left. My crime partner turned me in to the police the next day and testified at my trial.

#2 Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

At the time of my commitment to CDCR in 1987. I fell under Title 15, Division 2, Section 2816, which stated I was under an automatic review in or on 12-2017 by PBT. (See L.S.S. dated 1-5-88. In 1994 that Section was repealed. Now this inmate falls under Title 15, Division 2, Section 2817, which states I can file directly to the Governor after 30 years in CDCR. And every five years after that.

#51 Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation:

I believe that after 32 years in prison I have grown as a person, I have matured and have learned from my mistakes. I am "not" the same person I was 32 years ago. I believe I "could be" a productive member of society if given a chance. I have been disciplinary free for a number of years. I have had "zero" points for years and worked my way down in levels as CDCR let me. Right now I'm a level II. I have finished school (GED) taken college classes, taught my computers and got a job as a clerk in the "Computer Assisted Instruction Lab. Next I got a job in the Television Studio and earned "Vocational Educational Certificates in all aspects of Television Studio Productions. Next, I was a clerk in the Law Library and became a good Law Library clerk. Next, I was assigned as a Plant Operations clerk and taught myself drafting and up-dated all blue-prints dealing which re-models at PBSP. In the same building I learned, carpentry, painting and finally become the Plumber for a number of years. Next, PIA, shoe & boot shortly, next PIA Laundry for awhile.

Next was PIA sewing. I learned to sew and make all clothing currently used by CDCR, Firefighters, Next I learned to fix sewing machines that dealt with production. Which brings me back to a sewing machine operator here at MCSP for over 1 1/2 years.

All jobs & supervisors have written my chrono's as to my work habits as well as learning. Chrono's should be in my C-File or I have copies of all.
Thank you for your time.

Todd Hess D71975

I would & pray you will give me "some" light and the small hope of something?

Respectfully submitted for review by
Governor Edmund G. Brown on 2-21-2018

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jacob Wayne Hutchins

On May 16, 1998, Jacob Hutchins and fellow gang members decided to retaliate against a rival gang member, whose car they had been told was broken down with a flat tire. As the car in which Mr. Hutchins was riding drove by a group surrounding the other car, Mr. Hutchins shot multiple times into the group, hitting and killing Michael Arreguin. On July 12 and July 27, 2000, the Napa County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hutchins to 15 years to life for murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Hutchins was 18 at the time of the crime and has now been incarcerated for over 20 years. In his clemency application, Mr. Hutchins wrote regarding the crime, "At the time, I was a teenage runaway, highly intoxicated on drugs and alcohol, and as a new member of this gang, I was willing to do anything to prove myself and be accepted." Mr. Hutchins told an investigator that he truly believes prison has served its purpose to make him see what he has done to his victims and the community. He stated that he is deeply sorry and has worked tirelessly to change as a person. He wants to reenter society and contribute to his family and the community.

In prison, Mr. Hutchins has disavowed any gang affiliation and dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Hutchins participated in various self-help classes, including Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Awareness, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Criminal & Addictive Thinking. He has completed vocational training programs in office services and auto mechanics. Mr. Hutchins also received career preparation certificates in business literacy, management information systems, and information technology literacy. A vocational instructor wrote in 2017 regarding Mr. Hutchins, "I feel these groups have helped change his life and attitude to become a highly motivated and productive individual. . . . Mr. Hutchins has shown by his behavior and the manner in which he interacts with others, that he is committed to maintaining a positive change in his life, along with encouraging others to do the same and remain crime free." An instructor praised Mr. Hutchins's efforts in vocational auto mechanics, noting Mr. Hutchins "showed a sincere interest in learning as much as he could," and that Mr. Hutchins's attitude encouraged other students. The instructor noted that Mr. Hutchins "was always quick to offer assistance and helped other students when they had difficulties understanding," and that he "would be an asset to any work force."

Mr. Hutchins committed a very serious crime, but he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Hutchins has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jacob Wayne Hutchins to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jacob Hutchins Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 80 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: C.V.S.P., C6-14-40, P.O. Box 2349, Blythe, CA. 92226

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s): Date of offense(s): County of conviction(s): Sentence(s):

See Attachment # 1 : All Prior Convictions,
Juvenile Record

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attachment # 2

In addition, please see "Commutation Portfolio: REPORTS/ESSAYS: INSIGHT" Section for more in-depth details of crime, if needed.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attachment # 3

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Attachment # 4

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A. I did not receive assistance. This is from my heart.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Jacob Wayne Hutchins, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Napa with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

J Hutchins
Applicant's Signature

3-7-18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Attachment # 1 : All Prior Convictions

Juvenile Record :

<u>Offense(s)</u>	<u>Date of offense(s)</u>	<u>Count of conviction(s)</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
Crim. Misc 2nd°	3-4-94	Shelby Co., AL.	Susp Comm.
V.O.P.	6-28-94	Shelby Co., AL.	Susp. Comm.
T.O.P. 2nd	8-25-94	Shelby Co., AL.	Susp. Comm.
V.O.P.	6-6-95	Shelby Co., AL.	Commitment to D.Y.S.
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	6-8-95	Shelby Co., AL.	Commitment to D.Y.S.
Viol. of Aftercare	3-14-96	Shelby Co., AL.	N/A
594(a) PC; 272 PC	6-24-97	Solano Co., CA.	26 Dys J.V.
148(a) PC	11-30-97	Napa Co., CA.	120 Dys J.V.
871(b) PC	12-8-97	Napa Co., CA.	100 Dys J.V.

Attachment # 2 : The circumstances of the crime...

On May 16, 1998, I, Jacob Hutchins, decided to go with eight gang members to retaliate against Garrett Elshire while he was broken down on the road with a flat tire. I believed that Mr. Elshire had vandalized Gonzalo Alcalas' mother's property and that he must pay for this. At the time, I was a teenage runaway, highly intoxicated on drugs and alcohol, and as a new member of this gang, I was willing to do anything to prove myself and be accepted.

When we found Mr. Elshire, I saw an opportunity to prove myself and, sadly, I intentionally shot to kill Mr. Elshire and everyone with him. Jose Marin drove past Mr. Elshire and I shot my gun eight times at everyone around his car. Michael Arreguin was shot one time and died from the injuries of my callous actions. We tried to get away but were all arrested within 24 hours. I lied and continued to deny involvement. I pled not guilty and after a trial the Napa County Superior Court found me guilty. On May 4, 2000, I was sentenced to 40 years to life (15 yrs. to Life for 2nd degree murder and 25 yrs. to Life for a gun enhancement for personal use of a firearm), a sentence I fully deserved.

I am so sorry for this horrible act and for all of the harms I caused Michael Arreguin, Garrett Elshire, the Arreguin family, and the entire community of Napa.

Attachment # 3: Why am I requesting a commutation?

After serving 19½+ years in prison, I have become a mature, responsible, and compassionate man who values life. I am not the same lost, 18 year old who murdered Mr. Arreguin, and my transformation expresses how deeply sorry I am for my crime. Incarceration for such a terrible crime has been shameful and humiliating but not once have I felt that my incarceration was unjust or undeserving. I committed a horrible crime that negatively impacted a whole community, especially the Arreguin family, and this shapes my mindset and life today.

Looking back, my life had become hopeless and I acted out in rebellion because I was hurt and I didn't know how to deal with it better. I felt rejected and picked on as a kid, my parents didn't give me sound teaching or attention, then they divorced and I began getting locked up at an early age. These factors strongly influenced me, causing me to feel fear, anxiety, anger, and self-hate and this shaped my incorrect thinking. The false beliefs created feelings of worthlessness and life felt meaningless so I began to seek pleasure in drugs and rebellion to cover up my pain. I did not have an identity or purpose. My parents' divorce was a major factor because I blamed my Mom for hurting my Dad and for destroying our family and this created so much anger inside me. Since I felt like I couldn't trust my own family, I tried to replace them with other troubled teenagers and I

Attachment # 3: Why am I requesting a commutation?

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... tried to fill the void with drugs. This led to repeatedly running away from home and lock up, where I felt like the only identity I had left was with criminals, gangs, and drug users. Ultimately, I ran away from Alabama to California and, without adult intervention, I quickly progressed into a lifestyle of drugs and crime.

Leading up to my crime, I was completely lost and using my problems to justify my self-centered pleasure-seeking. My judgements were so shallow and I did not value life enough to think clearly. I was drawn to the gang because they wanted to party and stay high like me and I am so ashamed to say I even became willing to be violent if it got me their acceptance and approval. This is how meaningless and trivial my life had become and how I could commit such a senseless crime against Michael Arreguin. I regret this ugly truth everyday because of the harm I caused to the Arreguins. I did not understand all of this before or have the knowledge, understanding, or thinking skills to stop it because of my immaturity and self-centered choices.

In no way am I saying this to justify or make excuses for my crime against Mr. Arreguin. I take full responsibility for all of my choices and actions. I am only showing I now have insight into how my immature, shallow thinking created bad habits that kept me trapped in a negative lifestyle and led to my senseless crime.

Attachment # 3: Why am I requesting a commutation?

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Today, I am completely different and I am doing everything I can to be accountable, responsible, and decent. I value life now and I have completely separated myself from drugs, gangs, and violence and I am no longer a drug addict, gang member, or criminal. I will never use drugs, associate with criminals or gang members, pick up a gun, or commit an act of violence again. Furthermore, I will always use all of my experience and the deep remorse in my heart to help free others from those destructive conditions.

I want to take this opportunity to apologize to Michael Arreguin and the Arreguin family. I am so terribly sorry for all the pain I caused on their entire family and it saddens my heart to think of all the agony they have lived with and continue to live with. I understand that no amount of apologies will ever be enough to bring Mr. Arreguin back. I will regret this for the rest of my life.

I also want to apologize to the community of Napa. I am very sorry for all of the fear, anger, sadness, pain, and heartache that I brought to such a peaceful community. I am fully responsible for these harms and I will live the rest of my life making amends.

Attachment # 4: Why should I be granted a commutation?

Considering the severity of my crime and the fact that a priceless life was taken by my reckless actions, I am terribly sorry today. It is prison that served to give me that insight and remorse. Coming to prison saved my life because it stopped me in my tracks and gave me an opportunity to see my self-destruction for what it was. Prison has allowed me to look deeply at the terrible consequences of my callous behavior, creating an enormous amount of remorse and regret that compelled me to change everything. Today, I am a new man whose life is meaningful and who values life, love, and relationships more than anything.

After receiving two write-ups in 2000, I made a decision to turn away from gangs and violence and I have avoided them ever since. Later, in 2006, I realized I still needed to change more and I began seeking help from God and from other positive people. I made a personal commitment to sobriety and redemption and my whole life truly started to change. It has been a hard, long road but today I face the past, taking full responsibility for everything, and I have worked tirelessly for years to turn my life around. I have not been perfect and in 2012 I received a write-up for gambling but I quickly learned from it and grew and I have not been disciplined for a single rule violation ever since. In fact, I used that incident to make the most of my time and I have been determined to not leave prison the same way I came in.

Attachment #4: why should I be granted a commutation?

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One of the great challenges of changing is the fact that it takes repetition over a sustained period of time. This lesson helped me to focus and to develop discipline in my thinking and behavior. My life has greatly improved as a result and I am now more responsible and caring than ever before. I have naturally matured with time to see life much differently and today I am the complete opposite of that reckless, impulsive, irresponsible teenager. Today I think before I act and I always consider others.

Regarding rehabilitation, I have taking advantage of every self-help and educational program I could including A.A., N.A., C.E.A., Victims Awareness & Impact classes, Breaking Barriers, G.O.G.I., Alternatives to Violence Project, We Care Youth Diversion Program, Anger Management, plus many more. I took many religious programs and learned through consistent Bible and self-help studies. I became a facilitator in Alternatives to Violence Project and helped facilitate Breaking Barriers, A.A., the Youth Diversion program, and Bible studies to help others. I sought help from counselors, mentors, and psychologists to get guidance so I could improve more as a person. I have excelled at my job assignments, completed two vocational classes, and have furthered my education by earning a associates degree in Biblical Studies from Onesimus Bible College. I am also a few units away from earning two associates degrees from Palo Verde

Attachment #4: why should I be granted a commutation?

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... College in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Social & Behavior Science and in Business & Technology.

I continue to work everyday to improve as a person and to contribute to those around me because I am truly sorry for my crime and I want to do what's right today. I know that people can change because I am proof. Today, I am peaceful, educated, thoughtful, caring, and respectful of authority. I am a God-fearing man with a great sense of purpose which has given me a firm foundation with a positive outlook, a strong work ethic, and a heart of humility and gratitude.

My parole plans are solid with good transitional housing, a job, financial and emotional support from a strong support network of family, friends, and mentors, and a solid relapse prevention plan. All of these factors will contribute to my success in reentering society to become a respectable and productive citizen.

I know what I am asking comes with great responsibility and, if I am granted a commutation, I will have been shown great mercy. I will never forget this and will show my gratefulness by how I live the rest of my life making amends and doing my best to help others.

Thank you.

J. Hitt

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Alvaro Ibarra

On January 20, 2006, Alvaro Ibarra, a gang member, and his crime partner were returning from a drug deal when they saw a rival gang member across the street. The two ran up to the victim and confronted him. Mr. Ibarra punched the victim, then instructed his crime partner to shoot. The victim was shot once in the hip, but he survived. On August 3, 2007, the Monterey County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ibarra to 15 years to life for attempted murder plus a 25 year to life firearm enhancement.

Mr. Ibarra has now been incarcerated for over 12 years and is 31 years old. He has committed himself to his rehabilitation through his immediate disassociation from gangs and his dedication to self-improvement. In his application for clemency, Mr. Ibarra wrote, "I have changed in every aspect of my life (behaviorally, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and educationally) and I sincerely regret all the harm that I have caused."

Indeed, in over a decade in prison, Mr. Ibarra has transformed his life. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. He earned his GED and completed vocational training in office services and computer literacy. Mr. Ibarra has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Anger Management, Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous, and Victim Awareness. He is currently a facilitator for Careless Youth Corrected by Lifer's Experiences. Mr. Ibarra's positive attitude and behavior have earned him praise from instructors, who wrote that he was "cooperative and motivated to learn" and "very eager to learn and very respectable."

Mr. Ibarra was an active participant in a very serious crime. However, since that time, Mr. Ibarra has disavowed any gang association and focused on his rehabilitation. As a result, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Alvaro Ibarra to a total of 17 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Alvaro Ibarra Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Inmate ID: F-85531

Address: P.O. Box 705, Soledad CA 93960 Facility: CTF

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s)	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
459 PC, Felony	7-22-2002	Monterey County	30 days (Juvenile hall)
211 PC, Felony	6-4-2004	Monterey County	365 days (Youth Center)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment →

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment →

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attachment →

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

See attachment →

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Alvaro Ibarra, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Monterey with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Alvaro Ibarra
Applicant's Signature

10-1-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Monterey County: Please take notice that I, Alvaro Ibarra,
was convicted of the crime of Attempted Murder (664/187)(a) PC and 245(a)(2)PC
committed in King City, Monterey County, California, on the date of January 20, 2006.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Alvaro Ibarra

Applicant's Signature

10-1-17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Glenn Reinhart, County District Attorney of the County of Monterey,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Alvaro Ibarra

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Glenn Reinhart

Date

10/2/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE
ATTACHMENT: ADDITIONAL PAGES

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries.

<i>Offense(s)</i>	<i>Date of Offense(s)</i>	<i>County of Conviction(s)</i>	<i>Sentence(s):</i>
459 PC, Felony	7-22-2002	Monterey County	30 days (Juvenile Hall)
211 PC, Felony	6-4-2004	Monterey County	365 days (Youth Center)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was convicted of premeditated Attempted Murder (664/187(a) PC, Felony) and Assault with a Firearm (245(a)(2) PC), Felony which were gang related. In addition, I was given a Gang enhancement (186.22(b)(1) PC) of 15 years to life and a Firearm enhancement (12022.53(d) PC) of 25 years to life. I was a gang member at the time (Age 19) and a participant in the commission of this crime however; I never personally used or discharged the firearm. What transpire was that I physically assaulted the victim by punching him and told my accomplice (who was never charge or been convicted of this crime) to shoot the victim for which I take full responsibility for. My accomplice then shot the victim once in the hip and we fled the scene. The crime was not something that was planned but something that was done on impulse.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation because: 1) I never personally used or discharged the firearm 2) The crime of Attempted Murder was not premeditated but impulsive 3) the gang enhancement exceeds more time than the crime itself. Therefore, I am requesting that the Firearm enhancement be stricken (eliminated) and that the Premeditated Attempted Murder be changed (reduced) to Attempted Murder or great bodily injury, which would not be a life sentence. Also that the gang enhancement (15 years to life) be reduce. I am asking that my sentence be commuted according to the aforementioned and to what the Governor sees fit.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

In no form or fashion am I minimizing what I did for I know I committed an awful crime against another person and because of that; I am now paying the consequences of my bad decisions and actions. However, the sentence I received can be considered too excessive. Therefore, the reasons why I should be granted a commutation are: 1) that the sentence was excessive 2) The Firearm enhancement should not apply since I did not personally use or discharged the firearm 3) The crime committed was not premeditated but impulsive 4) The gang enhancement exceeds more time than the crime itself 5) I have changed in every aspect of my life (behaviorally, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and educationally) and I sincerely regret all the harm that I have cause and 6) I appeal to your mercy Governor that I may be given a second opportunity at life by receiving a more appropriate sentence via your commutation.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code Section 4807.2):

N/A

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Scott William Johnson

In May 1988, Scott Johnson, Devon Otte, and Ron Morton planned to rob John Johnston by setting up a fake drug deal. Mr. Otte drove Mr. Johnston to a remote area where Mr. Johnson and Mr. Morton were waiting. When Mr. Johnston arrived, Mr. Morton shot Mr. Johnston five times in the chest, killing him. On July 17, 1991, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Johnson to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Johnson is now 48 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 30 years – all of his adult life. He applied for a commutation of sentence based on his rehabilitation during his incarceration. In his application, he wrote, "During my incarceration I have sought every opportunity to rehabilitate myself, to get an education, and to give back to the community. I have left the scared, self-absorbed teenager behind and matured into a man who is disciplined, goal-oriented, and connected with the feelings and needs of others. I now have the tools that will enable me to be a productive member of society." In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Johnson stated that he does not want his life to be defined by this terrible crime; he hopes to be a productive member of society.

Mr. Johnson has only been disciplined two times during more than three decades of incarceration, and has never been involved in gangs or participated in violence in prison. He is currently working toward an A.A. degree in business administration. He has participated in self-help classes, including Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, and Turning Point. Mr. Johnson worked as a trainer for the POOCH program, in which inmates train service dogs for adoption. A manager for the POOCH program commended him for his work ethic and wrote, "Inmate Johnson is a knowledgeable, thoughtful dog trainer. . . . When he teaches our volunteers, he is patient and gives clear instructions that help them learn quickly." If he were to be released from prison, Mr. Johnson plans to live in transitional housing, and he will also receive support from his wife and mother.

Although he is serving a sentence that gave him no hope of release from prison, Mr. Johnson has dedicated himself to rehabilitation and has worked hard to turn his life around. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Johnson has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Scott Johnson to a total of 30 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Scott W. Johnson Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1970 Inmate ID: #H05708

Address: 480 Alta Rd., San Diego Ca. 92179 Facility: Richard J. Donovan

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
10851 VC	10-5-86	Los Angeles	Probation
496 PC	2-17-87	Los Angeles	Juvenile Camp

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
On May 17, 1988 I was arrested for murder along with two other individuals named Ron Morton and Devin Otte. Morton and Otte are brothers. Prior to trial, Morton, the actual gunman, and his brother Otte, made a deal with - Please see attached page(s)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
I feel like my life can be described in two segments, the teenaged me, and the man that I have become. I was barely 18 years old when this crime was committed. Like a lot of teens I was selfish, undisciplined, insecure, and desperate - Please see attached page(s)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
During my incarceration I have sought every opportunity to rehabilitate myself, to get an education, and to give back to the community. Below is a list of some of my accomplishments.
- Please see attached page(s)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

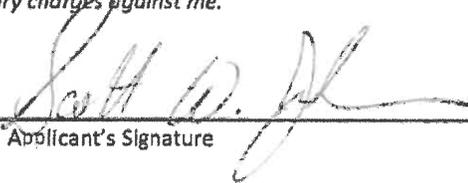
STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Scott William Johnson declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

12/3/2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Scott Johnson #H05708, Question #2 Continued;

The district attorney to implicate me in the crime in exchange for a sentence of twenty five (25) years to life.

At trial, Morton confessed to shooting to death a drug dealer named John Johnston. Otte testified that he (Otte) set up a drug deal with Johnston with the intent of robbing him of the money he was bringing to the drug deal. He also testified that he picked the victim up at his apartment and drove him to the location where the crime occurred. Both Morton and Otte testified that I helped plan, and was present when Morton shot and killed the victim. The jury rendered their verdict on June 22, 1991 and on July 17, 1991, I was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.

Morton and Otte received sentences of twenty five (25) years to life. Both have since been granted parole.

Scott Johnson #H05708, Question #3 Continued;

for the acceptance of my peers. Remember when you did something stupid with your friends and your mother asked, "So if your friends jumped off a bridge would you?" I always answered "No", but the truth is I would have done anything to be liked.

As a teenager, I was impulsive and consumed with all things me. All of my thoughts and actions considered only my wants and needs, never those of others. I felt that everything should be given to me, like I was somehow entitled. Work hard, me? No, if there was a shortcut, I'd find it. Then one day, everything changed, I changed.

I was on the prison exercise yard, and out of the corner of my eye, I saw a commotion. As I focus my attention across the yard, I witnessed two inmates assault another and take his canteen. As the victim sat there stunned while medical staff was looking over him, I was sick to my stomach. Empathy, sympathy, anger; I felt them all. It was as if I was him. The fear of the assault, the embarrassment; I was furious at the two guys that did this. They were cowards. It was like a switch went off inside me. I'll never forget that day.

From that moment forward I was a different person. I became all too aware of how my actions have affected others. The irreparable harm I caused John's family and friends, my own family, my community, and society as a whole.

I sat up at night replaying my life. The opportunities squandered. The people I have hurt, and continue to hurt. All the times I just had to have those \$100 sneakers, uncaring and oblivious to the fact that my father had to work a complete 8-hour shift to pay for them. Or the time I told my mother not to come to my Junior High graduation because I was embarrassed by her. Just to write that breaks my heart.

When I look back at the teenaged me, I'm horrified. How could I have done those things, treat people the way I did? I could never have imagined how my decisions 29 years ago would affect people I didn't even know or who weren't even born yet. The shame and guilt I feel can be suffocating. The teenage me would hardly have given any of this a second thought. The man that I am today is tortured by it.

During my incarceration I have sought every opportunity to rehabilitate myself, to get an education, and to give back to the community. I have left the scared, self-absorbed teenager behind and matured into a man who is disciplined, goal-oriented, and connected with the feelings and needs of others. I now have the tools that will enable me to be a productive member of society.

What I am requesting is that Governor Brown commute my sentence to the same sentence that Morton and Otte had received, twenty-five (25) years to life. This in no way would mean that I would ever be released from prison. What this would do is allow the parole board to continue to monitor my self-development and determine my suitability for parole.

It should be noted that Deputy Probation Officer Townsend also believed that a sentence of twenty-five (25) years to life was appropriate in this case. In a strongly worded sentence recommendation Townsend stated, "The probation officer feels that because the defendant did not pull the trigger that his sentence should not be more severe than the other defendant who did pull the trigger. "It seems unfair and inappropriate for this defendant to be punished more severely than the other two defendants."

He continues, "Furthermore, two important factors should also be taken into consideration at sentencing. This defendant was promoted a year early from high school because of his intelligence and his goal to attend medical school. While in college at age 17, he maintained a 3.3 grade point average while attending full time. Accordingly, these reasons suggest that the defendant could be amenable to rehabilitation during the course of his sentence." (Please see Attachment "A", Probation Officers Report, p.10.)

For the foregoing reasons, and all of the supporting documents contained in the attached exhibits, I humbly request that the Governor exercise his authority and commute my sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

Sincerely,

Scott Johnson

Scott Johnson #H05708, Question #4 Continued;

1) Helped raise almost twenty thousand dollars for the Catalyst Foundation.

While incarcerated I have become an accomplished painter. By donating my paintings to the Catalyst Foundation, they were able to auction them off, raising almost twenty thousand dollars. (please see Chrono dated 10/14/05, and letter from David Mashore, Catalyst Foundation.) (Attachment "B")

2) I have helped educate general population inmates in critical thinking, creative writing, drawing, painting, and yoga. (Please see letter from D.K. Downs, Associate Warden, CSP-LAC, dated February 10, 2006). (Attachment "C")

3) Service Dog Trainer - Tender Loving Canines Assistance Dogs / Prisoners Overcoming Obstacles & Creating Hope (POOCH) Program.

The POOCH program provides service dogs for wounded warriors and children with autism. To become a trainer I have attended class twice a week (two hours each class) for over a year, learning reinforcement theory and positive reinforcement dog training techniques.

To fully train a service dog for placement with a client can take from 12 to 18 months. During that time "Stevie", the dog my co-trainer and I were entrusted to train, lived in the cell with us. The service dog curriculum consists of 32 cues (behaviors) ranging from the basics, (sit, wait, down) to more complex cues such as get, put, tug and push (cues used to have the dog put something in the trash can or open a drawer, place an item inside, and then close it).

On May 10th, 2017 I successfully completed the POOCH service dog training course given by Tender Loving Canines Assistance Dogs, and completed the training for service dog "Stevie." (Attachment "D")

4) Kairos: I have completed the Kairos weekend short course. The short course emphasizes forgiveness of others, self examination, goal setting, self esteem, small group interaction, communication, responsibility, and trust and respect of others. I have also served on the Kairos Inside Team for three (3) additional Kairos weekends, one of which, as the Kairos Inside Team Leader. (Attachment "E")

5) Self Development Chronos: I have earned twenty (20) Turning Point / Partnership for Re-entry Program (PREP) Chronos and thirteen (13) Turning Point Anger Management Chronos. (Located in CDCR SOMS, "Miscellaneous Folder")

6) Certificates of Completion: Five (5) Certificates of Completion for Turning Point / Partnership for Re-entry Program (PREP), and one (1) Certificate of Completion for Turning Point Anger Management. (Located in CDCR SOMS, "Miscellaneous Folder")

7) Certificates of Participation: (Located in CDCR SOMS, "Miscellaneous Folder")

a) Conflict Resolution

b) Anger Management

c) Lifer Support Group

d) Lifer Process Group

8) Education: (Attachment "F")

I have completed thirty-six (36) units with a cumulative GPA of 3.22. I'm currently enrolled in the fall semester for twelve (12) units. Upon completion of the fall semester I should only need approximately 12 more units to get my AA in Business.

9) Marketable / Employable Skills: (Attachment "G")

While incarcerated I've continued to develop and learn new job skills.

a) Maintenance mechanic, (Please see laudatory Chrono dated 9/30/14 authored by Kevin Paules, Stationary Engineer.)

b) Sheet rock installation and finishing, concrete and concrete finishing, metal framing and masonry. (Please see memorandum dated February 28, 2017 from Tito Develasco, Construction Supervisor 1.

c) Certified SKY JACK 3219 and HI REACH FORKLIFT OPERATOR. (State of California card NO. 869, (Issued 12/11/2015, Expires 12/11/2018)

d) Artist / Painter (please see letter from David Mashore, Catalyst Foundation

e) Dog Trainer, CDC 128 B, Dated 6/15/2017, Erin Vejar, POOCH manager

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Kenneth Jordan

Between January and February 1980, Kenneth Jordan and his crime partner committed a string of robberies. During the commission of these robberies, Mr. Jordan shot and killed John Martin and Dwight Cousins. On June 5, 1981, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jordan to two terms of life without the possibility of parole for murder, ten years for robbery, six years for firearm enhancements, and one year prior felony enhancement.

Mr. Jordan has now been incarcerated for close to 39 years and is 65 years old. In his application for clemency, Mr. Jordan wrote, "I am not the same person I was when I committed [these] crime[s] long ago. I know in my heart that I would never hurt or harm anyone again." Mr. Jordan has been housed on the Honor Yard since 2002 and has been discipline free for over a decade. For the past five years, Mr. Jordan has been employed as a disability program aide, routinely receiving above average work ratings. Mr. Jordan has also participated in self-help courses, including Victim Awareness, Alternatives to Violence, and Anger Management.

It is clear that during his incarceration, Mr. Jordan has improved himself and his remarkable transformation has been repeatedly noted by correctional staff. In 2018, a correctional lieutenant, who has known Mr. Jordan since 2001, commended him for his work with disabled and elderly inmates, writing, "[Mr.] Jordan has [made known] his continuing effort to rebuild his life and character to be accepted back into society as a hardworking and intelligent young man. I believe if ever released back to the community, [Mr.] Jordan has the work ethic and a skill set to keep him employed, ensuring that he would have something to offer society." In 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Jordan for his dedication to the success of the Progressive Programming Facility, writing, "[Mr. Jordan] leads by example and appears to be remorseful as well as genuine in his wanting to change. . . . Accordingly, I expect that [Mr.] Jordan would be able to transition successfully if released from custody." Another correctional officer acknowledged Mr. Jordan for his positive attitude and willingness to help others, writing, "It is my opinion that [Mr.] Jordan will be successful as he integrates back into society, and will have a positive impact on the community." Mr. Jordan also has the support of his brother and daughter, with whom he plans to live upon release.

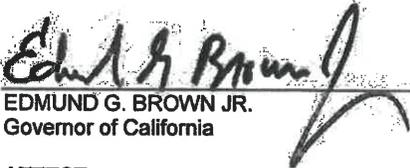
Additionally, Mr. Jordan's application has been reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Jordan.

Since committing these very cruel and senseless crimes, Mr. Jordan has become a role model for other inmates and has achieved positive goals in an extremely challenging environment, while serving a sentence that offers no life outside of prison. For these reasons, I believe is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that he can make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kenneth Jordan to a total of 38 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Kenneth L. Jordan Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 53 Inmate ID: C32725
Address: P.O. BOX 4430, Lancaster, CA 93539 Facility: A

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
See Attachment A-1			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attachment B-2

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attachment C-3

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attachment D-4

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

Attachment A

Offenses: Pen. Code 245 (a), with 12022.5 Pen. Code, within the meaning of Pen. Code 667.5 (b).

Date of Offense: June 15, 1976

County of Conviction: Los Angeles County

Sentence: Six Months to Life, Five Years to Life.

Offenses: Robbery (SEc. Pen. Code-cts.I through 21 Counts.)

Dangerous Weapons (Sec. 12021 Pen. Code, 21 cts.)

Murder (Sec. 187 Pen. Code, cts. 2.)

Date of Offense: January 13, 1980, February 29, 1980

County of Conviction: Los Angeles County

Sentence: Life-Without-Parole (2) + 16 Years.

B-2: By spending 4 decades in California State Prison, and I am 63 years of age, coupled with knowing the value of life, I found out that life is priceless after losing loved one and family.

C-3: I am requesting commutation of sentence because I came to the realization many years ago. Due to positive life experiences, I've been reformed and with maturation to 63 years of age. I have witnessed so much heartache and pain losing friends and family while incarcerated. That's what triggered in me the compassion I now have for others.

D-4: I am not the same person I was when I committed those crimes long ago. I know in my heart, that I would never hurt or harm anyone again. I'm just broken old man who wants to spend the rest of my days with my daughter and my grand kids.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County:

Please take notice that I Kenneth L. Jordan, was convicted of the crime of Murder, 21 Counts of Robbery, committed in Los Angeles County, California on the date of 2/29/1980. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Kenneth L. Jordan
Applicant's Signature

2-27-2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Baibara Wolff #10, District Attorney of the County of Kenneth Jordan do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Kenneth Jordan, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed *Baibara Wolff*

Date 3/14/17

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814


Kenneth Jordan C32725
CSP LAC, A2-227
P.O. Box 4430
Lancaster, CA 93539

April 24, 2017

Governor Edmund G. Brown
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown,

RE: PLEASE ADD TO MY APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION FILE. I LEFT A FEW THINGS OUT THAT HAVE BEEN EATING AWAY IN MY MIND.

First, I was a substance abuser. I was raised around known criminal; I came to the United States in June of 1958 from Seoul Korea. The family that raised me did not know how to teach me discipline. Almost every one in my life has passed away. Aside from my daughter and my two grand kids, I am alone on this earth. I have no body concerned for my cause or for my freedom but myself. I will be 64 by the time you review my commutation file. I now know that I went down the path of disappointment and I have learned to accept responsibility for my actions.

I have learned to face that I was the cause of the situation I am in. I have worked on my Faith and morals during the many years that I have been in prison. I have learned to accept full responsibility for my crimes with Faith, and believe I have diligently worked on reforming myself. I conclude that I am ready for commutation.

My health is detereorating. I have Rheumatoid Arthritis, Hepititus-B, my vision is bad, and I have lost some memory faculties. I wish to share my last few years with my daughter and my two grand kids. I am an old, broken down man.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Jordan

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IN THE MATTER OF

K. Jordan

CDCR # C-32725

California State Prison, Los Angeles County

InRe: COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

“This is who I was prior to prison”

I was an orphan from South Seoul, Korea. I came to the United States of America, on May 5, 1958. I was round or about five years of age and adopted by the Jordan family. The Jordan' struggled to raise me all ways disciplining me and making me to wear the same clothes daily. I did not speak or understand any English until I was eight years old. Schoolmates bullied me in elementary school from first through the sixth grades. My life turned upside down because I had to fight every time I stepped out of the house because my appearance was different from others. The only people interested in me or who treated me kindly was the street thugs or gang members. This I did not find out until later was because I was easily tricked and coerced into doing criminal acts due to my lack of knowledge and direction. I had never been sat down and talked to nor discussed such issues not even with my adopted parents. I longed for acceptance and approval from all the wrong people, especially from people who were career criminals or gang members. This led me down a path of destruction and resulted in life in prison.

“Who I am now”

I am now a sixty-four year old state prisoner. I have learned to take responsibility for my actions and omissions. I cowardly took the life of two human beings. I should have did something to save the life of Dwight Cousin and John Martin. I now understand the full ramifications of my

senseless crime. I regret what I did and recognize that my actions were shameful, hurtful, and destructive which did cause devastating pain and hardships on Mr. Cousin and Mr. Martin's families.

I am truly remorseful to have caused such pain and suffering to their loved ones and friends.

~~I have worked on my faith and morals during my time in prison. My past cannot change,~~ but I can change the future by changing my actions today. This has allowed me to talk openly concerning my shortcomings. I have learnt much. In addition, I will be a humble servant to others as amends. I am passionate about my vision for the future. I am now a man and no longer a boy. I am no longer a threat to society and I know that I will be a model citizen.

I have changed bad habits by replacing them with good ones. Change is possible, willingness to believe in personal transformation is precious and I feel it is a miracle, a gift from God. Kenneth Hartman was my mentor and educator he showed me how to be a man and to be responsible for the action I take. I am now helping others to better themselves. I have been an ADA Medical Assistant for 5 years and help care for the elderly and disabled. I am entirely responsible and without excuse for committing the murder of two human beings. I was immature, selfish and had no regards for life. I now know the two lives I took create pain for the two families. I should have immediately turned myself in to the police or called 911.

I was not fully aware of what I needed to share concerning the questions asked in reference to commutation. However, I am taking A.A. now, along with complete self-help courses inclusive therapy and discussion-GOGI, Houses of Healing, Anger Management, and Personal Insight. I have signed up on the list for Personal Development, Victim Sensitivity Awareness, and Creating A Healing Society.

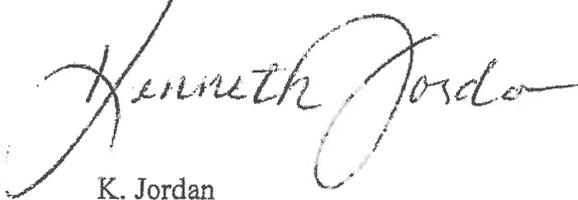
I have written remorse letters to the two families lives I have destroyed.

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If given another chance and the opportunity in life, I will make sure to put forth 110 % effort all future endeavors. I will re-build into the community that I harmed trust, faith, and confidence.

You will be very satisfied in your decision to commute my sentence. Thank you for reading my life story.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth Jordan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "K. Jordan".

K. Jordan

I, the undersigned, Minister of Foreign
Affairs of the Republic of Korea, hereby
request all whom it may concern to allow
Mr. Dennis Lambert
GIBBS (Yoo Bok Dong)
a national of the Republic of Korea,
proceeding to the United
States of America

to pass freely without let or hindrance,
and to afford the aforementioned person
such assistance and protection as may
be necessary.

May 3, 1958

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The validity of this passport expires
November 9, 1960

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Shawn Khalifa

On January 27, 2004, 15-year-old Shawn Khalifa agreed to participate with Mark Gardner, Juan Pena, and Fernando Rivera in what he thought would be the burglary of Hubert Love's house. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Khalifa initially waited outside, while Mr. Pena and Mr. Rivera went inside the house. Mr. Khalifa eventually entered the home and took some candy. It was then that he realized that Mr. Pena and Mr. Rivera had beaten Mr. Love severely, later resulting in his death. On December 21, 2007, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Khalifa to 25 years to life for murder.

While this was a very serious crime, Mr. Khalifa's role was limited to entering the house and stealing candy. Mr. Khalifa did not participate in the beating that resulted in Mr. Love's death and there is no indication that he anticipated that his crime partners would injure and kill Mr. Love. Mr. Khalifa was only 15 years old when he participated in this crime, and he had no prior criminal history. He is seeking a commutation based on his excessive sentence in relation to his culpability in this crime, his support in the community, and his positive programming in prison. Mr. Khalifa wrote in his application, "While incarcerated, I live as a positive example for others and if released I will do the same for the community."

Now 30, Mr. Khalifa has been incarcerated for half his life. During that time, he has earned a high school diploma and completed self-help classes, including Celebrate Recovery, Living With Others, Managing Anger, Changing Your Thinking, and Substance Abuse. Mr. Khalifa earned an achievement certificate in Alzheimer's Care and participated in vocational training programs for welding and office services. Mr. Khalifa composed a one-act play as part of the Arts in Corrections class and was commended in 2017 by a program sponsor for his participation as a playwright in the program. In 2015, a correctional officer commended Mr. Khalifa for saving the life of an inmate who was attempting suicide.

While Mr. Love's death was tragic and senseless, I believe that based on Mr. Khalifa's limited role in the crime, his age at the time, and his rehabilitation, that Mr. Khalifa has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Shawn Khalifa to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




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**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Shawn Malone Khalifa Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 88 Inmate ID: G-02628

Address: P.O. Box 8101, San Luis Obispo CA 93409 Facility: California Mens Colony

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Murder 1st	1/27/2004	Riverside	25 years to life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see: attachment A

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see: attachment B

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see: attachment C

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No. I have not given any money, or gift in preparation of this application.

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Circumstances of the Crime

I was two months passed my 15th birthday when the crime occurred. Mark Gardner age 17, and I went to a burglary being committed by a 16, and 18 year old. They entered the victims home through the front door and beat the elderly homeowner to death. Mark and I snuck into the backyard of the home unaware that the homeowner had been harmed. Mark knocked on the backdoor angering the 18 year old inside of the home. I began to leave the backyard but Mark stayed. Not wanting to leave Mark I rejoined him by the backdoor. The 18 year old opened the door and pulled me inside of the home by my shirt. He revealed a gun in his waistband and yelled at me, "Is this what you wanted to see?!" Referring to the injured homeowner. I cowardly stole candy from the victims home instead of calling 911 for help. I was found guilty of 1st degree felony murder and sentenced to 25 years to life.

I Believe I Was Overly Prosecuted

I was arrested two months passed my 15th birthday and charged with 1st degree murder; although I did not in fact murder, or know a murder would, or could be committed by one of my peers.

I was prosecuted under California's Felony Murder Rule and never given a reasonable chance to take responsibility for my actions. A life prison sentences in not a chance. At every stage of my incarceration there has been the label of murderer. I was convicted, sentenced, and housed in State Prison as a 1st degree murderer. But in fact it is known that I am not and never will be a murderer.

I should have done something to save a man's life. I did not. For this I deserve a punishment, but I honestly believe a life prison term is not appropriate for what my actions were.

Because I was prosecuted under the Felony Murder Rule, there was no consideration given at sentencing to; Youthfulness at time of offense, and limited participation in the offense. I received a mandatory sentence of 25 years to life. The harshest punishment available for a 15 year old defendant.

The Person I Am

During my incarceration I have refrained from having a criminal mentality. Although surrounded by many others who live with a criminal mentality, I dwell upon the many positive staff interactions I have had, to instill within myself a set of morals that cannot be corrupted.

attachment B Page 2

Through positive living and actions, I have gained the support of my local community to the point of; when released I would be given the opportunity to speak at local high schools to warn of the dangers of criminal thinking.

Based upon my continued growth of positive character, and proven ability to maintain it throughout my entire incarceration, I believe I should be granted a commutation of sentence as I would truly be an asset to society.

While incarcerated I am often told by correctional officers, counselors, Doctors and other staff that my prison term is excessive for what my actions were. Many of them are impressed by the person I am. I know that I am a good person, and will be a good person while incarcerated and one day when released. It is my hope that you will give me the chance to improve (it), a chance that I have never been given.

attachment C

I Should Be Granted A Commutation of Sentence

The most positive effect a commutation of sentence would have, is on my prison Term, and Program. I would have a realistic punishment for what my actions were. Energy could be rightfully spent on preparing myself for re-integration back into society; instead of an unjust prison term where I have to survive another decade in prison to be considered for release.

Today I have overwhelming support in the community. I have written and published positive books to warn struggling youth not to follow in my footsteps. I influence a web-site my sister runs pensideout.org that aspires to be a positive resource for youth and their parents. I've worked as an Assisted Care Giver, and currently work as a Teachers Aide in a lower functioning (E.O.P.) classroom, where I assist other inmates with Math and reading skills. I lead a life of service in prison and will do the same in the community.

When Released

I have the option of two homes to parole to. The first would be my mothers, and the second my sisters. Both homes are located in south Orange County where my current employment, and educational opportunities are located.

I will lead as normal a life as possible for a man who has been through the prison system. I am going to follow every law in the Penal Code. I will participate in community building and be of service. This is a fact.

For me to continue to spend 25 years to life in prison is a disservice to all parties involved. For this reason I humbly submit this Application For Executive Clemency.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Chan Lam

In December 2003, 17-year-old Chan Lam's girlfriend told him that Matthew Seivert had made racial comments about her and her father, and said that she wanted someone to beat him up. Mr. Lam and several friends went to a park to confront Mr. Seivert and blocked his car in. One of Mr. Lam's friends shot Mr. Seivert multiple times, killing him. On March 24, 2006, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lam to 26 years to life for murder and a firearm enhancement.

In Mr. Lam's application for clemency, he wrote, "I am deeply ashamed of my actions, and I accept full responsibility for the pain and devastation I have caused. I will be forever remorseful not only to my victim, Matthew Seivert, but to his family and the community for the irreversible consequences of my conduct." Mr. Lam described the changes he has made in his life since coming to prison, and his desire to make amends for this crime. He wrote, "If given the chance, I will do whatever it takes to be an outstanding member of society and a positive influence in my community. I owe it to Matthew Seivert, his family, and friends. I owe it to everybody affected by my actions. I owe it to the community."

There is no doubt that Mr. Lam has made a significant transformation while in prison. He has been incarcerated for nearly 15 years and is now 32 years old. He dropped out of the gang, has never been involved with drugs or violence in prison, and notably, has never been disciplined for misconduct. Mr. Lam has instead participated in many rehabilitation programs. He has taken self-help classes including Victim Offender Education Group, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Violence Prevention, and also facilitates groups for his peers. Mr. Lam earned multiple A.A. and A.S. degrees, as well as a business certificate and several vocational certifications. He writes for the San Quentin News and currently works as a certified substance abuse counselor in the Addiction Recovery Counseling program at San Quentin. The director of that program supported Mr. Lam's commutation, and wrote, "I have found him to have extremely clear insight into what brought him into the system and how he plans to focus his life in the future. He continues to serve not only as an advocate of the recovery process, but as a role model to other male inmates as to what they can achieve. . . . He has my full support." A correctional officer who has worked for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for 21 years commended Mr. Lam for his work ethic and wrote, "I believe Inmate Lam to be reliable and he will be a responsible member of any community when he is given opportunity to parole." Numerous other correctional officers, staff members, and volunteers have praised Mr. Lam for his positive behavior and attitude. Mr. Lam has been offered an internship as an addiction counselor at a recovery program in Berkeley.

Mr. Lam participated in a senseless and tragic crime when he was just 17 years old. In the years since, he has demonstrated sincere remorse for his actions and dedicated himself to living without violence and serving others. I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Chan Lam to a total of 16 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




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Dear Governor Brown:

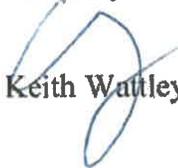
I represent Chan Venh ("John") Lam, and I submit the attached Petition for Commutation on John's behalf. John was 17 years old at the time he participated in the murder of Matthew Sievert, for which he was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to a term of 25 years-life. He now seeks a commutation of his conviction and sentence to second-degree murder so that he may be eligible for parole consideration ten years earlier.

As an attorney who has represented hundreds of prisoners appearing before the Board of Parole Hearings, I have no doubt that John is suitable for parole. This is particularly true in light of the fact that prisoners, like John, who were under the age of 18 at the time of their crimes are afforded special parole consideration under the new Youth Offender Parole Laws. In terms of educational, vocational and self-help accomplishments, John's case provides the best example of what is possible when young people acknowledge and take responsibility for the tragic decisions they made and commit themselves to transformation and making up for the harm they caused. I can think of very few clients in my 18 years in this field who have shown more genuine and dramatic transformation than John Lam.

His petition for executive clemency should be granted for three reasons. First, John has accepted full responsibility for his crime, identified the factors that led him to commit this offense, and expressed profound remorse for his role in the victim's death. Second, several mitigating factors weigh heavily in favor of executive clemency, including John's youth and immaturity at the time of the offense, and the fact that John was not the shooter. Third and finally, John has worked tirelessly to better himself in prison through the achievement of major educational milestones, the completion of extensive vocational training, and leadership of many self-help programs. Over the course of his incarceration, John has demonstrated that he is a profoundly changed man who is ready to re-enter society, and to become a conscientious, dependable, and productive member of his community.

For all these reasons, as spelled out more fully in the attached Petition and accompanying exhibits, I strongly urge you to commute John's sentence to 15 years-to-life.

Sincerely,


Keith Wattley



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CDCR No.: F-21170
PETITION FOR COMMUTATION
TO SECOND-DEGREE MURDER

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13 **CHAN VEHN "JOHN" LAM,**) **TO SECOND-DEGREE MURDER**
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16 **I. INTRODUCTION TO PETITION FOR COMMUTATION**

17 In December 2003, nineteen-year-old Matthew Seivert was lured to Tahoe Park in Elk
18 Grove, California by his ex-girlfriend, Nicole Carroll, and attacked by a group of twelve youths. He
19 died of gunshot wounds the following morning. Chan Vehn ("John") Lam, who was seventeen years
20 old at the time and had only one prior arrest, confessed to his involvement in Mr. Seivert's killing at
21 the time of his arrest on January 7, 2004. In 2005, John was found guilty of first degree murder and
22 sentenced as an adult to twenty-five years to life, plus a one-year enhancement because a firearm
23 was used in the crime. He is currently serving his sentence at San Quentin State Prison. As of
24 August 2017, John has served more than thirteen years of his sentence. At the time of his
25 sentencing, he was not projected to be eligible for parole until 2030. Nevertheless, the attached
26 timeline of his activities while in custody shows that he committed himself to changing his life from
27 the very beginning of his incarceration.

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1 This Petition requests that John Lam's sentence and conviction be commuted to fifteen
2 years to life for second degree murder, which will make him eligible for parole consideration
3 within the next year.¹ Under the California State Constitution and state law, the Governor, on
4 conditions the Governor deems proper, has authority to grant a reprieve, pardon, and
5 commutation.² The Governor's commutation power traces back to the English Common Law
6 and is a "broad" power traditionally vested in the Governor, not the courts.³ It is separate from,
7 and independent of, the Legislature's power to define punishment.⁴ For the reasons discussed in
8 this Petition, John is deserving of a commutation of his sentence from twenty-five years to life to
9 fifteen years to life.

10 This Petition describes the events leading up to Mr. Seivert's death, as well as the events of
11 the last thirteen years. It will explore John Lam's childhood, his relationship with the other young
12 people involved in the crime, the facts surrounding Mr. Seivert's murder, and John's trial and
13 sentencing. It will also outline the advances in scientific understanding and jurisprudence regarding
14 youth offenders since John's trial. Finally, it will tell the story of John's life in prison, detailing his
15 personal growth, education, accomplishments, and life goals. This Petition will illustrate the
16 extraordinary rehabilitation and accountability John has demonstrated.

17 In light of the many circumstances discussed in this Petition, I respectfully request that you
18 commute John's sentence.

19 20 **II. JOHN'S CHILDHOOD**

21 John Lam was born on [REDACTED] 1986 in Sacramento, California. He is the youngest of five
22 children. His parents and older siblings immigrated to the United States from Hong Kong in
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24 ¹ Given the nature of the crime in this case, a commutation to manslaughter would also be
25 warranted.

26 ² Cal. Const. Art. V, § 8(a); Cal. Pen. Code, § 4800.

27 ³ *Connecticut Bd. of Pardons v. Dumschat*, 452 U.S. 458, 464 (1981); *see also Malcom v.*
28 *Payne*, 281 F.3d 951, 960 (9th Cir. 2002); *Jenkins v. Knight*, 46 Cal.2d 220, 223 (Cal. 1956).

⁴ *Green v. Gordon*, 39 Cal.2d 230, 232-33 (Cal. 1952).

1 1981. After the Vietnam War, his family fled to Hong Kong and lived in the refugee camp for a
2 couple of years. John was living with his parents and siblings at the time of the crime. Although
3 he had love and support at home, growing up in Sacramento was not easy. Both of John's
4 parents worked long hours picking fruits in the fields and other labor intensive side jobs to
5 support the family. This meant that they were not home to supervise him as often as they would
6 have liked to be. Growing up, he witnessed verbal and physical conflict between his parents, and
7 suicidal threats by his mother. His uncle, who struggled with addiction and was in and out of
8 jail, lived in the home and was a source of instability and conflict. These early childhood
9 experiences left John feeling inadequate and seeking control.⁵

10 John began middle school around the time that his uncle moved into the home. During his
11 first week of school, he was approached by several gang members who picked a fight with him
12 and ultimately attacked him. Out of fear of being labeled a snitch, he did not report the incident
13 to the school. Instead, John began skipping class to avoid being bullied. He found solace in a
14 group of Asian immigrant peers who were also truant from school. There, John found a sense of
15 belonging and control. These peers became close friends and, together, they began engaging in
16 petty crime.⁶ When he was fourteen years old, John was arrested for unlawful possession of a
17 firearm and served three months in juvenile detention.⁷

18 To separate him from this negative peer group in Sacramento, John's parents moved his
19 family to nearby Elk Grove, California shortly after his release. At Elk Grove High School, John
20 enjoyed school, had an exemplary attendance record, and maintained a 3.0 GPA. He worked
21 from age fourteen to the time of his arrest at age seventeen at McDonald's, Water World, and
22 then Albertson's. At the time of John's arrest, he had worked twenty-eight hours/week as a
23 courtesy clerk at Albertson's for approximately one year. While he appeared, on the surface, to
24 be doing well, he was internally profoundly troubled. He continued to associate with friends who

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26 ⁵ See August 21, 2017 Letter from John Lam, attached as Exhibit A, page 2.

27 ⁶ See Exhibit A, page 2.

28 ⁷ See Probation Officer Report, attached as Exhibit C, page 20.

1 centered their behavior and camaraderie around illegal activities.⁸ These friends were his
2 codefendants in his life crime.

3 Shortly before the crime, John's best friend committed suicide. This tragic event rocked
4 John to his very core and left him feeling angry, lonely, and depressed.⁹

6 **III. JOHN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS CO-DEFENDANTS**

7 Even after John moved to Elk Grove in high school, he remained close friends with a
8 group of young men who engaged in criminal activity. They got into fights, jumped people, and
9 carried weapons.¹⁰

10 John knew Nicole Carroll and Matthew Seivert from Elk Grove High School. Though he
11 had a crush on Nicole early on, she had chosen to date Matthew Seivert instead of him, before
12 moving to Los Angeles to live with her mother.¹¹

15 **IV. THE MURDER OF MATTHEW SEIVERT**

16 On the afternoon of December 23, 2003, Nicole Carroll vented to John about Matthew,
17 claiming that he had made disparaging and racist remarks about Asians to her father, who is
18 Japanese. John responded by offering to beat Matthew up to teach him a lesson. He felt that
19 doing so would prove his worth to Nicole.¹² That evening, he called his friends, who then
20 contacted others, until a dozen or so other young men had agreed to help. They met at a boy
21 named Voong's house and discussed the plan. Killing or shooting Mr. Seivert was not explicitly
22 discussed. Their plan was to wait until Mr. Seivert was at Tahoe Park with Nicole, and then to

24 ⁸ See Exhibit A, page 3.

25 ⁹ See Exhibit A, page 3.

26 ¹⁰ See Exhibit A, page 3.

27 ¹¹ See Exhibit A, page 3.

28 ¹² See Exhibit A, page 3.

1 get out of their cars and beat him up. They were all going to come from different directions to
2 trap him.¹³

3 That night, Nicole made plans to meet Mr. Seivert at Tahoe Park. At around 12:30am,
4 Mr. Seivert left his home and drove his mother's car to the park. He and Nicole spoke for a few
5 minutes, and then he got in his car to leave. Nicole called John and stated, "He is leaving right
6 now. Go get him." When Mr. Seivert started to drive off, John drove to the passenger side of the
7 Mr. Seivert's vehicle to block him in. Hung Thieu Ly, one of the youths in the group, got out of
8 his car and shot the victim multiple times. At that point, everyone rushed back in their cars and
9 drove a way. Everyone met back at Voong's house except for Ly, who was dropped off.¹⁴ John
10 was very upset at the time, and immediately blamed the others for not sticking to the plan.¹⁵

11 12 **V. ARRESTS AND CONFESSIONS OF JOHN AND CO-DEFENDANTS**

13 In the early morning hours of December 24, 2003, Sacramento Police Officers ("SPD")
14 responded to the area of Tahoe Park "regarding suspicious circumstances and sounds of several
15 shots heard from the general vicinity of the park."¹⁶ The officers drove around the park, but
16 located no people or vehicles. Within minutes, the SPD received another call reporting a traffic
17 collision into a fence on 8th Avenue, near Tahoe Park. Police officers and emergency personnel
18 responded, located Matthew Seivert, and transported him to the U.C. Davis Medical Center. Mr.
19 Seivert had sustained gunshot wounds to the head and chest.¹⁷

20 That afternoon, detectives spoke with Mr. Seivert's mother in the Intensive Care waiting
21 room of the U.C. Davis Medical Center. She indicated that her son's ex-girlfriend, Nicole
22 Carroll, had called him the night before at around 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. Nicole called again close to
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24 ¹³ See Exhibit C, page 8.

25 ¹⁴ See Exhibit C, page 9.

26 ¹⁵ See Exhibit A, page 4.

27 ¹⁶ See Exhibit C, page 2.

28 ¹⁷ See Exhibit C, page 2.

1 midnight and spoke with Mr. Seivert. At around 12:30 a.m., he left in his mother's car and said
2 that he would be back in twenty minutes. He and Nicole had dated about two years prior, but
3 Nicole had moved to Los Angeles over a year before to live with her mother. She was in
4 Sacramento visiting her father over the holidays. Mr. Seivert's mother said she called his cell
5 phone a few times at around 1:05 a.m. and could not understand what was said on the line, so
6 called again and the phone was not answered. At around 1:30 am she went to Nicole's father's
7 home and Nicole's older sister told her that Nicole was at the mall and had not seen Mr. Seivert.
8 Police contacted Nicole on December 24, 2003. She denied any knowledge of the victim being
9 shot. Mr. Seivert died the next day, December 25, 2003. No statement was ever obtained from
10 him.¹⁸

11 Two days later, On December 27, 2003, detectives contacted John Lam. He
12 acknowledged that he knew Mr. Seivert from Hiram Johnson High School and that he was a
13 friend of Nicole Carroll. He said that he was with Nicole Carroll on the day of the shooting, but
14 not at Tahoe Park. He stated that he had not heard about the victim's death until the detective
15 told him.¹⁹

16 On January 6, 2004, Nicole Carroll's stepmother became suspicious of her, contacted the
17 police, and placed a pretext call with Nicole. During the call, Nicole admitted to being at the
18 scene and indicated that the plan was not to shoot or kill Mr. Seivert. She placed John Lam and
19 at least eight or nine other people, whose names she did not know, at the scene. Nicole Carroll
20 and John Lam were arrested on January 7, 2004. Officers went to John's residence with search
21 warrants and found an unloaded .357 caliber revolver and a T-shirt that had writing associated
22 with the Oriental Boys. It was later determined that the revolver was not involved in the shooting
23 and the T-shirt was found to have belonged to one of John's brothers.²⁰

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¹⁸ See Exhibit C, page 2.

27 ¹⁹ See Exhibit C, page 5.

28 ²⁰ See Exhibit C, page 12, 15.

1 When John was taken into custody and confronted with information regarding his
2 involvement in the murder, he initially denied involvement. However, within a matter of hours,
3 John confessed to his role in Mr. Seivert's murder. He acknowledged that his friend, Hung
4 Thieu Ly, was the person who shot Mr. Seivert, and that while this was not part of the plan, he
5 knew that Ly had a gun. Incidentally, even the Sentencing Judge acknowledged that the original
6 intention was not to kill Mr. Seivert.

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8 **VI. JOHN'S TRIAL AND SENTENCING**

9 John Lam was charged with murder and tried with four other co-defendants: Nicole
10 Carroll; Hung Ly; Jimmy Chi Cooc; and John Dich. The other youths present during the crime
11 were granted immunity in exchange for their testimony.²¹ The Deputy District Attorney relied on
12 a theory of first degree murder by means of lying in wait, showing the defendants acted in
13 wanton and willful disregard for the victim's life and acted in a manner likely to cause the
14 victim's death.²²

15 The jury found all five defendants guilty of violation of Section 187(a) of the California
16 Penal Code (Murder, First Degree), and found true the special circumstances that the shooter,
17 Hung Thieu Ly, intentionally killed the victim while lying in wait.²³ Mr. Ly was sentenced to
18 Life Without the Possibility of Parole. John and co-defendants Jimmy Chi Cooc, John Dich, and
19 Nicole Melissa Carroll were sentenced to twenty-five years to life.
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22 **VII. JOHN'S PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY**

23 John has only one misdemeanor violation for being minor in possession of a firearm,
24 arising from a 2001 arrest after officers responded to the scene of a stolen vehicle stop. During a
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26 ²¹ See Exhibit C, page 14.

27 ²² See Exhibit C, page 14.

28 ²³ See Exhibit C, page 16.

1 search of the vehicle, the officers recovered three firearms, two of which were determined to
2 have been reported stolen. John was a passenger in the car and, when questioned, admitted to
3 having possession of a stolen weapon.²⁴

4 5 **VIII. JOHN'S INCARCERATION**

6 John awaited trial in juvenile detention from January 7, 2004 to May 7, 2005, his
7 eighteenth birthday, at which point he was transferred to the Sacramento County Jail.

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9 On March 3, 2006, John was transferred to the California Department of Corrections and
10 Rehabilitation (CDCR) at SATF Corcoran. In his time at CDCR, John has actively pursued
11 opportunities for education, vocational training, leadership, community involvement, and work.
12 He has found hope in his ability to learn, grow, and become a better person.²⁵

13 **John's Education and Vocational Training**

14 John graduated with his high school diploma on August 3, 2007 from Tulare Lake Adult
15 School at SATF Corcoran.²⁶ Within one month, he was actively pursuing higher education by
16 enrolling at Coastline Community College. Between August 2007 and December 2009, John
17 took courses in everything from Business to Marine Sciences for a full academic year,
18 maintained a 3.9 GPA, and made the honor roll every single quarter.²⁷ John was not able to
19 complete his Associates Degree as early as he had hoped because CDCR stopped proctoring
20 Coastline Community College Distance Learning courses after the state budget cuts in
21 December of 2009.

22 Upon receiving notification of the education program's ending, John immediately began
23 contacting other distance learning programs to pursue his education. In January of 2010, John
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25 ²⁴ See Exhibit C, page 20.

26 ²⁵ See Exhibit A.

27 ²⁶ See Educational Diplomas, Degrees, and Honors, attached as Exhibit D.

28 ²⁷ See Exhibit D.

1 enrolled in Blackstone Career Institute and subsequently completed the thirty-one lessons
2 required to obtain a Legal Assistant/Paralegal Diploma.²⁸ Again, John maintained honor roll
3 grades throughout his studies. In January of 2011, John completed Blackstone Career Institute's
4 Criminal Law and Procedure certificate program.²⁹

5 When Coastline Community College resumed its services in 2011, John re-enrolled. He
6 received four Associate's Degrees with honors, as well as a Business Certificate, from
7 Coastline.³⁰ He then began applying to college programs around the country. He was accepted to
8 the Extended Studies Business Administration/General Business BS degree program at Adams
9 State University, where he enrolled in Business Statistics and Macroeconomics Principles.³¹ He
10 has also completed numerous college courses at Patten University at San Quentin.

11 In several laudatory chronos throughout 2014, Kara Union, the Program Coordinator of
12 the Prison University Project at San Quentin, wrote that "Mr. Lam should be commended for his
13 academic accomplishments and for his commitment to earning an education."³² John will
14 continue pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in prison and, if given the opportunity, upon release.
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16 John has also committed himself to the vocational goal of becoming an alcohol and drug
17 addiction counselor. In August of 2013, he earned a Certificate of Achievement for successfully
18 completing the Addiction Recovery Counseling Program at San Quentin.³³ In July of 2016, he
19 was certified by the Addiction Counselor Certification Board of California as an Addictions
20 Treatment Intern.³⁴ Recently, he applied to be a certified drug counselor with the California
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23 ²⁸ See Vocational Certificates and Accomplishments, attached as Exhibit E.

24 ²⁹ See Exhibit E.

25 ³⁰ See Exhibit D.

26 ³¹ See Exhibit D.

27 ³² See Exhibit D.

28 ³³ See List of Self-Help Certificates, Chronos, and Achievements, attached as Exhibit F.

³⁴ See Exhibit F.

1 Association for Alcohol and Drug Educators, having completed the 2,240-hour practicum
2 requirement.³⁵

3 **John's Self-Help Programming**

4 As evidenced by the enclosed list of self-help certificates, chronos, and achievements,
5 John has consistently devoted himself to his religious and spiritual education. In January 2010,
6 he earned several diplomas for completion of the Voice of Prophecy bible courses. He
7 subsequently enrolled in courses with the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry Discipleship Institute,
8 the American Bible Academy, the Gospel Echoes Team, the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry
9 Bible Correspondence Course, the ECS Prison Ministry of Northern California, and Source of
10 Light Schools.³⁶

11 He has also completed numerous violence-prevention and insight-building programs that
12 have allowed him to process the grave consequences of his life crime. These include workshops,
13 classes, and curricula through Men of Standards, Inside Solutions, New Leaf, Project IMPACT
14 (Incarcerated Men Putting Away Childish Things), ROOTS (Restoring Our Original True
15 Selves), and GRIP (Guiding Rage Into Power), among others.³⁷

16 John is an active participant and skilled facilitator in Criminals and Gangmembers
17 Anonymous ("CGA").³⁸ As a member of CGA, John is required not only to abide by strict
18 ethical guidelines,³⁹ but he is responsible for maintaining these guidelines and principles in his
19 role as facilitator. Vivienne Florendo, San Quentin CGA Chief Sponsor, wrote in her letter of
20 support that John "has demonstrated an ability to interact and communicate effectively with
21 individuals of all races, backgrounds, religions, and cultures." According to Ms. Florendo, John
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24 ³⁵ See Exhibit A, page 5.

25 ³⁶ See Exhibit F.

26 ³⁷ See Exhibit F.

27 ³⁸ See Exhibit F.

28 ³⁹ These include no participation in any illegal activities and substance abuse, renunciation of
gang and criminal affiliations, and striving to live according to moral and spiritual principles.

1 “is to be commended for his commitment to self-improvement and helping others by learning
2 and applying the principles that promote peace in the community.”⁴⁰

3 John does not participate in these programs as a platitude. He does so out of a desire to
4 reckon with his violent past and move forward into a peaceful and productive future. His many
5 laudatory chronos and commendations in these programs are a testament to his earnest zeal for
6 self-improvement.

7 **John’s Leadership and Community Involvement**

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9 At CDCR, John discovered his deep interest in philanthropy, charitable giving, and the
10 process of living his amends by making the world a better place. In that vein, he has spent a
11 majority of his time on projects with Kid C.A.T. (Creating Awareness Together), a group of
12 juvenile lifers who engage in community service work. Because of John’s commitment to the
13 principles and practices of Kid C.A.T., he was given the JoAnne C. McKinerney Award and
14 named Kid C.A.T. Member of the Year. In his letter accompanying the award, the CEO of Kid
15 C.A.T. wrote that John has “a giving heart, a courageous spirit, and a driving force that allows
16 [him] to create and inspire change.” He praised John’s “growth this year, not only as a member
17 of Kid C.A.T. but also as a human being.”⁴¹

18 John has also put his money where his mouth is, donating generously to organizations
19 that support worthy causes. He is especially committed to groups that support youth, including
20 World Vision and the Salvation Army.⁴²

21 John has further demonstrated his leadership and vision by writing for the San Quentin
22 News, and by actively participating in the newspaper’s forums with elected and community
23 leaders, including San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon, San Francisco Sheriff Ross
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26 ⁴⁰ See Letters of Support, attached as Exhibit G.

27 ⁴¹ See Exhibit G.

28 ⁴² See Charitable Contributions, attached as Exhibit H.

1 Mirkarimi, and Congresswoman Jackie Speier. In September of 2016, John earned a Certificate
2 of Appreciation in recognition of his writing, support, and contributions to the newspaper.⁴³

3 Although many of John's opportunities for programming arose when he was transferred
4 to San Quentin State Prison in 2012, he embarked on his journey of personal growth and
5 emotional transformation long before then. As early as February of 2004, Sacramento Juvenile
6 Center Chaplain, Carol Holmquist, praised John for his openness and honesty. It is her opinion
7 that "John is a young man with much potential. He understands the consequences of poor
8 choices and I believe he is very capable of being a productive citizen, a good student, and a
9 person who has a lot to offer others." She further noted, "For me, this is high praise. I sincerely
10 believe in John and have high hopes for his future."⁴⁴

11 **John's Work Experience**

12 John has worked consistently during his time at CDCR, seizing every possible
13 opportunity for vocational training, employment, and other productive uses of his time. He was
14 assigned to his first job as a building porter on November 10, 2007, and worked in that position
15 until March 2008. Since then, John has taken opportunities to work at ABE (Adult Basic
16 Education) III, as a medically disabled assistant, dining hall line server, and carpenter. He
17 successfully completed the National Center for Construction Education and Research's
18 ("NCCER") Contren Learning Series program, and was credentialed by the NCCER Registry.⁴⁵

19 As evidenced by his letters of support, John has earned the high praise of his supervisors
20 at the Maintenance Vocational Building (MVB) at San Quentin. Kevin Kierce, John's Plumbing
21 Shop Supervisor, who knew John for the two and a half years that he worked as a Plant
22 Operations Clerk, wrote in 2015 that John "conduct(s) himself with integrity, humility, and
23 honesty."⁴⁶

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26 ⁴³ See Exhibit F.

27 ⁴⁴ See Exhibit G.

28 ⁴⁵ See Exhibit E.

⁴⁶ See Exhibit G.

1 Correctional Officer K.A Davis described John as a “bright intelligent, respectful
2 individual” who “takes pride in his position as the unit clerk.” Officer Davis further described
3 John as “a self-starter, capable of working independently with the confidence and experience to
4 handle any assignments he’s given thoroughly and completely.” Officer Davis even offered to
5 appear in person on John’s behalf before the Board of Parole Hearings.⁴⁷

6 A group of staff members and supervisors from the prison carpenter shop also wrote a
7 letter of support on John’s behalf, in which they praised his work ethic and initiative. They wrote
8 that “[f]or the past two years that he has worked in M.V.B ... he took it upon himself to clean
9 the staff bathroom in our shop everyday which he is not assigned to, because he noticed a lack of
10 workers. He has carried himself with personal integrity and honesty, and we believe that he
11 would be an asset to any place he works and certainly an asset to society, should he get the
12 chance to be paroled one day.”⁴⁸

13 Maturity, professionalism, honesty, and integrity were common themes in John’s
14 vocational recommendations. David Akers, a pest control technician at San Quentin, said it best
15 when he stated in his letter, “Should I find myself in a position to recommend him, trust him, or
16 vouch for his honesty, I would not hesitate to do so.”⁴⁹

17 John’s Disciplinary History

18 A review of John’s records while incarcerated shows that he has never been disciplined
19 for misconduct.

20 **IX. JOHN’S SUPPORT NETWORK**

21 Today, several respected community members who work with young people and know
22 John personally consider him to be a gifted, intelligent and promising young man. They have
23 written letters in support of John’s request for commutation. John’s support network includes
24 school administrators, teachers, persons in community outreach, leaders of non-profit
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26 ⁴⁷ See Exhibit G.

27 ⁴⁸ See Exhibit G.

28 ⁴⁹ See Exhibit G.

1 organizations, counselors, and other valued members of the community. This petition highlights
2 the words and experiences of these supporters, including: Elizabeth Calvin, Senior Advocate at
3 Human Rights Watch; Scott Budnick, Founder and President of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition;
4 and several of John's former teachers, including Tamiko Broms, Lydia Cruz, and Patricia Tran.
5 Each came to know John through close personal experience.

6 As noted in the cover letter accompanying this petition, Ms. Calvin's and Mr. Budnick's
7 descriptions of John are particularly meaningful, as both have devoted their careers to working
8 with incarcerated young people. Ms. Calvin noted that, "From my first communication with him
9 (John) it was evident that he was striving to be introspective and honest. However, when I
10 compare his 2009 answers to the man he is today, the change is remarkable. He has greatly
11 matured and grown over the years. He is now a person unafraid to accept responsibility for the
12 pain he caused."⁵⁰ Mr. Budnick highlighted John's commitment to community service by noting
13 that "John has created groups to give back to society, and has motivated countless inmates to
14 change and give back in similar ways."⁵¹

15 At the time of this writing, John has been incarcerated for over thirteen years. During this
16 time, he has undertaken immense personal examination and achieved remarkable growth through
17 the guidance of his mentors and the help of therapy, education, and community involvement.
18 The people and mentors that John associates with today reflect his values and character.

19 John is fortunate to have plentiful resources available to him outside of prison, which will
20 guarantee his successful transition back to society. These resources include: housing, emotional,
21 financial, and transportation support from his nurturing family; eight separate offers of
22 employment, including one from Scott Budnick at ARC; and an internship offer with Elizabeth
23 Calvin at Human Rights Watch.
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27 ⁵⁰ See Exhibit G.

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1 **X. DEVELOPMENTS IN UNDERSTANDING YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS**

2 In the many years since the court’s ruling that John should be sentenced to twenty-five years
3 to life, even though he was only 17 years old at the time of the crime, the United States Supreme
4 Court issued several important decisions that have changed the way courts treat and sentence
5 juveniles. These decisions include *Roper v. Simmons* (ruling that juveniles cannot be sentenced to
6 the death), *Graham v. Florida* (juveniles cannot be sentenced to life without parole for non-
7 homicide crimes), and *Miller v. Arizona* (juveniles cannot be sentenced to mandatory life without
8 parole for homicide crimes). *Roper* and *Graham* established that children are constitutionally
9 different from adults for sentencing purposes, and *Miller* applied this principle to crimes involving a
10 homicide.⁵²

11 These decisions were based on the Court’s review of sociological, neurological, and other
12 scientific research providing evidence that juveniles possess unique characteristics. Because children
13 have lessened culpability, the Court reasoned, they are less deserving of the most serious forms of
14 punishment.⁵³ The majority opinion in *Roper* found that the distinctive attributes of youth diminish
15 the penological justifications for imposing the harshest sentences on juvenile offenders, even when
16 they commit terrible crimes.

17 In deciding *Roper*, *Miller*, and *Graham*, the Court relied on key research in juvenile
18 development that established the following facts:

- 19 • Juveniles have a “lack of maturity and an “underdeveloped sense of
20 responsibility,” which often results in recklessness, impulsivity, and “ill-
21 considered actions and decisions.”⁵⁴
22 • Juveniles’ personalities are not as well formed as those of adults.⁵⁵
23 • Juveniles have limited control over their environment.⁵⁶

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25 ⁵² *Roper v. Simmons*, 543 U. S. 551 (2005); *Graham v. Florida*, 560 U.S. 48 (2010); *Miller v.*
Alabama, 567 U.S. 460 (2012).

26 ⁵³ *Roper*, 543 U. S. at 551.

27 ⁵⁴ *Id.* at 569.

28 ⁵⁵ *Id.* at 570.

⁵⁶ *Id.* at 569.

- 1 • Juveniles are more vulnerable “to negative influences and outside pressures,”
- 2 including peer pressure.⁵⁷
- 3 • Juveniles lack the ability to extricate themselves from crime-producing settings.⁵⁸
- 4 • Juveniles have “[d]ifficulty in weighing long-term consequences.”⁵⁹

5 The Supreme Court has also cited scientific evidence showing that youth are more capable
6 of change and rehabilitation, because their character and identity are not yet defined. In *Roper*, the
7 Court found that “it is less supportable to conclude that even a heinous crime committed by a
8 juvenile is evidence of irretrievably depraved character.”⁶⁰ The court in *Roper* went on to note that
9 “[t]he relevance of youth as a mitigating factor derives from the fact that the signature qualities of
10 youth are transient; as individuals mature the impetuous and recklessness that may dominate in
11 younger years can subside.”⁶¹

12 These Supreme Court decisions have required state courts and legislatures to take a new
13 look at extreme criminal sentences imposed on young people. Consistent with U.S. Supreme
14 Court holdings, California state jurisprudence has recognized the difference between children
15 and adults for sentencing purposes.⁶² The California legislature also took steps to address the
16 courts’ concerns about the harsh consequences of long-term, extreme sentences for children
17 when it passed Senate Bill 9 (California Fair Sentencing for Youth Act) and Senate Bills 260
18 and 261 (Youth Offender Parole Hearings). SB 260 includes an explicit statement
19 acknowledging the emerging research on the developmental differences between adolescent and
20 adult brains.

23 ⁵⁷ *Id.*

24 ⁵⁸ *Id.*

25 ⁵⁹ *Graham*, 560 U.S. at 78.

26 ⁶⁰ *Roper*, 543 U.S. at 570.

27 ⁶¹ *Id.*

28 ⁶² *People v. Caballero*, 55 Cal.4th 262 (Cal. 2012); *People v. Gutierrez*, 58 Cal.4th 1354
(Cal. 2014); *People v. Franklin*, 63 Cal.4th 261(Cal. 2016).

1 While these cases and legislative developments do not directly control the outcome of this
2 Petition, they help illustrate the nature of John's case and they counsel an approach that recognizes
3 his capacity to change. John and the other teenagers present at Tahoe Park on December 23
4 demonstrated all the hallmark characteristics of youth. They acted with a "lack of maturity,"⁶³ an
5 "underdeveloped sense of responsibility,"⁶⁴ and exhibited "difficulty in weighing long-term
6 consequences."⁶⁵ John associated with a crime-prone peer group because of "negative influences and
7 outside pressures."⁶⁶

8 However, as the Supreme Court's recent cases have emphasized, John's inability to
9 adequately consider the consequences of his actions was not remarkable; it was an inherent
10 characteristic of his youth. It was also entirely consistent with the scientific evidence regarding
11 juvenile development that the Supreme Court relied on to differentiate juvenile from adult
12 sentencing.

13 *Roper, Graham and Miller* provide the correct framework by which to judge the culpability
14 of juveniles. This framework did not exist at the time the court issued its order of judgment and
15 sentence in John's case. Viewing John's case in light of this framework helps demystify his actions
16 and motivations in this terrible crime. The evidence shows that his acts were not those of a monster,
17 but rather those of a misled, impulsive boy. Today, John is no longer that boy. He has grown into a
18 confident, empathetic and motivated man.

20 XI. CONCLUSION

21 This Petition and the relief sought are entirely consistent with the current state of the law
22 and developments in brain science that are crucial to both the letter and spirit of California's new
23 youth offender parole laws. While this case involves tragic and unnecessary damage to Mr.
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25 ⁶³ *Id.* at 569.

26 ⁶⁴ *Id.*

27 ⁶⁵ *Graham*, 560 U.S. at 78.

28 ⁶⁶ *Roper*, 543 U.S. at 569.

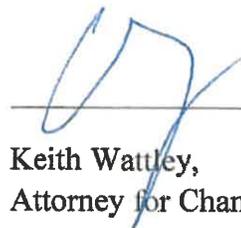
1 Seivert, his family, and the five young people sentenced to life in prison, this Petition also tells a
2 success story.

3 John is a source of hope and inspiration to many, but he is also a real thirty-one year-old
4 man with boundless potential. The first exhibit attached to this Petition is a letter from John to
5 Governor Brown. In his letter, he describes his life before incarceration and his crime, as well as
6 the work he has done in prison to better himself and to help others. John also lays out his hopes
7 for the future. This Petition gives the Governor's office the opportunity to allow John's resilient
8 spirit and good works to flourish in society.

9 John is worthy of the extraordinary act of commutation. He is fully rehabilitated and
10 presents no risk to the community; therefore, his sentence should be commuted to fifteen years-
11 life, affording him the opportunity to go before the Board of Parole Hearings within the next
12 year and demonstrate his suitability for release on parole.

13 Dated: August 29, 2017

14 Respectfully submitted

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19 Keith Wattlely,
20 Attorney for Chan Venh ("John") Lam

LIST OF EXHIBITS

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- Exhibit A – Letter from John Lam to Governor Brown, dated August 21, 2017
- Exhibit B – Timeline of Growth and Development
- Exhibit C – Probation Officer's Report
- Exhibit D – Educational Diplomas, Degrees and Honors
- Exhibit E – Vocational Certificates and Accomplishments
- Exhibit F – List of Self-Help Certificates, Chronos and Achievements
- Exhibit G – Letters of Support
- Exhibit H – Charitable Giving/Donations
- Exhibit I – John Lam's Writings

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Travis Larimer

In 2001, Travis Larimer and his friends started following a car they suspected was occupied by rival gang members. Someone in Mr. Larimer's car opened fire at the car, killing Henry Gomez. During the shooting, Mr. Gomez's passengers fled. Melvin Comejo was shot multiple times as he ran, Raul Guzman broke his arm, and Alberto Herrera sprained his ankle. On July 30, 2004, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Larimer to 42 years to life for murder, attempted murder, and a gang enhancement.

When Mr. Larimer applied for clemency, he emphasized his transformation in prison. He wrote, "I am not the same person who was arrested in 2001." He described reflecting on his past decisions and continued, "The classes I've taken have helped me to gain insights into my crimes, myself, and others. I am a new person and know that I will be a valuable asset to society."

Mr. Larimer is now 38 years old and has been in prison for almost 17 years. During that time, he has only been disciplined four times for misconduct. He reported that he got sober and has not been involved with any gang activity during his incarceration. Rather than falling prey to gangs and drugs in prison as so many others do, Mr. Larimer focused on participating in positive activities and turning his life around. He earned several A.A. degrees from Coastline Community College, and made the President's List in 2017 due to his excellent grades. Mr. Larimer also completed vocational training. He has participated in many self-help programs including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Overcoming Addiction, Alternatives to Violence, and Anger Management.

Mr. Larimer has also received praise from many staff members who know him well. A clinical social worker who taught Mr. Larimer in a sociology class praised his work and wrote, "In my class Travis was a leader, an excellent student, and a person who demonstrated maturity and a true interest in learning." A professor reported, "Mr. Larimer is a very respectful and humble personality that always participates in classroom discussions and exemplifies all of the ideal traits of a student taking a junior college course. . . . I am optimistic he will continue his success in anything related to academics and personal growth." In 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Larimer for his positive behavior and wrote, "My observations have led me to believe he is motivated and committed to the hard work needed to reform himself."

When Mr. Larimer was a young man, he was wrapped up in gang activity and recklessly participated in this tragic crime. However, since then, he has turned away from his former negative life and has instead worked hard to become a mature, educated, responsible man. I believe Mr. Larimer has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Travis Larimer to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Travis Larimer Date of Birth: [redacted] 80 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: CIM-C-Del Norte UP 218UP
P.O. Box 500 CHINO CA 91708

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Misdemeanor Carrying a concealed weapon	5-5-98	Los Angeles CA	probation
Misdemeanor wreckless driving (wet)	11-31-98	Phoenix Arizona	dui classes & fines
Misdemeanor wreckless driving (wet)	11-99	Redlands CA	house arrest 30 days
Commitment offense 187	11-16-01	Los Angeles CA	42 to life and five

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

My commitment offense is 187 resulting from my driving a car from which two of my passengers shot another vehicle and its occupants, killing the driver and injuring two others.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I received 42 years to life for driving a car during a drive by shooting. I am requesting a commutation because I think I deserve the ability to earn a second chance. 42 to life for someone who did not personally pull the trigger is excessive when compared to others who have less time. ~~that they pulled the trigger.~~

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

After receiving life the concept took some getting used to and I spent and still spend alot of time reflecting on my life and choices I've made. Since about 2006 I've been using my time to change the person I was

5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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Larimer

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Travis Larimer,

was convicted of the crime of 187,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 11-16-2001.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: V46803.



Applicant's Signature

2-6-13
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, G. Alexis de la Garza, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Travis Larimer,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date 2/10/13

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

(Attachment to #4)

I am not a gang member, I never was although my actions and associations don't leave one to see much difference. I am SNY. During my ~~in~~ incarceration I have been educating myself by taking a correctional learning network business class, and graduated from Office Services and Related Technologies.

I have also been taking college courses from Coastline Community College and Palo Verde. Including the courses I am currently taking I am taking or have taken the following: Psychology, US History 175, Counseling 105, Art 125, Art 110, Art 110, Cultural Anthropology, Sociology ~~and~~, ~~and~~, and Philosophy. I will continue working towards my A.A.

I have taken classes from the Prison Education Project I've taken film studies, U.S. Economics, Art Appreciation. Through the Prison Education Project I participated in a art show and I've had my artwork featured in a book by Michael Kennedy, a priest of the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative. I also completed a leadership group with Fr. Michael Kennedy and have been working on getting a letter to my victims families apologising for my past through Fr. Michael Kennedy.

Currently I am a G.E.D tutor ~~and~~ for those trying to better their lives while incarcerated. I am not the person I was. I do not use drugs and I haven't drank in near 7 years. Given the chance to earn my release I won't return.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jason Lee

In late September 1982, Jason Lee unsuccessfully attempted to rob Sie Dourk Kim, a gas station attendant. Several days later, Mr. Lee returned to the gas station and shot Mr. Kim in the back of the neck, killing him. He then removed approximately \$400 from the cash register and another \$100 from the back room. On July 1, 1985, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lee to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus four years for the attempted robbery and a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Lee has been incarcerated for nearly 36 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Lee wrote, "I was 23 when I committed this utterly senseless crime, and appeal to you that I am not the same person that I was more than three decades ago." Mr. Lee explained that he committed this crime because he felt like a failure and saw an easy way to get money for his alcohol and gambling addictions.

Mr. Lee is now 59 years old and has demonstrated a desire to "help society rather than subtracting" because "he wants to do something good before he goes." Over the years, his work ethic has been commended and rated excellent. In his current role as an adult caregiver to elderly and disabled inmates, Mr. Lee states "he does whatever he can to help out." He has also provided clerical support to facilitate several Men for Honor programs, including Helping Youth Offenders Understand Their Harm; Victim Sensitivity Awareness; and New Choices, Different Directions. Mr. Lee has also worked to better himself. He completed a vocational drafting program and lived on a positive programming facility for seven years. Mr. Lee participated in rehabilitative programs such as Celebrate Recovery, Houses of Healing, and Victim Awareness. He has avoided gangs entirely, has never been disciplined for alcohol or drugs, and has not been violent in more than 25 years. Recently, a volunteer lauded Mr. Lee, writing, "I have witnessed his profound growth and the positive growth he promotes in others."

Mr. Lee committed a very serious crime, which undoubtedly devastated Mr. Kim's family and community. However, over the last several decades, he has shown remorse for his crime, sought to give back to his community, and worked to rehabilitate himself. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Lee has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jason Lee to a total of 35 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Lee, Jason J. Date of Birth: 1959 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: P.O. BOX 32290 (E4A-113), STOCKTON, CA 95213

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 187: Murder 1st	9/30/1982	Los Angeles	Life Without Possibility of Parole
PC 211: Robbery	9/30/1982	Los Angeles	3 years + 2 years
P664/211: Attempted Robbery	9/28/1982	Los Angeles	2 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Attempted Robbery: On September 28, 1982, I planned with Suk Choi to follow a man to rob but did not carry out.
Murder-Robbery: On September 30, 1982, I shot a gas station cashier while he was sleeping and robbed the cash register.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am a 59 year old first term and have been serving time since 1985. I have never been a gang member or drug user, and wear no tatoos. I was 23 when I committed an utterly senseless crime, and appeal to you that I am not the same person that I was (continued)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Over the 33-year period of my incarceration, I have programmed throughout and became eligible for transfer to consistently lower security level facilities. (continued)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

- No -

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Jason J. Lee, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jason J. Lee
Applicant's Signature

3/06/2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Jason Jinsoo Lee,
was convicted of the crime of Murder,
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 9/30/1982.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: D09884

Jason J. Lee
Applicant's Signature

3/01/2018
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara weff HD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Jason Jinsoo Lee,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

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Signed [Signature]
Date 3/22/18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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- more than three decades ago.

I immigrated to the U.S.A. from South Korea in 1976 with my family; father, mother and a younger brother. I was an immature 17, and had serious trouble adjusting. I did not understand or speak English, could not communicate with anyone outside the family. And worst of all, I failed to fill the role of an older son that my family desperately needed. My relationship with my father became strained. The academic challenges were beyond my capabilities and I began to stay away from home and hung out with individuals who like myself felt we were failures.

It was in this state of recklessness and dysfunction that I committed a crime of which I am deeply ashamed.

To my great remorse, there's no way I can make up for the pain and sufferings I have caused to the victim's family and also my family. Immediately after the conviction I was informed by my brother that the victim's family contacted my own through a pastor to let me know that they forgave me. I will eternally be grateful for that and it mark the beginning of my rehabilitation and new path. To this day, I have never had an opportunity to face them to say how sorry I am. If the victim's family will let me, I would like to meet the family members of the victim and tell them how sorry I am for depriving a son, father and a husband.

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My father passed away at 65 in 1997, in my 12th year of incarceration, and I am certain my imprisonment contributed to his early passing. My mother is 83 and visits me when she can, and has remained supportive throughout, as have my other family members. I have been married to my wife, Valeree, for 26 years, and she and mother say they will come back to Korea with me if I am released. My brother says he'll set up an American burger restaurant for us to run. I am not a U.S. citizen and deportation is certain if I am paroled. I am positive I shall be an asset to the community that I settle in in Korea. I recognize that I committed a horrendous and senseless and I take full responsibility.

My sentence is Life Without Possibility of Parole. I humbly appeal to you ^{to} commute my sentence to 25-to-Life, which would give me an opportunity to go before the Board for them to assess whether I deserve a chance of parole.

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From a level IV-180 facility I moved to a "270", then to the "Progressive Program Facility" at Lancaster (CSP-LAC, A-Yard), from there to level III, and finally to a level II yard designated as one of the new "Programming Facility" here at California Health Care Facility.

I am proud to have arrived here, since it shows I have met all

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the criteria placement in an environment where a good record is essential. My record would show that I have never been involved in a violent incident or drug activity, even though I have been in high-security environment where both were prevalent. I have managed to complete two vocational classes: Drafting, and Silk Screen, when they were offered to Lwop inmates. It is my sincere intention to continue with my spiritual rehabilitation and self-improvement as long as I am able. Again, I am respectfully asking for a commutation to a sentence that would allow me a chance to parole, instead of the Lwop sentence that currently gives me no chance. My plea is truthful, and from the heart.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Fernando Lizarraga

In 1993, Fernando Lizarraga and his crime partner went near rival gang territory and asked Eileen Fuentes and Celia Luquin if they belonged to a rival gang. They said no. Mr. Lizarraga yelled out the name of his gang, and someone outside yelled the name of a rival gang. Mr. Lizarraga pulled out a gun and started firing. He shot Ms. Fuentes and Ms. Luquin, killing them. On June 27, 1995, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lizarraga to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Lizarraga emphasized how much he has changed since his conviction, and showed sincere regret for his actions. Mr. Lizarraga wrote, "At twenty, I believed I was a man but through much self-reflection I now notice all the childish and irresponsible choices I made to show me otherwise." He continued, "I am deeply ashamed by my actions and am truly sorry for the harm and pain I inflicted [on] Celia, Eileen, their families, my community and all of society." Mr. Lizarraga applied for a commutation seeking the opportunity to appear before the parole board and "demonstrate my sincere desire to change and serve the communities I caused so much harm to."

Mr. Lizarraga is now 45 years old and has been in prison for more than 25 years. Despite serving a sentence that gave him no hope of being released in the future, he has demonstrated a commitment to turning his life around. Mr. Lizarraga stopped associating with gang members and has only been disciplined once in the past two decades in prison. He is pursuing self-help programs including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. Mr. Lizarraga has maintained a positive work record and routinely receives above average work ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Lizarraga has a plan in place in the event of his release – he will live in a transitional housing facility and find a job to support himself. Mr. Lizarraga's parents and brother have also offered him housing, financial support, and help adjusting to life outside prison.

As a young man, Mr. Lizarraga was immersed in the gang lifestyle and committed this tragic crime as a result. Since coming to prison, he has left gangs and violence behind and has dedicated himself to rehabilitation. For these reasons, Mr. Lizarraga has earned an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Fernando Lizarraga to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Fernando Lizarraga Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-73 Inmate ID: #J-68068

Address: P.O. BOX 4000 Vacaville, CA 95696 Facility: CSP-Solano

1. Conviction Summary: **FIRST-TERMER**

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
NONE			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On June 27, 1995 I was sentenced to Life Without the possibility of Parole for first degree murder with special circumstances and a consecutive sentence of four years for personally using a firearm.

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3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation because I am on the road to seek self-improvement. It would help me shed many obstacles I face in my quest to rehabilitation. In spite of my positive programming, it has been frustrating to continuously have the administration perceive me as

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4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I, Fernando Lizarraga, respectfully request a serious consideration for candidacy of commutation because I AM a first-terminer youth offender who has served 25 years of my incarceration, mostly positively programming.

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5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

NONE

2. BRIEF CIRCUMSTANCE OF THE CRIME:

On July 16, 1995 I filed a timely notice of appeal which was affirmed by the court of Appeals on April 30, 1996.

On Sunday morning April 24, 1993 around 1:00A.M., Ramon Ruiz, Vincent Lara, and I drove into rival gang territory which resulted in the deaths of eleven year old [REDACTED] and fourteen year old [REDACTED] during a gang retaliation shooting.

I was charged with two counts of murder in violation of Penal Code Section 187 Subdivision(a) while personally using a gun in violation of Penal Code Section 12022.5 Subdivision(a). I was further charged with a multiple murder special circumstance pursuant to penal Code Section 190.2 Subdivision(a)(3).

3. EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE REQUESTING A COMMUTATION:

incorrigible because of my L.W.O.P. sentence.

I am currently housed at CSP-Solano Level II which is currently one of California's leading prisons on rehabilitation. Being exposed to the wide ranging self help programs available here has inspired me to make the change and grow into a better person. Due to my sentence, I am currently restricted from attending all L.T.o.p. and vocational classes due to my security concerns.

If commutation is granted, it would lessen my custody restrictions and allow me the opportunity to take full advantage of the vast programs Solano has to offer regarding self improvement and prepare me to maybe earn my release one day.

4. EXPLAIN WHY YOU SHOULD BE GRANTED A COMMUTATION:

The causitive factors of my crime involved having roots to a neighborhood that was dominated by criminal gang activity. This contributed to my need to carry a gun which sadly ended with the tragic murders of two young girls. Despite all the chaos I experienced in my early years, preceding my crime I was determined to walk a more virtuos and superior path than most of my childhood friends. I was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles and I made the poor decision to associate with gang members to keep myself safe in such hostile environment. I now attend the Crim^linals & Gang Anononymous support group and through their guidande I no longer hold those same warped beliefs running with a gang promotes.

In 1990, my mother relocated her family to Ariz^lona to distance her children away from what she considered a war zone. My two brothers were heavily involved with gangs at that time. My membership with the gang was never very active. In Arizona I graduated from Mesa High Scho^l in 1991. I then pursued that by earning an Associates Degree in Electronics from Phoenix Institute of Technology in 1993. Having those educational peruits allowed me to structure my time apporpr^lately and stay out of trouble. My crime happened to occur on my first weekend back in California after graduating from P.I.T. in Arizona.

I was twenty years old at the time of crime and not able to weigh the consequences of my actions. This lead me to act recklessly due to impulsivity and immature judgement. Legislation has now passed recognizing these hallmark features of youth but have through whatever reason not included the L.W.O.P. population. The totality of my prison and street record demonstrates I do not fall under the stigma of irreparable and beyond redemption.

I strive and am determined to rehabilitate myself. At twenty, I believed I was a man but through much self-reflection I now notic^e all the childish and irresponsible choices I made to show me otherwise. I am no longer that immature youngster who was eager for approval from those I mistook for friends and have learned

4. CONTINUED:

to recognize and overcome those warped beliefs that lifestyle imposed on me.

I have consistently programed positively by keeping it respectful with staff and inmates alike. L.W.O.P.s have a limited limited employment opportunities in prison but when possible I have held positive employment by fullfilling all my duties and responsibilities and being eager to work. I am always well liked by staff and supervisors and would get recognized and recommened for assignments by them only to be impeded for advancement because of my L.W.O.P. sentence. Only on one occasion did the Warden approve me for a gate pass for an assignment at PIA Optical where I excelled in my duties.

With these reasons in mind, I would like to add that I am deeply ashamed by my actions and am truly sorry for the harm and pain I inflicted [REDACTED], [REDACTED], their families, my community and all of society. I am only asking for the opportunity to come before the board and be able to demonstrate my sincere desire to change and serve the communities I caused so much harm to.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Fernando Lizarraga, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)

California that I have served the District Attorney of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Fernando Lizarraga #568068
Applicant's Signature

March 29, 2018
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Eric Lockhart

On May 15, 2000, Eric Lockhart participated in the robbery and murder of Gerald Brown. Mr. Lockhart's crime partner lured Mr. Brown out of his home at which point Mr. Lockhart and another crime partner robbed and shot Mr. Brown in the chest and forearm, killing him. Mr. Lockhart was arrested eight days later. On December 12, 2003, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lockhart to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder.

Mr. Lockhart is now 56 years old and has been incarcerated for over 18 years. He is seeking a commutation based on his rehabilitation. During an interview with the Board, Mr. Lockhart stated, "I believe I can be a great help to society . . . to my family. I know I made a bad choice. I feel I deserve another chance . . . by proving myself as a model inmate."

Despite his lengthy incarceration, Mr. Lockhart has never been disciplined for misconduct and has avoided substance abuse and gangs in prison. He has participated in self-help programming including Narcotics Anonymous, Getting Out by Going In, and Anger Management. In 2016, an anger management sponsor commended Mr. Lockhart on his diligence, professionalism, and dedication to self-help programming. Mr. Lockhart has also taken steps to improve educationally and has earned his GED and an A.A. in Biblical Studies from Summit Bible College. He has been commended for his dedication to his work and for his commitment to vocational training. He has completed vocational training programs and is certified as an Engine Technician by the Engine Training Council, a Network Cable Technician by C-Tech Associates, and as a Customer Service Specialist by the Electronics Technicians Association International. Also in 2016, a carpentry shop supervisor wrote that Mr. Lockhart "has proven to be honest, professional, and diligent in his work duties. . . . He is respectful to both staff and inmates and will help in any capacity without being asked to do so." In 2014, a vocational instructor commended Mr. Lockhart on his professionalism and participation in his vocational building maintenance class.

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Lockhart.

I believe that Mr. Lockhart has taken the necessary steps toward self-improvement and has shown dedication through positive efforts in his rehabilitation and is no longer the man he was when he committed this crime. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence to allow him to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

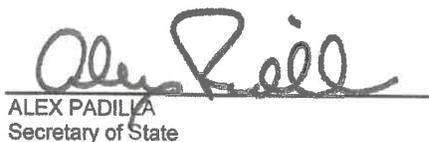
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Eric Lockhart to a total of 22 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ERIC LOCKHART Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 62 Inmate ID: V-17246

Address: P.O. BOX 5000; Delano, CA Facility: NORTH KERN STATE PRISON

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
First degree murder W/s.c	05/14/2000	Alameda county	LWOPP
Possession sales of narcotics	OCT 1989	Alameda County	28 days Probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHED PAGES

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHED PAGES

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

SEE ATTACHED PAGES

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NONE

Briefly describe the circumstance of the crime:

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On May 14, 2000 I along with ANTONIO Harris drove to 55th and Bancroft Ave in front of Gerald Brown Apt, in Oakland CA. upon arrival I got in the car with Gerald Brown with attention of just robbing him. However when I pulled the gun on Gerald Brown he went for the gun and I discharged numerous rounds, shooting Gerald Brown and or killing Gerald Brown.

Explain why you are requesting commutation

I am requesting a commutation for these various impediments to my rehabilitation productivity:

I procured one college Degree; AA Degree in Theology (8) eight Vocation certificates; I have successfully passed the (EETC) certification test in Four Stroke engine; and TWO Stroke engine; Electronics Technicians Association(ETA) as a certified Customer Service Specialist; (C-TECH) Network Cabling copper-based systems, Leviton certified Installer; (C-TECH) Network cabling Specialist; (NCCER) Core curriculum in the standardized craft Training Program; Vocational Building Maintenance NCCER Construction Technology. Also I procured my High School Equivalency Certificate and several certificates in self help groups.

Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation:

I Eric Lockhart respectfully beseech you Honorable Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to grant this commutation of sentence.

Governor Brown it has been a lengthy journey on this road of rehabilitation, extremely arduous at times, incredibly illuminating spiritually and Intellectually.

My quest for change initiated long before the current prison reform acts, various senate Bills and Elderly programs, etcetera. In 2015 I was transferred to NORTH KERN STATE PRISON, I enrolled

at SUMMIT BIBLE COLLEGE a fully accredited Bible College, located in Bakersfield CA, SEE: CDCR-128B (REV.4174) and grades.

I had long ago made up my mind that no abstacle would impede my development. Throughout my years incarcerated in CDCR I took every opportunity granted to me to participate in a vocational trade, SEE (EETC) certificates dated OCT 10, 2016 and AUG 26, 2016; (NCCER) certificates dated AUG 27, 2014, DEC 19,2013; (C-TECH) certificate dated 2013; (ETA) certificate dated MAY 23, 2013. I have consistently held employment, I have a tremendous work history.

Since I have been incarcerated I have taken the initiative and mentored the younger inmates and strived to be a role model to all. SEE; Laudatory General Chrono dated JAN 14, 2014; JULY 13. 2016 and work supervisors reports. Also SEE; self-help General Chronos; Anger Management dated OCT 13, 2016, AUG 3, 2016; (NA) dated JAN 12 2014 thur MARCH 2015; Parenting Education Program dated MARCH 28, 2008; (E.D.G.E.) dated JAN 6, 2008, and (GOGI) dated FEB 28, 2017.

It is without doubt California is at the forefront of prisoner rehabilitation, currently L.W.O.P.P inmates will have the opportunity to go to level II prisons.

If commutation is granted I would have a better chance to transfer to San Quentin and petition, beg, plead for acceptance into the "computer code program courses" and Business and computer related "The Last Mile Program".

If commutation is granted and ultimately I am granted parole I would apply for "Mentorship Peer Counseling Program and programs that helps at risk youths, availble exclusively at San Quentin State Prison, presently L.W.O.P.P are excluded from these profound programs.

The at risk youth program coincides enormously with my training in the E.D.G.E program(EDUCATION, DIVERSION, & GOALS TO ENDEAVOR.

I was a member at KERN VALLEY STATE PRISON in DELANO, CA IN 2007 as the The Follow-up Coordinator. My duties were;

1. I was responsible for preparation and distribution of all forms paperwork regarding the continuing progress of E.D.G.E.'S youth.
2. I was responsible in keeping a file of records concerning the follow-up process.
3. I was empowered to work with staff, guests, and sponsors in the performance of their duties.
4. I was responsible for screening all incoming and outgoing correspondence between youth and E.D.G.E. members.
5. I was directly answerable to the Executive Committee and the General Membership.

My ultimate goal, with the knowledge acquired from these programs, I want to get involved with job training primarily via apprenticeships for the at risk youths. This would be a grand opportunity to give back to the Great State of California and just as important, assisting wayward youths,

PURPOSE:

1. To initiate and develop projects, prison counseling workshops, educational seminars, and lectures that assist young people in overcoming anti-social behavior.
2. To constructively utilize individual experiences of convicted felons in our inter-relationship with troubled youths.
3. To train and equip E.D.G.E. members on an individual and group level in using their life experiences to assist youths with their problems.
4. To initiate and maintain communication with the general public, law enforcement agencies, and youth-oriented groups and individuals for the purpose of disseminating information about E.D.G.E. and soliciting project participation for E.D.G.E. involvement.

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I, ERIC LOCKHART declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of ALAMEDA with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

7/20/17

Date

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

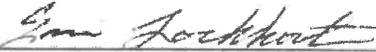
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of ALAMEDA County: Please take notice that I, ERIC LOCKHART,

was convicted of the crime of First degree murder w/special circumstance,

committed in ALAMEDA County, California, on the date of MAY 14, 2000.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.



Applicant's Signature

4/20/17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Hung Thieu Ly

In December 2003, 19-year-old Hung Ly's friend recruited him and several others to help beat up Matthew Seivert. They believed that Mr. Seivert had made racial comments about a mutual friend and her father. Mr. Ly and his friends went to a park, confronted Mr. Seivert, and blocked his car in. Mr. Ly pulled out a gun and fired multiple shots, killing Mr. Seivert. On March 24, 2006, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ly to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Ly described the remorse he feels for participating in this crime and his determination to turn his life around. He wrote, "I came into prison lost, careless, and hopeless. I have since awoken and have accepted full responsibility for unjustly murdering Matthew Seivert. I have been diligently working on restoring my life and addressing all my unresolved issues that caused me to be so unpredictable in the past." Mr. Ly continued, "If ever given a second chance at freedom, I plan on dedicating my life to serving my community."

During his incarceration, Mr. Ly has demonstrated a sincere dedication to rehabilitation. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct in nearly 15 years in prison, and has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence. He participated in multiple self-help programs including Anger Management, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Victim Awareness, and Getting Out by Going In. Mr. Ly has also worked hard to further his education by earning his GED, as well as a career readiness certificate from Baylor University. Staff members who have closely supervised Mr. Ly have commended him for his positive behavior and attitude. In 2016, a correctional officer wrote, "In my opinion, when Ly is granted parole, he will become a productive law-abiding citizen who would not have trouble reintegrating back into society." Another correctional officer praised Mr. Ly's work ethic and wrote, "Ly has attended numerous [groups] offered at this facility on a regular basis for self-improvement and rehabilitation. In my opinion, Ly would be a successful member of society if released. He is to be commended for his efforts of becoming an honest, responsible, and law-abiding individual." Yet another officer described Mr. Ly as a "model inmate" and wrote that his good behavior "assures me that Inmate Ly is in the process of becoming an honest and responsible individual." Mr. Ly has a solid plan in place in the event of his release, and his family members have offered him housing, help finding a job, and support as he adjusts to life outside prison.

When he was a young man, Mr. Ly participated in a very serious crime that left a lasting impact on Mr. Seivert's loved ones. However, when Mr. Ly came to prison, he turned away from negative influences and instead dedicated himself to making amends and becoming a productive member of society. For these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole in the years ahead.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Hung Thieu Ly to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Hung Thieu Ly Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1984 Inmate ID: F21132
California State Prison (CSP) - Solano (SOL)
Address: PO Box 4000 - Vacaville, CA 95696 Facility: C14-11-2U

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
187(a)	12/24/03	SACRAMENTO	25-to-life
190.2(a)(15)	12/24/03	SACRAMENTO	LWOP
12022.53(d)	12/24/03	SACRAMENTO	25-to-life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On 12/24/03, I was waiting with a group of friends at Tahoe Park for Matthew Seivert's arrival. Our intentions were to physically assault him for making racial remarks. Upon Matthew's arrival, he attempted to drive off; however, I prevented him from leaving. I disregarded Matthew's life by shooting at...

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

For the crime I was charged and convicted of, I am GUILTY and remorseful. I was emotionally and mentally immature; had no regard for human life; and earned the right to be removed from society; however, today, I am responding to my rehabilitation and taking every step necessary known to me to become...

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am asking for undeserved mercy. I came into prison lost, careless, and hopeless. I have since awoken and have accepted full responsibility for unjustly murdering Matthew Seivert. I have been dilligently working on restoring my life and am addressing all my unresolved issues that caused...

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Hung Thieu LY
(Print Full Name), declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the District Attorney of Sacramento
(Name of County*) with notice of my intent to apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



(Applicant's Signature)

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Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

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ADDITIONAL PAGE

HUNG THIEU LY - CDCR #F21132

CONTINUATION OF QUESTION:

2. him several times before fleeing the scene. I found out later that Matthew had passed away at the hospital from the injuries I inflicted.
3. a better human being. I am humbly asking for something undeserved, something I did not have the decency to extend to Matthew Seivert. I am asking for mercy to have my Life Without the possibility of Parole (LWOP) sentence considered for commutation so that I may receive a chance to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) one day in the future for parole suitability consideration. By no means, is this request an attempt to minimize my irreversible actions; disregard the wishes and feelings of Matthew Seivert's family; or run from the debt I owe to society. I am truly sorry for my crime and would like to have the opportunity one day to show Matthew Seivert's family, the BPH, my community, and my family that I am.
4. me to be so unpredictable in the past. I understand the harm I have caused cannot be measured, so no attempt will be made here. Today, I am living an honest and upright life exhilarating good moral character and honor all established laws while being housed in the custody of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). I have read California Penal Code (PC) Section 4852.05 and I believe that my lifestyle today is being represented in its language.



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Hung Thieu Ly - CDCR #F21132

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Sacramento County:

Please take notice that I Hung Thieu LY, was convicted of the crime of

1: First Degree Murder - 187(A)
2: Lying In Wait - 190.2(a)(15)

3: Discharge of Firearm-12022, committed in Sacramento County, California
53(d)

on the date of 12/24/03. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of

California.



Applicant's Signature

3/1/18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____ do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Kevion Lyman

On March 31, 1997, Kevion Lyman and James Russel invited James Davis and Anthony Nash to Mr. Russel's home under the pretense of selling the pair some marijuana. Mr. Lyman pulled out a gun and ordered Mr. Davis and Mr. Nash to the ground while Mr. Russel searched the men for cash. A struggle ensued between Mr. Russel and Mr. Davis, who was armed. Mr. Lyman then shot Mr. Davis, killing him. On March 13, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lyman to life without the possibility of parole for first-degree murder plus a one-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Lyman has been incarcerated for 21 years and is now 48 years old. During his investigation by the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Lyman said, "I am trying to give back and do things in a positive and more productive way . . . I am not the same person who I was then." Mr. Lyman also stated, "I don't deserve a commutation because of the crime I committed, but I would like a chance to prove that I can do better." He has shown a determination to change for the better. In over two decades of incarceration, Mr. Lyman has never been disciplined for gangs, drugs, or violence. Even before he had any reason to believe that he had a chance for release, he began participating in self-help programs. Mr. Lyman has actively participated in groups such as Victim Awareness, Positive Decision Making, New Choices/ Different Directions, Houses of Healing, and Men for Honor. He lived on the Progressive Programming Facility for several years, and routinely receives positive work ratings. Just this year, he was commended by a correctional staff member who described Mr. Lyman as "hard-working, resourceful, motivated, and a self-starter." The supervisor wrote, "I believe that if given the opportunity, he would become a productive and law-abiding citizen to any community outside of prison."

Mr. Lyman has also worked to contribute to the well-being of others. He regularly supports charitable causes, including by donating funds to a class for students with special needs, and organizations supporting survivors of crime. Mr. Lyman also writes letters to struggling and at-risk youth. If released, he plans to continue his work with troubled youth. Mr. Lyman will be supported by a network of family and friends. He has already been offered immediate access to employment via a non-profit organization that teaches community members life management skills such as computer training and financial literacy.

Mr. Lyman's crime was undeniably senseless. But I believe that his efforts to change and make amends support his request for an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kevion Lyman to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

-Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: KEVIN D. LYMAN Date of Birth: 70 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE FACILITY, P.O. BOX 31960, STOCKTON, CA 95213

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
MURDER ROBBERY	3-31-97	LOS ANGELES	LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I'M CURRENTLY SERVING LIFE WITHOUT PAROL FOR MURDER ROBBERY OF JAMES DAVIS.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

THE PUNISHMENT OF LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE CANNOT BE IMPOSED IN A CASE WHERE THE DEATH PENALTY IS NOT SOUGHT,

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I'M VERY REMORSEFUL FOR THE LIFE OF JAMES DAVIS, AND THE PAIN AND SUFFERING OF HIS WIFE & KID'S FOR THEIR HUSBAN & FATHER LIFE WHICH WAS LOST, SINCE I'VE BEEN PART OF THE MEN FOR HONOR PROGRAM AT LANCASTER STATE PRISON, NEXT PAGE

5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, KEVIN D. LYMAN declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Kevin D. Lyman
Applicant's Signature

Feb. 8, 2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

I'VE CHANGE MY LIFE AN KNOW WHO I AM AS A
PERSON HERE ON GODS EARTH, I HAVE SO MUCH TO GIVE
BACK TO SOCIETY WITH THE TOOL'S & COPING SKILL'S
I'VE LEARN AND WILL CONTINUE TO LEARN AS GROW BY
TAKING SELF HELP GROUP'S, I'M NOT THE SAME MAN I
WAS WHEN I FIRST CAME TO PRISON, I'M A DIFFERENT MAN
NOW, I'VE BEEN IN NO VIOLENT SITUATION SINCE I'VE
BEEN IN (C.C.D.C.R.) FOR 20 YR'S NOW

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County: Please take notice that I, KEVLON D. LYMAN,

was convicted of the crime of MURDER ROBBERY

committed in LOS ANGELES County, California, on the date of 3-31-97

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: K89164

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Feb. 8, 2018

Kevin D. Lyman
Applicant's Signature

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Weyf MD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Kevin Lyman

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Weyf

Date 2/23/18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Larry Martinez

In 1981, Larry Martinez tried to rob a liquor store where Carlos Braga worked. During a struggle, Mr. Braga shot Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Martinez stabbed Mr. Braga multiple times, killing him. On February 28, 1986, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Martinez to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Martinez requested an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings based on his rehabilitation. He wrote, "I am so ashamed and remorseful for taking the life of Mr. Braga. I cannot even begin to imagine the heartache and suffering . . . the loved ones of Mr. Braga endured." In an interview with a Board investigator, Mr. Martinez reported that he started using drugs at age 14. At 17, he began using heroin, and quickly became a daily user. Mr. Martinez explained that he was looking for money to support his drug addiction when he committed this crime.

Mr. Martinez has now been incarcerated for over 37 years and is 70 years old. During nearly four decades, he has never been disciplined for misconduct in prison and has shown an admirable commitment to turning his life around. He reported that he has been sober since coming to prison. Mr. Martinez has participated in self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. He has lived on an honor yard since 2010. Mr. Martinez has maintained a positive work record and regularly receives above average ratings from his supervisors, who have commended him for his hard work and good attitude.

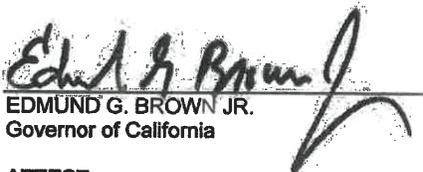
Most importantly, the warden of the prison where Mr. Martinez has been housed for many years has personally recommended him for commutation. Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Martinez.

I do not discount the seriousness of the crime that Mr. Martinez committed, and the ongoing pain that Mr. Braga's family has experienced as a result of his senseless death. But I cannot overlook Mr. Martinez's many years of good behavior and his dedication to sobriety. I believe he should have the opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Larry Martinez to a total of 37 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: LARRY R. MARTINEZ Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 148 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: CSP-LAC/AI-1282, P.O. BOX 4430, LANCASTER, CA. 93539

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
SEE ATTACH SHEET #1			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACH SHEET #2

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACH SHEET #3

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

SEE ATTACH SHEET #4

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of ORANGE County:

Please take notice that I LARRY R. MARTINEZ, was convicted of the crime of 187, 211, committed in ORANGE County, California on the date of 5/28/81. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Larry R. Martinez
Applicant's Signature

3/28/17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, E. Rowe, District Attorney of the County of Orange do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Larry R. Martinez, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date 4/28/17

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

1. Conviction Summary:

- (A) ROBBERY, 1976, ORANGE COUNTY, CA. 3 YEARS IN CDF FIRE CAMP.
- (B) PETTY THIEVES, 1970'S, ORANGE COUNTY, CA. COUNTY JAIL.
- (C) POSSESSION HEROIN, 1969, ORANGE COUNTY, CA. CRC COMMITMENT.
- (D) THERE IS MORE... BUT I CAN NOT REMEMBER.

2. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING A PARDON OR COMMUTATION.

MAY 28, 1981. THE PLAN WAS TO ROB MR. BRAGA, MY CO-DEFENDENT DIANE MARTINEZ (W 17365 PAROLE 1998). THE ROBBERY GOT OUT OF CONTROL. I GOT SHOT A FEW TIMES AND MR. BRAGA WAS STABBED MANY TIMES. I AM SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HORRIFIC MURDER OF MR. BRAGA, I AM THE BLAME FOR THE 17 YEARS DIANE MARTINEZ SERVED IN PRISON.

3. EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE REQUESTING A PARDON OR COMMUTATION.

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER. I WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL JUST FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A PAROLE PANEL SCRUTINIZE EVERY ASPECT OF MY LIFE, PAST AND PRESENT.

4. PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY YOU SHOULD BE GRANTED A PARDON OR COMMUTATION.

I AM 68 YEARS OLD, 35 YEARS IN PRISON (DISCIPLINARY FREE), ONE YEAR IN REMISSION OF CANCER AND 20% HEART ABNORMAL. MY FAMILY WORRIES ABOUT ME. I AM SO ASHAMED AND REMORSEFUL FOR TAKING THE LIFE OF MR. BRAGA. I CAN NOT EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE OF THE HEARTACHE AND SUFFERING... THAT THE LOVED ONES OF MR. BRAGA HAVE ENDURED. I OFTEN WONDER WHY MR. BRAGA DIED AND NOT I; ONLY GOD KNOWS.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Esequiel Melgoza

In 2001, Esequiel Melgoza and his friend got into a gang-related confrontation with Esteban Arias. Later that day, Mr. Melgoza drove up to Mr. Arias and his friend fired multiple shots at him. Mr. Arias was shot in the forearm and was grazed on his shoulder by another shot, but survived. On April 9, 2004, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Melgoza to 15 years to life for attempted murder, plus an additional 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life in prison.

Mr. Melgoza applied for clemency based on his rehabilitation. In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, he reported that he started hanging out with gang members, fighting, and using drugs and alcohol as a teenager. He explained that when he came to prison, he began to understand the impact of his actions, and realized that he needed to make a serious change in his life.

Mr. Melgoza is now 38 years old and has been incarcerated for 17 years. He dropped out of his gang, got sober, and has not been involved in violence since committing this crime. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct during nearly two decades in prison. Mr. Melgoza has instead dedicated himself to self-improvement and serving others. He earned his GED and is currently pursuing his A.A. degree. He has participated in numerous self-help classes including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Anger Management, Malachi Dads, and Barrios Unidos. Mr. Melgoza currently works as an aide for disabled inmates and hospice patients, and routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors. In 2018, a correctional officer who has supervised Mr. Melgoza for five years praised him for going above and beyond when caring for sick and terminally ill inmates. The officer wrote, "Melgoza often spends time just talking with these inmate patients as they are often alone and bed ridden. It is clear that he does this with no alternative motives other than just genuine kindness and respect for others. . . . It is in my opinion that given the chance to parole, Melgoza will have a positive effect on society, the ability to give back to the community and continue to help others." A social worker commended Mr. Melgoza for his work as a caretaker and wrote, "Mr. Melgoza is a positive role model and leader on the Medical Unit. He maintains a humble attitude, a good sense of humor, and is empathic with everyone. It has been a pleasure to know Esequiel Melgoza." A nursing assistant reported that Mr. Melgoza "takes great strides to improve himself and stands out among other inmates. He is a role model to fellow inmates as to what it takes to be a contributing positive person in society."

In the investigator's interview, Mr. Melgoza reported that he had seen other men like him come to prison and continue their involvement in gangs, drugs, and violence. He said, "I thank God that He opened my eyes and my heart to see that you can have a better life, and even start while you're in prison." Mr. Melgoza has demonstrated a clear commitment to transforming himself and helping those around him. He has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Esequiel Melgoza to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Esequiel c. Melgoza Date of Birth: [redacted] 80 Inmate ID: V-32232
Address: P.O. Box 689 Facility: C.T.F. - Central

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
12031(a) PC(M)/12025(a)(2) PC(M)	8/24/99	Riverside	3 yrs. sum. prob., 10 days jail, \$100 ⁰⁰
14601.1(a) VC(M)		Riverside	2 yrs. sum. prob. \$100 ⁰⁰ fine
22450 VC(I)		Riverside	\$114 ⁰⁰ fine

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I, Esequiel C. Melgoza on June 17, 2001 calaberrated in a gang-related attempted murder. In which I was identified as the driver. I was convicted of Attempted Murder (664/187(A) to 15 yrs. to life and gun-enhancement (12022.53 (D) to 25 to life in Riverside County. On that night of June 17, 2001, Esteban Arias received a gun wound to his
continue page 2

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Throughout the seventeen years of my incarceration I have gone through many changes and rehabilitation, that has helped me mature and be responsible. I'm not the immature, careless, selfish and reckless person I was when I was incarcerated in 2001. I've remained disciplinary free. (No 115's; 128's or confidentials).
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4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I understand the full destructive impact I have caused Esteban Arias, his family and the community where my crime took place, through the reckless and destructive lifestyle I was living and the decision I made that night on June 17, 2001. I've caused pain, hurt and destruction.
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5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

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I, Esequiel Melgoza declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of Riverside with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Esequiel Melgoza
Applicant's Signature

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Date

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forearm and a graze to his shoulder. His vehicle had several bullet holes, from the driver side to the rear of his Oldsmobile Cutless. Esteban Arias was then transported to Riverside Community Hospital that night. The following day, Esteban identified me in his High school year book as the driver in the vehicle.

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day I was transferred to state Prison, I've committed myself to completing my education, getting involved in self-help groups, college courses, giving back and making amends. So my request for a commutation is for the opportunity to go to the Board of Parole Hearing sooner than my expected date (2025) to present myself as the responsible and mature person that I have developed into throughout my rehabilitation process and show that I am now a good asset to society and my family.

Not just physical, but mental, emotional, and spiritual. I impacted them financially with medical expenses and caused trouble and disruption to my community as a whole.

At the end of 2002, I made a crucial decision in my life to change. Not understanding how, yet certain I wanted something better in my life. Many things played a part in my decision, and my change began with my renouncing the gang I once represented with pride. In 2004, I was sentenced and transferred to state Prison. In Level 4, Substance Abuse Treatment Facility (S.A.T.F.), I took the opportunities that were presented to me to go back to school and complete my education and take a vocation, (office Service Class). Since then I've taken the opportunities given by C.D.C.R. to attend rehabilitation programs, church, educational classes, volunteer and serve. And through my commitment to change and the help of God, I've stayed disciplinary free. I am now currently in C.T.F. - Central, a level 2 and I am involved in groups and programs that have given me the opportunity and privilege to give back and make amends. I facilitate a group that deals with manhood, fatherhood, and being a husband, called "Malachi Dad's". And also "We Care", a Juvenile Deterrent Program, that help young boys experience life in Prison and learn the importance of decisions made in life. We

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offer our personal experiences and values. I also work as an A.D.A. worker (American with Disability Act). I have the privilege and honor to help men with disabilities, by serving them with care, patience, mercy, empathy and by valuing their lives. I love the man I am today contrary to the man I was in 2001.

I know I can be a great asset to society and to my family. And I sincerely believe my character, conduct, values and way I've lived during my rehabilitation testifies to the new person that I am today. For this reason I believe I could be granted a commutation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Esequiel C. Melgoza


Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jose Nampula

On May 1, 2008, 18-year-old Jose Nampula waited outside of Esteban Aispuro's home to confront him about a gang-related shooting. Mr. Aispuro arrived home along with Robert Alvarran and Carl Vandusen and approached Mr. Nampula. Mr. Nampula pulled out his gun and fired multiple rounds. Mr. Aispuro was hit in the wrist and abdomen, and Mr. Alvarran was struck in the back. Both survived their injuries. On January 12, 2012, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nampula to 15 years to life for each attempted murder plus 50 years to life for two firearm enhancements – a total of 80 years to life.

Mr. Nampula has been incarcerated for 10 years. He has committed himself to his rehabilitation through his disassociation from gangs and his dedication to self-improvement. Mr. Nampula seeks a commutation based on his age at the time of the crime and his subsequent rehabilitation. In his application, he wrote, "I'm sorry that it has taken me to enter self-help groups to learn the amount of pain and hatred that I've bestowed in my community when I committed this crime. . . . I am requesting commutation because I have matured, I sought to better myself almost immediately after my arrest, [and] I've made steady progress to learn about myself."

Mr. Nampula has never been disciplined for any misconduct during his incarceration. He earned his GED and is currently taking college classes. Mr. Nampula also completed vocational training in office services, and has obtained multiple certifications in Microsoft. In 2018, one of his vocational instructors wrote, "Inmate Nampula demonstrates a respectful and positive attitude. He is an intelligent individual who has used his time in prison to better himself. In my opinion, inmate Nampula has the knowledge, skills, and the ability to excel in his community upon release and will be a productive member of society and an excellent employee." Mr. Nampula has participated in self-help programs, including Alternatives to Violence, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Anger Management. He plans to live in transitional housing, and his family is ready to help him upon his release from prison.

I acknowledge Mr. Nampula committed a very serious crime. However, he has set himself apart through his exceptional conduct in prison and his willingness to separate himself from gangs. I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jose Nampula to a total of 17 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jose Nampula Date of Birth: 1990 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: P.O. Box# 2199, Blythe, CA. 92226

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<u>N/A</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
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I, Jose Nampula declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of San Bernardino with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

4/11/2018
Date

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2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting commutation

Sometime after midnight on May 1, 2008, Carl Vandusen was driving with his friends, Robert Alvarran and Esteban Aispuro. When they passed Esteban's house they saw someone standing on the front yard of Esteban's home. Esteban got out of the car, jumped the fence, and approached within a couple of feet of the man in the yard. The man said "I'm looking for Steven." Esteban replied, "I'm Steven." The man said "I got something for you," and pulled a gun and fired at Esteban first and then at Robert at which point Robert had ran out the car, both of them fell to the ground. One of the shots severed Robert Alverran's spine the injury rendered him paraplegic. Esteban received a gunshot to his wrist and abdomen. When the man were laying on the ground Robert heard Esteban yell "it was Chino form the Flats"

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation

I have now exhausted all the possible legal remedies that were available to me. I committed crimes that lead me to multiple life sentences, (a total of 80 years to life imprisonment) when I was only 18 years old, I received the life sentence when I was 21 years of age. At the time of the crime I could not by any means say that I was even half the person I am today. I was immature, I honestly thought that no matter I was not going to get caught, I had no rational sense, or even perhaps the minor idea of the gravity of the act I committed, I didn't even stop to think about the severity of what I did.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted commutation:

Prior to my incarceration I never gave it a second thought to wonder whether what I was doing was hurting anyone. I'm requesting commutation because I am deeply regretful for haven been so dim. Now I realize how wrong I was, how even graffiti can be said to hurt someone. I realize that putting graffiti in someone's business cause them to spend money in order to repair that damage, money that to a small business owner could be money spent on his family. The crime I committed was much graver then that but if I could have known then what I know now, it is unlikely that I would ever come to commit such a heinous act. If I could have known that level of suffering that I would cause not only the victim but his family and my family as well, I see no way that I could possibly commit the same crime again. There's no scenario in which I see myself doing the things that got me here in the first place, or even venturing down the road that put me in the place where I see myself obligated to act in an unacceptable manner.

In short, I am requesting commutation because I have matured, I sought to better myself almost immediately after my arrest, I've made steady progress to learn about myself and the deficient in me. Most of it is has been done on my own, and it has rapidly became clear that I had been involved in what can only be considered destructive behavior. In those days I was so desperate to grow up that I missed the point entirely and I fail to see that growing up takes time and doing things that are reckless and dangerous didn't make me a grown up. Hurting people did not make

me a man. And the fact that I can see that now shows that I have now mature to a state where I am in complete control of my action. I am requesting commutation of sentence because I think I can be a productive and responsible member of society.

My time incarcerated has thought me about the importance of life and how precious it is. How caring about life doesn't just mean caring about your own life but about all those that surround us, about humanity at large. I'm sorry that it has taken me to enter self-help groups to learn the amount of pain and hatred that I've bestowed in my community when I committed this crime, as a matter of pride I don't like to admit it but I was simply too young to fully understand the full extent of what I was doing and for a long time I kept ignoring how wrong it was for me to have committed this crime. I deserve commutation of my sentence because of the level of growth that I have come to. Because of the progress I have made that now makes me capable of showing how regretful I am over what I did. Everywhere I have been, I have aimed at bettering myself, in every prison I've sign-up for groups but it wasn't until Ironwood that I was after much waiting and for a long time all I could do is read books that would help me gain some insight into me, a lot of this involved reading psychology and philosophy books. I've began doing deep self-analysis sometime in 2010, after reading Plato's "Symposium", and Sigmund Freud's writing "On Dreams". I learned to question everything about my situation and my beliefs, then I notice how many things about life as I knew it did not make sense. I saw the wrong in my upbringing, even that, that my parents would say that makes me stronger. I notice how insensitive I had been about the pain in others. How delusional I had been to think that I've always known better. I now realize how irresponsible I had been through my entire life and how self-righteous it would be of me to continue thinking that I could go on down the same path doing things my way. To think that I could continue with my twisted beliefs and not end-up the same way as I am now would be even more irresponsible than it was to be a teen thinking I could take on the entire world. I should be granted commutation because even though I was 18, legally an adult, I was not mature enough to be trusted with making adult like decision. Now it's a different story. Now I know that wrong is wrong even if you can get away with it, and getting away with wrong doing doesn't make it right.

I still got a few semesters to complete the credits towards my degree, I have already completed a vocation, but I really want to get this college degree. The truth is that I wanted to get this done for a long time but I don't really have anyone that could support me with the books. That's why I was glad to come to Ironwood State Prison for the college program with Palo Verde, now I'm near done with that. It's been here at Ironwood that I've been able to do most of the self-help groups that I have certificates for. The waiting list is extensive for most groups but I've sign-up for what I can. So far I've done I-for Sight, and Criminals and Gangs Anonymous(CGA) and Alternative to violence Program- Basic(AVP), Alternative to Violence Program- Advance(AVP), I was in IPEP but I was unable to complete it because the group hours change and it conflicted with my working hours. I've also done Anger Management through Creative Options an outside organization. I did their course through the mail. Presently I am also enrolled in The Urban

Ministry Institute (TUMI). I should be granted commutation because of the effort I have put into bettering myself, because I've have given no reason to believe that I have not become a better person. I have improved greatly since my incarceration and I am sure I can reassure you that I am now a better person, that I can prove I can be a functioning member of our society. I'm Know that I can show that I can be a productive and responsible member of our society.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

David Negrete

In 2008, 16-year-old David Negrete and several fellow gang members confronted Deryon Williams and Kevin Carr about their gang status. Later, Mr. Negrete and his crime partners returned to the scene with a gun and Mr. Negrete opened fire, hitting Mr. Williams, who survived. On October 20, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Negrete to 14 years to life for two counts of attempted murder plus an additional 45 years to life in firearm enhancements – a total of 59 years to life.

Mr. Negrete applied for a commutation of sentence based on his age at the time of the crime and his subsequent rehabilitation. He is now 26 years old and has been incarcerated for 10 years. In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Negrete reported that he started using drugs when he was just nine years old. When he was 12 years old, his friend was murdered by a rival gang, and Mr. Negrete responded by dedicating himself to his gang and increasing his drug use. After he was incarcerated for this crime, Mr. Negrete realized that he needed to profoundly change his life. He dropped out of the gang, stopped using drugs, and has never been violent in prison.

Instead, Mr. Negrete has focused on rehabilitation and self-improvement. He earned his GED and has maintained a positive work record. He has participated in multiple self-help courses including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Impact, Cage Your Rage, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Negrete currently participates in and facilitates a juvenile diversion program that prepares inmates to reach out to at-risk youth in the community to share their stories and discourage them from making the same mistakes. In 2017, the program's sponsor wrote, "Mr. Negrete is to be commended for standing out and participating in a program designed to help with rehabilitation. It is a pleasure to have him in the group." Mr. Negrete's commutation is supported by the Loyola Law School's Juvenile Innocence and Fair Sentencing Clinic, which has pledged to help Mr. Negrete transition back into the community if he is released. Mr. Negrete also has the support of his fiancée, and plans to continue working with juvenile offenders and helping them steer clear of gangs and criminal activity.

Based on his conduct in prison and his dedication to self-improvement, I believe Mr. Negrete has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Negrete to a total of 17 years to life.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: David Negrete Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1991 Social Security Number: N/A (CDC #: G36715)

Address: CSP Ironwood, 19005 Wiley's Well Road, Blythe, CA 92225

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Commitment Offense	1-23-2008	Los Angeles	See attached Abstract of Judgment
Prior Convictions	None		

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached letter

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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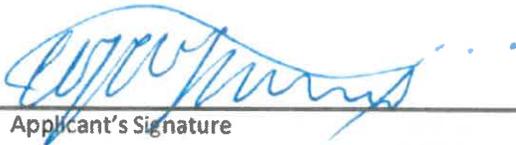
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I, David Negrete, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
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commutation.

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Applicant's Signature

2/27/2018

Date

*Christopher Hawthorne (SB 210578), Attorney for David Negrete

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February 27, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Attention: Legal Affairs Secretary
Sacramento, CA 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Dear Governor Brown:

I am the attorney for Mr. David Negrete (CDC No. G36715). On behalf of Mr. Negrete, I am petitioning you to commute his sentence. Mr. Negrete is sincerely remorseful for the crime that led to his incarceration. Now an adult, he realizes how his thoughtless conduct as an adolescent caused a widening circle of destruction, from the adolescent who suffered a gunshot wound from Mr. Negrete's co-defendant, to the neighborhood surrounding him, and finally, his family. Mr. Negrete has matured dramatically in prison. He deeply regrets the choices he made on that day, and fully understands the gravity of his offense.

On October 20, 2008, Mr. Negrete, the non-shooter in a non-homicide offense, received an exceptionally long sentence for a juvenile: two consecutive life terms plus a consecutive term of 25 years to life, plus a consecutive term of 20 years. He was 16 years old at the time of the crime.

Mr. Negrete's childhood was chaotic, characterized by absent parents, frequent dislocations, both inside and outside the country, and an environment dominated by gang influences. Because his parents' absence, Mr. Negrete spent much of his adolescence under the supervision of his uncles and cousins who were active gang members. At age 16, like most children, he lacked the judgment and maturity to reject his own family situation and its gang involvement.

Mr. Negrete has matured rapidly in prison, and has made substantial strides towards rehabilitation. As detailed in the attached exhibits, he has made serious and successful efforts to improve himself, has obtained the education he gave up outside prison walls, and made himself into a successful and functioning adult who poses no risk to society. Accordingly, Mr. Negrete respectfully requests that you commute his sentence of life plus 45 years to a sentence of 15 years to life, a sentence that reflects his level of culpability as a non-shooter involved in a non-homicide offense.

For the reasons stated in this letter brief, I now petition your office for clemency on behalf of Mr. Negrete, and formally request a commutation of sentence.

I. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE LIFE CRIME

According to the official appellate opinion on this case:

On January 23, 2008, Mr. Negrete and his friends Jorge Abeica, Angel Isarraras, and Miriam Simental, stopped at a gas station at the corner of Long Beach Boulevard and Magnolia Street in Lynwood. The gas station was in Lynwood Paragon and Banning Street gang territory, and within a mile of the Santa Block Crips' territory. While they were pumping gas, two young African-American men approached them: Deryon Williams and Kevin Carr, associates of the Santana Block Crips. Mr. Negrete, Isarraras, and Abeica are Latino. Williams asked Isarraras for some money. Isarraras said, "What the Lynwood Paragon life like?" and Carr responded "How is Santana life?" These were well-established gang challenges. Mr. Negrete also claimed "LVP," which meant "Lynwood Varrio Paragon." Abeica said, "Oh, let's fuck them up." At some point, Carr either showed or pretended to show Isarraras a gun, and the others backed off. Williams and Carr then walked away. Isarraras, Simental, Abeica, and Mr. Negrete got back into the SUV and drove off. Someone said, "Let's go get the strap," (slang for gun) to which Mr. Negrete replied, "It's at my house." They drove to Mr. Negrete's house where he retrieved the gun. It is customary gang practice that the youngest member of the gang keep custody of weapons, to assist senior members in avoiding culpability later. (See Exhibit A, Court of Appeal Opinion, *People v. Abeica*, Case B211600; Exhibit B, Abstract of Judgment dated October 21, 2008).

The four drove until they found Carr and Williams again. The SUV stopped in the middle of the street. Isarraras claims that Carr and/or Williams first fired at them. He admitted to taking the gun from Mr. Negrete before both jumped out of the vehicle. A number of shots were exchanged. Williams was hit by one of the bullets, which passed just above his pelvis and exited through his left hemiscrotum. At no point during the commitment offense did Mr. Negrete fire a weapon. (*Id.*)

After the shooting, Abeica drove Mr. Negrete back to his apartment, where he dropped off the gun. While they were driving Miriam home, the police stopped the SUV. Isarraras, Simental, Abeica, and Mr. Negrete were still in the car. Isarraras, Abeica, and Mr. Negrete were arrested. Later that day, the police recovered the revolver from Mr. Negrete's apartment. At trial, Mr. Negrete did not present any evidence in his own defense, due, in part, to his inability as an immature adolescent to assist his attorney in his own defense. (*Id.*)

II. DAVID NEGRETE'S REASONS FOR REQUESTING COMMUTATION

Mr. Negrete has been incarcerated since he was 16 years old, and has spent more than 10 years in prison. He has matured dramatically and manifestly altered his life priorities. He takes full responsibility for his crime and the mistakes he made as a young adolescent, and as a young

adult adjusting to life in prison. Mr. Negrete recognizes the harms he inflicted extend beyond the victim to encompass the victim's family, and the larger community he put at risk. This recognition and remorse has led him to dedicate his time in prison to helping as many people as he can. Mr. Negrete counsels at-risk youth and maintains his sobriety through both regular attendance at AA/NA meetings and informally sponsoring others. Because of his a) continued growth in prison; b) commitment to serving others; c) youth and family circumstances at the time of the crime; d) reduced culpability as a non-shooter, in a non-homicide offense, where only one person was injured; and e) overall length of his sentence, Mr. Negrete is requesting a commutation of his sentence to 15 years to life.

III. REASONS THAT DAVID NEGRETE'S SENTENCE SHOULD BE COMMUTED

A. REHABILITATION

Mr. Negrete has rehabilitated himself in many important ways. First, he disassociated from prison gangs many years ago, and has similarly disassociated from all family members involved in criminal activity. Second, he continues to offer himself as a mentor for younger inmates at risk of being gang-involved, showing them they have alternative paths, and demonstrating that there is life after gang membership. Through his work with the Youth Offender Parole Program, Mr. Negrete has made many important contributions. There, he counsels youths who, like himself, were tried as adults and then aged out of Juvenile Hall. Mr. Negrete recognizes that these immature new arrivals are particularly vulnerable to prison gang involvement. As someone who disassociated while incarcerated, he is a great role model for these young prisoners. Additionally, Mr. Negrete provides insight to at-risk youth through the "Life Is Too Short Youth Diversion Program." This group meets once a week for two hours, and brings juvenile offenders to Ironwood to hear from inmates about the life-altering ramifications of their poor choices. These youths gravitate to Mr. Negrete, because of his credibility as a former gang member, but also because of his gentle demeanor. Mr. Negrete is thankful for the privilege of helping youths that find themselves in the same situation he was in, and he uses the mentorship as an opportunity for self-reflection. His self-help sponsor has commended Mr. Negrete for his high level of participation, and has stated "It is a pleasure having him in the group." (See Exhibit C; Positive Chronos and Certificates).

Additionally, Mr. Negrete's consistent involvement in self-help classes – including academic and vocational education, Anger Management, Victim Awareness, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Narcotics Anonymous -- indicate a likelihood of success in the future. (*Id.*) He has been commended for becoming a positive role model to his peers in the recovery groups. Mr. Negrete has participated in the State Prison's Third and Fourth Annual Walk-a-Thon, helping to raise money for the Blythe Cancer Resource Center, which assists local cancer patients and their families. These endeavors demonstrate that Mr. Negrete has evolved from being someone immature and self-focused to someone genuinely desiring to contribute in a variety of ways. These ongoing efforts have also helped him process traumatic events – both those he experienced and those he caused.

B. DAVID NEGRETE'S LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING UP TO THE CRIME¹

Mr. Negrete's family circumstances during his childhood and adolescence were tumultuous and abusive, and normalized gang affiliation. From infancy, his father was involved in criminal activity and largely absent, partly because of frequent prison terms. His household was overcrowded: he lived with his grandmother, mother, two siblings, two sets of aunts and uncles, and his cousins, all in one house. As a child, it did not take him long to realize the popping sounds he heard at night were gunfire. Mr. Negrete's sister Karen was severely impaired, and unable to communicate verbally, although she communicate by touch and eye movement with her brother. Because of Karen, DCFS visited their home often. Mr. Negrete and his siblings were coached by their mother to always say everything was fine – though he was never sufficiently parented and sorely lacked affection and emotional nurturing throughout his life.

When Mr. Negrete was five, his mother picked up the entire family and moved them to Mexico after she robbed a McDonald's. Months later, when they were living in Mexico, Mr. Negrete's mother abruptly took his brother back to the U.S. and left Mr. Negrete in Mexico to care for his disabled sister with his grandmother. Roughly four months later, his father decided to bring Mr. Negrete and his sister back across the border from Mexico, carrying a jacket full of illegal drugs. At the border, his father was arrested and his sister was taken into DCFS custody. The border guards told Mr. Negrete to call an adult to pick him up. He called his aunt's house. His mother answered. She agreed to pick Mr. Negrete up, but dropped him off at an aunt's house rather than keeping him.

When Mr. Negrete was seven years old, his mother moved out of the neighborhood and took his two siblings – his sister and an older brother – but left him with his aunt and gang-involved uncles. After Mr. Negrete got into a fight at school at age eight, one of his uncles told him to “never come back a loser.” Mr. Negrete deeply internalized this lesson, and it heavily influenced his future behavior and gang involvement.

During adolescence, Mr. Negrete idolized his gang-member uncles. When Mr. Negrete asked to join his uncles' gang, he was told to join Banning Street Gang instead because its territory was closer to Mr. Negrete's mother's home. Mr. Negrete stopped going to school and began spending his time drinking and smoking marijuana and crystal methamphetamine with members of Banning Street. Mr. Negrete found acceptance in the gang and became its youngest member at age 13.

¹ This social history is based on interviews conducted by the Juvenile Innocence & Fair Sentencing Clinic with David Negrete and members of his family.

C. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MR. NEGRETE'S AGE AT THE TIME OF THE CRIME

Mr. Negrete was 16 at the time he committed this crime. Courts have consistently seen youthful age as a mitigating factor in guilt and in sentencing. In *Roper v. Simmons*, 543 U.S. 551 (2005), the United States Supreme Court found that, even in the most serious murder cases, youthful offenders cannot with reliability be classified among the worst offenders. (*Id.* at 569). As compared to adults, young offenders have a “lack of maturity and an underdeveloped sense of responsibility,” and so “are more vulnerable or susceptible to negative influences and outside pressure,” because their character is “not as well formed.” (*Id.* at 569-70). Five years later in *Graham v. Florida*, 560 U.S. 48 (2010), the Supreme Court went further in its analysis and recognized that the same differences between youths and adults are relevant to the constitutionality of sentences, and banned life without the possibility of parole (LWOP) for juveniles who commit non-homicide offenses, because such sentences were deemed to be cruel and unusual punishments. (*Id.* at 73-75.) The Court repeated *Roper*'s reasoning that because youthful offenders have reduced culpability, they are in most instances undeserving of the most severe punishments. (*Id.* at 75). Finally, the California Supreme Court extended *Graham*'s holding to a sentence common in California: functional LWOP for non-homicide crimes, concluding that such sentences are per se unconstitutional. (*People v. Caballero*, 55 Cal.4th 262, 268-69 (2012)).

These cases alone entitled Mr. Negrete to sentencing relief, and his attorneys filed a *Caballero* petition in 2013. However, the California Legislature, recognizing the magnitude of having tens of thousands of young people serving long sentences, created the Youth Offender Parole Hearing in 2014 to address this problem. Juvenile offenders – and now many young adult offenders – are entitled to early hearings, at which they have the opportunity to prove that they are ready to reenter society, 15, 20 or 25 years into their sentence.

The dates of these hearings, however, do not reflect the *individualized* culpability of each youthful offender – a requirement under the *Graham-Miller-Montgomery* line of cases. (See, e.g., *People v. Gutierrez*, 58 Cal.4th 1354, 1378 (2014) (“[I]mposition of the harshest punishment on a juvenile requires *individualized sentencing* that takes into account an offender’s ‘youth (and all that accompanies it)’”) quoting *Miller v. Alabama*, 132 S.Ct. 2455, 2464, 2469 (2012)) (emphasis added).

A “one-size-fits-all” parole scheme cannot comport with these individualized sentencing requirements. For example, the fact that Mr. Negrete was 16 years of age at the time of his crime, the fact that he faced persistent neglect as a child and was unable to escape the gang ties of his closest family members, the fact that he was a non-shooter in a non-homicide crime, and the fact that he has made tremendous strides in maturity and rehabilitation, should be reflected in his

parole eligibility date, not merely his parole hearing. To illustrate the disproportionality of Mr. Negrete's current sentence, under law, a person with no mitigating circumstances, who committed multiple murders at age 25 and has made no progress while incarcerated will nonetheless get a Youth Offender Parole Hearing at precisely the same time as Mr. Negrete: 25 years. In fact, juvenile offenders who committed special circumstances homicide will also receive a parole hearing at 25 years. Although Mr. Negrete's excellent record of rehabilitation, which should be considered *at* his parole hearing, will give him a better chance of achieving eventual release, his individual mitigating circumstances allow for an advancement of his parole hearing to earlier than 25 years.

As the U.S. Supreme Court recognized in *Herrera v. Collins*, 506 U.S. 390, 415 (1993) “[e]xecutive clemency has provided the ‘fail safe’ in our criminal justice system.” Although in *Herrera*, the death penalty was at issue, it is generally accepted that executive clemency is an appropriate remedy for an unjust sentence, especially when there is no other remedy at law. This is the case for Mr. Negrete. Though Youth Offender Parole Hearings are an important step in addressing the widespread injustice of disproportionate sentences for young offenders – sentences the Supreme Court recognized are cruel and unusual, individual youthful offenders deserve additional relief.

Mr. Negrete is precisely one of those youthful offenders. Had he been charged today, he would have received a transfer hearing pursuant to Proposition 57, where his background and immaturity could have been explored and considered. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 707(b).) The judge would have had the discretion to reduce or strike his gang and weapon enhancements, and generally make his sentence more proportional to his culpability. (Pen. Code § 12022.5(c).) But in 2008, as a child facing multiple life sentences, Mr. Negrete had none of these protections. In fact, no evidence was presented in his defense at the original trial. He was guilty, and fully culpable, by association. Nor did he have a proper sentencing hearing, during which he could present mitigation evidence. The law at the time, and the resulting sentences, are now unconstitutional. Requiring Mr. Negrete to serve 25 years of his sentence before having any opportunity at parole, is too long a delay. It is a manifest injustice, and one well within gubernatorial powers to correct.

For all the above reasons – including Mr. Negrete's family circumstances and inescapable gang involvement; his reduced culpability as a non-shooter in a non-homicide offense; the impulsivity and poor judgment of his youth; and Mr. Negrete's inability to participate in his own defense – a reduction in sentence is appropriate and just. On behalf of Mr. Negrete, I respectfully request a commutation of his sentence.

D. POST-RELEASE PLANS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Mr. Negrete has been preparing for life beyond prison for over a decade. He has seized all available opportunities for vocational training and rehabilitative guidance, and remains committed to equipping himself with all skills needed for a successful parole. (See Exhibit C, Positive Chronos and Certificates). Mr. Negrete has earned his GED and is on the waiting list for classes in both plumbing and carpentry. He continues to provide peer support to both incarcerated juveniles and those enrolled in the Life Is Too Short Diversion Program.

Mr. Negrete has also matured in his personal life. He has recently become engaged, and is committed to being the best possible father to his fiancée's five-year-old son. Mr. Negrete's fiancée has a full time-job as a counselor at Juvenile Hall, and also works for her uncle's construction company. She attends school, and fully supports Mr. Negrete's commitment to sobriety. Upon parole, Mr. Negrete knows he must maintain a strict sense of focus and self-discipline. Following his time in transitional housing, Mr. Negrete plans to be a consistent presence, both for his family, as well as for at-risk youth. Mr. Negrete knows all too well the harms created by an absent father. He is never going to make those mistakes. He has wrestled with the harms inflicted by abandonment and emotional withdrawal for over ten years. Given the chance, he will be an excellent father to a son who currently has none. Mr. Negrete will also have consistent support both from Chaplain Javier Stauring, the former Co-Director of the L.A. Archdiocese Office of Restorative Justice, and Executive Director of Healing Dialogue and Action, as well as Scott Budnick, the Founder and President of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. These men recommended Mr. Negrete to Loyola's Juvenile Innocence and Fair Sentencing (JIFS) Clinic, and are heavily invested both in seeking justice for Mr. Negrete and in his future success. (See Exhibit D, David Negrete Writings)

Because Mr. Negrete is a client of Loyola Law School's JIFS Clinic, he will have ongoing and multi-faceted support throughout his reentry and beyond. For this reason, JIFS clients have an incredible track record of success and meaningful productivity. The JIFS Clinic, one of three clinics at Loyola Law School's Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, is committed to the Center's founding ideal of "holistic representation," which means that the Clinic, its students and attorneys, are not just committed to obtaining Mr. Negrete's release, but to his successful reintegration into society. In the past, law students from the JIFS Clinic have helped clients locate transitional housing, obtain identification documents, find jobs, and connect with family members. JIFS students have accompanied clients to their parole appointments, transitional housing placements, and substance abuse groups. Additionally, because of its connection to the juvenile justice community, the JIFS Clinic often works with at-risk youth, and can offer Mr. Negrete the opportunity to work with juvenile offenders, counseling them and helping them avoid gangs and criminal activity. The JIFS Clinic will connect Mr. Negrete with all necessary

resources, services, and support systems he needs in order to become the man he was meant to be, but never had the chance to manifest.

IV. CONCLUSION

Mr. Negrete will never forget the crime that put him in prison. He takes full responsibility for participating in the commitment offense, and the resulting harms it caused. He is ashamed of his actions and deeply sorry for committing this immature and impulsive crime. In the 10 years that Mr. Negrete has been incarcerated, he has matured, received an education, obtained practical job training, and pursued every available opportunity to serve others. For the reasons stated above, justice is best served by granting Mr. Negrete clemency and a commutation of his sentence.

On behalf of Mr. Negrete and his new family, I respectfully ask that his sentence be commuted to 15 years to life. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful attention to this matter.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Joanna Neidiffer

In September 1983, Joanna Neidiffer conspired with Richard Cruz, with whom she had begun an affair, to kill her husband, Walter Neidiffer. While the Neidiffers were jogging in the park, Mr. Cruz jumped from the bushes and shot Mr. Neidiffer in the back. On December 6, 1988, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Neidiffer to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one year firearm enhancement.

Ms. Neidiffer is now 57 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 34 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. Neidiffer states that she was a selfish, impulsive, and rash person. She wrote, "I gave no thought to the consequences of my behavior or how it could affect others around me. Today I live my life the exact opposite."

During more than three decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Ms. Neidiffer has been dedicated to transforming her life. She has been disciplined only once. She earned two vocational training certifications and receives exceptional work ratings. She states that her passion is serving as a hospice volunteer, where she provides support to fellow inmates who are diagnosed with serious and terminal illnesses. Ms. Neidiffer has also taken advantage of multiple self-help programs, including Beyond Violence, Picking up the Pieces, The Purpose Driven Life, and Life Scripting.

Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Neidiffer has earned the respect of the staff members and volunteers who interact with her on a regular basis. In 2018, a hospice volunteer wrote, "[Ms. Neidiffer] is caring, compassionate, and reliable. I feel her experience has prepared her to be a valuable member of society when released." In 2012, a chaplain who has known Ms. Neidiffer for over a decade commended her for her rehabilitation and wrote, "Ms. Neidiffer is held in high esteem for her consistent interest and inclination toward the welfare of those around her... [She] preserves a positive attitude and, I feel, would be an asset in whatever community she re-enters."

Ms. Neidiffer played a significant role in a very serious crime. However, it is clear that she has distinguished herself by her exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Neidiffer has earned the opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Joanna Neidiffer to a total of 35 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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Application for Commutation of Sentence

Joanna Neidiffer
W-30967



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: NEIDIFFER, JOANNA W30967 Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/60 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: VALLEY STATE PRISON FOR WOMEN P.O. BOX 96 D2-07-02L CHOWCHILLA, CA. 93610-0096

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: PETTY THEFT, 1981 (?), IMPERIAL COUNTY, PROBATION/FINE.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

IN 1983 I HAD AN EXTRA MARITAL AFFAIR WITH ANOTHER MAN OUTSIDE MY MARRIAGE THAT LASTED APPROX. 3 1/2 - 4 WEEKS. I THEN TERMINATED THE AFFAIR AND REUNITED WITH MY HUSBAND. WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 2-3 WKS.* MY HUSBAND WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY THE MAN I HAD THE AFFAIR WITH, WHILE JOGGING IN THE PARK. (SUPERIOR COURT CASE #24472)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED 28 YEARS, SERVING A "LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE" SENTENCE. I AM ASKING THAT THE SEVERITY OF THE SENTENCE IMPOSED BE MODERATED BY YOU SIR, OR THE BOARD OF PRISON TERMS. MY REHABILITATION EFFORT AND INTROSPECTION HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVE OVER THE YEARS, AND I RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU FOR LENIENCY & MERCY.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

TODAY I AM NO LONGER ONE SPECK OF THE PERSON I WAS IN 1983. I HAVE ALWAYS FELT RESPONSIBLE AND SORROWFUL FOR THE DESTRUCTIVE CHOICE OF HAVING AN EXTRA MARITAL AFFAIR, THAT ULTIMATELY LED TO AN INNOCENT HUMAN BEING GETTING KILLED. SO MANY (SEE ATTACHED SHEET)

5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NO ONE HAS ASSISTED ME IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS APPLICATION.

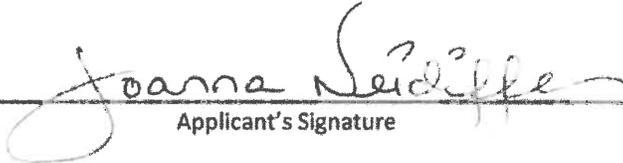
STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, JOANNA NEIDIFFER, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of IMPERIAL with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

9/25/2012
Date

NOT APPLICABLE. I HAVE NO OTHER CASE.

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

CONTINUATION SHEET OF APPLICATION INFORMATION:

4. TIMES I HAVE GRIEVOUSLY WISHED I COULD GO BACK AND REVERSE THINGS. IN 1983 I WAS SELFISH, IMPULSIVE, AND RASH. LIKE A FERRARI ENGINE WITH VOLKSWAGON BRAKES. I GAVE NO THOUGHT TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY BEHAVIOR OR HOW IT COULD AFFECT OTHERS AROUND ME. TODAY I LIVE MY LIFE THE EXACT OPPOSITE. WITH EVERY CHOICE I MAKE, I CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE OUTCOME. YET WORDS MEAN ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IF A PERSON'S LIFE AND ACTIONS DON'T MATCH. FOR THOSE WHO KNOW ME, OUTSIDE OF THIS PRISON, AND INSIDE WHERE I LIVE, HOW I LIVE ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS SPEAKS THE MOST ACCURATE TO THE KIND OF PERSON I AM. (PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS.)

THOUGH I CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST, WHAT I CAN SAY IS I AM TRULY REMORSEFUL FOR WHAT HAPPENED. IT WILL ALWAYS BE A SAD BURDEN I CARRY.

I AM NOW 51 YEARS OLD, HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO A WONDERFUL CHRISTIAN MAN FOR NINE YEARS, AND I AM A MUCH WISER PERSON TODAY THAN I WAS 29 YEARS AGO IN 1983. PLEASE CONSIDER ME FOR A REDUCTION OF SENTENCE AND GIVE ME THE CHANCE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE PRISON BOARD. I HAVE SO MUCH LOVE AND SUPPORT WAITING FOR ME OUTSIDE THESE GATES.

2. * EXACT TIME FRAME IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO PINPOINT DURING THIS TIME.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Curtis Norris

In 2008, upset about a previous argument in county jail, 19-year-old Curtis Norris shot Edward Dismukes multiple times, killing him. On April 29, 2011, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Norris to 15 years to life for murder plus a 25-to-life firearm enhancement, a total term of 40 years to life in prison.

Mr. Norris applied for a commutation of sentence based on his rehabilitation. In his application, he described how he has learned new skills during his time in prison and has gained an understanding of his responsibilities to his community. Mr. Norris wrote, "I don't expect anyone to forget about what I've done. But I am asking for a second chance to do things right." He continued, "I am a rehabilitated, mature, young man and secure in who I am. With my second chance, I will put my all into doing things right." Mr. Norris had a hard time in his youth after his father died in a car accident when he was 3 and after he was essentially abandoned by his drug-addicted mother. He struggled in school and started using drugs at a very young age. Since entering prison, Mr. Norris has made drastic changes. He said, "I've made it a point to educate myself in every way possible." He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, "My mindset has changed dramatically," and explained that he now thinks of others, recognizes the importance of family and helping others, and now sees the world in a different way. He said, "I feel like I am more than what I did to get into prison. At the time of my crime, I wasn't in the right mind. Now, I'm in a better mind state; I'm more determined and focused."

Mr. Norris is now 29 years old and has made admirable strides to turning his life around. He has only been disciplined twice during more than a decade in prison, and has not been involved in gangs, drugs, or violence. He earned his GED in 2018. Mr. Norris has taken advantage of many self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Victim Awareness, and Alternatives to Violence. Since 2015, Mr. Norris has been involved with the Delancey Street Project, where he is focused on sobriety and where he and a group of inmates help each other work to transform their lives. Mr. Norris has a solid plan in place in the event of his release. He wants to commit to the intensive residential program at Delancey Street to ensure he has the skills necessary to succeed in the community before going to live with his grandmother and seek employment in construction.

It is clear that Mr. Norris has made a commitment to becoming a productive member of the community. I believe that he should have an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that they can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Curtis Norris to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
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Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Curtis Norris Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 89 Inmate ID: AH2388
Address: Post Office Box 4000 Vacaville, Ca 95696-4000 Facility: Solano State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
Possession of fire arm	January 2008	Alameda County	90 days

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

No

Curtis Norris

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation

On September 16, 2008 I was with my then girl friend latoya estrada on our way to get some marijuana. Prior to this, we had been drinking, and using drugs. while trying to find the house we drove by MR. Edward Dismuke riding a bike. I then yelled aggressively at him, and in response he reached for something. Then I started to shoot, with the belief he was reaching for a gun. I was then apprehended the next day. It later came out he had a knife with a broke tip, and not a gun. I was later found guilty of second degree murder.

Curtis Lewis

3. Explain why you are requesting a Commutation?

The reason I'm requesting a Commutation of my Sentence is because I believe I should receive a Second Chance to do things right. Mentally, I believe I've grown Substantially from the 19 year old boy I Came to Jail as. Since then, I've taken many Significant Classes that gave me tools and taught me how to apply them in life. "Anger management" taught me that anger is a Secondary emotion to Cover up other emotions. "Victim Awareness" taught me the power of empathy. "Parenting inside out" gave me the tools to have the ability to be the best father I can be. It taught me the importance of Communication and positive reinforcement, which I'm praying for the chance to apply. "Alternative to Violence (A.V.P)" taught me to be open to try new things and to feel good about doing it. Violence is not the answer to everything. "Relapse Prevention" gave me a clear understanding of relapse and the different forms of it. To also form a plan to prevent it. "Man Up" Helped me to develop my Character and to understand my responsibility to myself, family, friends, and to my Community. "Insight" which I am Currently in, is helping me to understand the thoughts behind my actions. Last but not least, "Delaney Street honors program" which I am also Currently in, have taught me alot. There are two phrases that will forever be close to my heart. One, "Act as if" which means, act as if you're a decent person and you will become a decent person. The second one is, "we will never be able to control the action of another person, we can only control the way we respond." I've always Chosend the easy ways in life which was always the wrong way. I'm now Challenging myself to take the hard way, which I now believe is the right way. Life is not always easy, but it's better when you found peace within yourself. When I was younger, I was blessed with the opportunity to be

Curtis Norris

apart of the first group of kids to open up Oakland Military Institute (O.M.I.). I've now been blessed to be apart of the first group of 25 men, to open up the Delaney Street Honors Program here in Solano. I want you to know I live with regret for what I've done. I feel ashamed of myself when I think about what I've done. Not a day goes by without me asking God to forgive me. It hurts me deeply when I think of the pain I've caused Mr. Dismuke and his family. I take full responsibility for my actions, and have no excuses for what I have done. I will forever live with the shame I brought to my family last name. With the many mistakes I've made in life, I pray I can help lead the youth into a different direction. I don't expect anyone to forget about what I've done. But I am asking for a second chance to do things right. I respectfully, thank you for your time, consideration and for leading California as our governor. May God bless you.

Curtis Norris

4 Provide a brief Statement explaining why you should be granted a Commutation

I feel I should be granted this Opportunity because of the positive Steps I've been taking to Change since my incarceration. I have not received any violent write ups, and I've made it a point to educate myself in everyway possible. Construction is a trade I am going to Pursue in life. I believe it coincide with my Change. I had to break down my old thoughts, morals, and beliefs. Then rebuild myself with a Stronger foundation to stand on. With this foundation, I believe I can make a difference to those around me. I am no longer the Immature boy with low self esteem who act out to feel better about his self. I am a rehabilitated, mature, young man, and is secure in who I am. with my Second Chance, I will put my all into doing things right and I stand by my word.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Zina Pacheco

Zina Pacheco and Jesse Morales had been dating the same woman and got into several fights over the course of a few days. On October 20, 1998, Ms. Pacheco and a friend approached Mr. Morales at a trailer. Ms. Pacheco's friend opened fire, killing Mr. Morales and injuring another man. On October 22, 1999, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Pacheco to 26 years to life for murder and a firearm enhancement.

Since committing this crime, Ms. Pacheco has demonstrated a commitment to transforming herself and leaving violence behind. In her application for clemency, she wrote, "I am requesting a commutation because I am not the same person today that committed this heinous murder twenty years ago." She continued, "I believe I can make a positive difference if allowed a second chance. My passion is sobriety and I demonstrate that daily to the ladies still struggling in addiction." Ms. Pacheco is now 57 years old and has only been disciplined once during her lengthy incarceration. She has gotten sober and participated in numerous self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Relapse Prevention, Restorative Justice, and Anger Management. Ms. Pacheco has maintained a positive work record and routinely receives above average ratings from her supervisors, who have commended her work ethic and dedication.

Ms. Pacheco has also earned praise from correctional staff members. In 2018, a correctional officer who has known Ms. Pacheco for five years wrote, "I have observed Ms. Pacheco's growth and development as she continues her participation in self-help groups. She is trustworthy and reliable. . . . It is my opinion Ms. Pacheco will be a productive member of society upon release." Another correctional officer praised Ms. Pacheco's cooperative attitude and reported, "I have seen her continued growth and determination to be a role model to others. I believe that Pacheco would be very successful upon release." Ms. Pacheco has participated in charitable events and lived in an honor unit since 2016. She has a solid plan in place for her release from prison, including transitional housing, a relapse prevention plan, and a support system of family members and friends who have pledged to help her adjust to life back in the community.

Before coming to prison, Ms. Pacheco was mired in drugs, which ultimately led to her participation in this senseless crime. But since then, she has shown an admirable commitment to sobriety and self-improvement. It is clear that she has worked hard to turn her life around and become a role model for others. For these reasons, Ms. Pacheco has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Zina Pacheco to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: DACHECO, ZINA L Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Inmate ID: W 816446

Address: EA 427 LOW 16756 CHURCH CORONA RD. CORONA CA 92880 Facility: California Institution For Women

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 187 First degree murder	10-20-1998	San Bernardino	26 to Life
PC 12022 Armed w/ Firearm	10-20-1998	San Bernardino	26 to Life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Pacheco, Lucette Zina declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of San Bernardino with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Pacheco, Zina
Applicant's Signature

11/26/2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Bernardino County: Please take notice that I, Pacheco, L Zina,
was convicted of the crime of P137 FVA010407 Murder 1st/p12022(A)(1) Armed w/Firearm,
committed in San Bernardino County, California, on the date of 10/20/1998.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: W 81646

Pacheco, L Zina
Applicant's Signature

4/14/2012
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Michael A. Ramos, District Attorney of the County of San Bernardino,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from L. Zina Pacheco,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence

Signed [Signature]

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

② I was in a relationship with Monicã Santos. Her ex boyfriend found out about us and threatened my life. The situation turned into a jealous mess. On 10-20-1998, I murdered Jessie Morales. I was arrested the same day and charged with PC187 and PC12022 (firearm).

③ I am requesting a commutation because I am not the same person today that committed this heinous murder twenty years ago. I have utilized my time in prison to better myself and to change the negative behavior patterns into positive ones. Today, I know what healthy coping strategies are and I am able to deal with difficult situations with ease. I maintain healthy boundaries and help fellow inmates deal with negative emotions. I give back by being of service in my community and in my housing unit. I believe I can make a positive difference if allowed a second chance. My passion is sobriety and I demonstrate that clearly to the ladies still struggling in addiction.

④ I believe in my heart that I can make a positive difference in the world by telling my story of pain and murder and how this can be turned into a positive ripple effect. I choose to honor Jessie Morales' life by making better decisions daily. Taking full accountability for the pain and suffering that I have caused, has enabled me to grow into the woman I was suppose to be all along. I know, if given a second chance

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I would help women that struggle in dysfunctional relationships. I would tell them my story, help educate them about their choices, and ultimately live a better quality of life. I have been incarcerated for 20 years and am definitely a much better person than when I came in to the prison system. CDCR has attached the 'R' to the end of CDC for a reason. I have worked hard to address the causative factors that caused my behaviors. I believe I deserve a second chance at freedom.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Claude Earl Palmer

On October 22, 1981, Claude Palmer and James Earl Smith robbed a vacuum store, and Mr. Smith shot and injured Geertuida Porter, the owner of the store. On October 25, 1981, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Smith attempted to rob a gas station, and the station attendant Miguel Ramirez was killed. On August 30, 1983, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Palmer to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Palmer is now 63 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 37 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Palmer explained how he came to commit this crime and expressed hope for his future. He wrote, "I chose a destructive path for myself and others." He continued, "I am a very different man today. I want another chance to clean up what I can with my wife, children, grandchildren and family. The things of the past and that old behavior has died to me."

Mr. Palmer has been incarcerated for almost four decades with no hope for parole. Rather than succumbing to gangs, drugs, or violence in his decades in prison, he has been committed to changing his life. Mr. Palmer has only been disciplined three times for misconduct, and has not had a rules violation in over 20 years. He resided on an honor yard for ten years and completed self-help classes in Substance Abuse, Alcoholics Anonymous, Veterans Group, and Anger Management. Mr. Palmer worked for the California Prison Industry Authority laundry department for many years, completed vocational training in industrial health and safety, and received good work ratings from his supervisors. In 2014, two supervisors commended Mr. Palmer on his work ethic and noted that he "has worked at various positions making every effort to learn all aspects of the industry."

I note that Mr. Palmer suffered a stroke three years ago and currently has several serious health conditions, including a seizure disorder, an enlarged heart, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and a partially paralyzed foot. Mr. Palmer also has family he hopes to return to. In the event of his release, Mr. Palmer plans to live with his sister and reunite with his wife of 39 years, three children, and two step-children. Mr. Palmer wrote in his application regarding his rehabilitation and plans for the future, "Time and education have both played a huge part in my transformation. I know I'd go home, help my family, live quietly, and make the best out of my remaining years."

Mr. Palmer committed two very serious crimes, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself through his exemplary conduct in prison. For this reason, I believe that Mr. Palmer has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Claude Earl Palmer to a total of 37 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Claude Palmer Date of Birth:  SS Inmate ID: C72434
Address: CSP-LCC A2-133 PO Box 4430 Facility: Lancaster

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
<u>Drunk & Disorderly Conduct</u>	<u>4/79</u>	<u>L.A.C.</u>	<u>charges dropped</u>
<u>Abuse of Credit Card</u>	<u>10/75</u>	<u>San Bernardino</u>	<u>23 days</u>
<u>1st degree murder</u>	<u>10/81</u>	<u>L.A.C.</u>	<u>Life Sentence inwp</u>

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): As I look back, excessive alcohol was involved in every crime I participated in. Whenever I drank I associated with people I'd been wiser to avoid. Mix those 2 things with careless youth, ignoring the good values I was raised with, and I chose a destructive path for myself and others. I had blown many good opportunities and felt somewhat lost and ashamed. I look back on it as a very ugly time.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): I am a very different man today. I want another chance to clean-up what I can, with my wife, children, grandchildren and family. The things of the past and that old behavior has died to me. When a man has done shameful things, there should be a desire as he grows to put things right, to as much as possible make some part of his life valuable and good.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): I started taking classes to help me do my time, but quickly found them interesting, challenging, and life changing. I have been involved in NA/AA for years, victim-awareness, re-education classes, parenting behind bars, and mother ID different studies. Time & education have both played a huge part in my transformation. I know I'd go home help my family live quietly, and make the best out of my remaining years. I will never be a burden on society again.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

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STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Claude Palmer, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Claude Palmer Sr
Applicant's Signature

9-5-17
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County:

Please take notice that I Claude Palmer, was convicted of the crime of 1st. Degree murder, committed in Los Angeles County, California on the date of 10 79. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Claude Palmer Sr

Applicant's Signature

9-5-17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____ do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Alfredo Perez, Jr.

On March 18, 1994, Mr. Perez and a friend stole merchandise from an auto parts store. As they began to drive away from the area, store employee Fred Sanchez reached into the vehicle Mr. Perez was driving to retrieve the stolen item. Mr. Perez put the vehicle into reverse, then drove forward. Mr. Sanchez eventually pulled his arm free and thankfully suffered only minor injuries. On May 4, 1995, the Fresno County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Perez to 25 years to life for assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury and two years for prior prison terms – a total term of 27 years to life. In 2014, Mr. Perez was resentenced to 10 years and released from prison. At the time of his release, the Fresno County Superior Court found that Mr. Perez did not pose an unreasonable risk to public safety. Four years later, Mr. Perez was ordered to return to prison to serve the remainder of his sentence following a California Supreme Court finding that Mr. Perez was ineligible for the relief he was granted.

Mr. Perez seeks a commutation of sentence based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "Upon release, I went to work, remarried my wife, and cared for my terminally ill father." Mr. Perez continued, "I took the granting of my petition for release seriously. I have maintained gainful employment, rebuilt my family and provided for them. I have also been a productive, law-abiding citizen. I have proven that I am neither a burden nor a risk to society and hope to continue as such through your good graces."

Indeed, Mr. Perez had no subsequent arrests, held a job, and supported his wife and family following his original release from prison. Several family members and community members wrote letters in support of his clemency application, noting Mr. Perez's turnaround and commitment to his family. Prior to his return to prison, Mr. Perez gave up his full-time employment to serve as primary caregiver for his terminally ill daughter, who is in hospice care. Mr. Perez's wife wrote, "Upon his release four years ago, [my husband] has been an amazing contributor. . . . He has changed his life around with the grace of God and family by his side." Mr. Perez's son wrote, "My father has become a better man and has exceeded our expectations of becoming a better father and a wonderful grandfather, as well as a great husband to my mother." Mr. Perez's youngest daughter wrote, "My dad continues to be a hard worker, a great family man, an awesome provider, and does everything to help his wife, children, and grandchildren with our every need." The Superior Court Judge who presided over Mr. Perez's case told a Board investigator that Mr. Perez has done well in the community and does not appear to represent a danger to the public.

Additionally, Mr. Perez's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. At the *en banc* meeting, 12 people, including Mr. Perez's wife and children, spoke in support of clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Perez.

Upon his release in 2014, Mr. Perez demonstrated that he had turned his life around. I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Perez's sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Alfredo Perez, Jr. to release him on parole.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Alfredo Perez, Jr. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 68 Inmate ID: 160797

Address: 5735 East Beck Avenue #203, Fresno, CA 93720

Facility: _____

Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
1. PC 459/460	?	Fresno	7-15-87
2. PC 459/460	?	Fresno	6-14-91
3. PC 245(a)(1)	3-18-94	Fresno	5-04-95

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Regarding the PC 245(a)(1) conviction; Assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury (Fresno County Superior Court case number CF2450957): I helped steal an auto-locking device. During my escape, a store employee reached into my truck and was briefly forced to run alongside before disengaging.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

In 2014, I was granted Three Strikes Reform Act relief. Upon release, I went to work, remarried my wife and cared for my terminally ill father. In 2018, the California Supreme Court affirmed the Court of Appeal's reversal of the lower court's order. I must now surrender for a return to prison by July 6, 2018.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I took the granting of my petition for release seriously. I have maintained gainful employment, rebuilt my family and provided for them. I have also been a productive, law-abiding citizen. I have proven that I am neither a burden nor a risk to society and hope to continue as such through your good graces.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Fresno County: Please take notice that I, Alfredo Perez, Jr.,

was convicted of the crime of Penal Code section 245(a)(1),

committed in Fresno County, California, on the date of May 4, 1995.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Alfredo Perez Jr June 6 - 4 - 18
Applicant's Signature Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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[Signature] 6/4/18

County of Fresno
District Attorney's Office
2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000
Fresno, Ca 93721

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Alfred Perez Jr., declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Fresno with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Alfred Perez Jr.
Applicant's Signature

6-4-18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Dominic Rodriguez

In 2004, 18-year-old Dominic Rodriguez was driving when his friend opened fire on several members of a rival gang, hitting Ro euth Korm. Mr. Korm survived his injuries. On July 25, 2005, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rodriguez to 5 years for shooting from a vehicle plus an additional 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 30 years to life in prison.

Mr. Rodriguez is now 32 years old and has been incarcerated for 14 years. In that time, he has made strides toward transforming his life. He reported that he joined his gang when he was just 11 years old, and dropped out after his conviction for this crime. Since then, he has avoided gang activity and steered clear of drugs and alcohol. Mr. Rodriguez earned his GED and a certificate of career readiness from Baylor University, and is currently taking college classes. He has a positive work record and routinely receives above average to exceptional ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Rodriguez has participated in many self-help programs including Pathways to Freedom, Insight, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Victims Workshop, and has facilitated several classes. He has also received accolades from staff members, including a youth offender resource officer who commended Mr. Rodriguez for his "exemplary conduct" and wrote, "It is my opinion that Rodriguez has successfully rehabilitated himself and would prove to be a productive member in his community if granted a commutation."

In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Rodriguez spoke movingly about how experiencing loss in his own life helped him understand the impact that his actions had on those he targeted for the gang. He reiterated that since dropping out of his gang, he has changed his priorities and worked hard to show those changes through his actions. During his incarceration, Mr. Rodriguez has demonstrated that he is committed to his new path forward. I believe he deserves an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Dominic Rodriguez to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



**Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814**

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name Rodriguez		FIRST Name Dominic	MIDDLE Name Ebon
Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1986	Place of Birth French Camp, CA.	Social Security Number [REDACTED]	
Current Residence Address Salinas Valley State Prison, P.O. Box 1050		Prison Number V-90848	
City Soledad		Apt, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. A1-234	
State California		Zip Code 93960-1050	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

- Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01
- Commutation of current sentence
- Pardon based upon innocence
- Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
- Compassionate Release
- Other

Why are you requesting clemency?

The reason I am requesting clemency is that I feel I'm rehabilitated. I've learned a valuable lesson that the life I was living before is no life at all. I understand that I did wrong & want to correct it.

Current Attorney Information

Are you currently represented by an attorney? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:	
First and last name:	Telephone number:
Address:	

Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2

Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:	
First and last name:	Telephone number:
Address:	

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.	
Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:	
Your current physician's name:	Physician's telephone number:
Physician's address:	
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, what was the result?	

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Give a brief account of your offense.

Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.

Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)

When were you discharged from probation or parole?

Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.

Why you are requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

The reason I feel the need for clemency and a commutation of sentence is because I know I can be a productive member to society. If somehow you can look at my record in prison you will find that I'm no longer in the same life and for the
Have you sought relief from the courts? most part I've been doing everything to change myself for the better.

I have sought relief from the courts and have been denied.

I hope that you will look at my case and record in prison and will find it in your heart to see that I am sincere and grant me a commutation of sentence.

III

NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of San Joaquin with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804
(Name of county)

Dominic Rodriguez
(Applicant's signature)

12-29-2011
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DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Dominic Rodriguez
(Applicant's signature)

12-29-2011
(Date signed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Lorenzo Ross

On July 15, 2008, Lorenzo Ross acted as a lookout while Tyshawn Lewis and Joel Arnold robbed Rosa Hernandez of \$1000 at gunpoint in her apartment. Ms. Hernandez, her boyfriend Christopher Torres, and her brother Gerald Hernandez were all assaulted during the course of the robbery. On June 25, 2010, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ross to 30 years to life for two counts of robbery plus an additional 20 years to life for firearm enhancements.

Mr. Ross has been incarcerated for 10 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Ross wrote, "I want an opportunity to go out into society and contribute something positive to my community. [A]t the time of my incarceration, I was a lost teenager. . . . I had no grasp of how detrimental the choices I made could be." He wrote that he applied for a commutation because "my actions at 19 years old on July 15, 2008, is a reflection of who I was then but not who I am today, nor who I will be for the next 50 years."

During the decade Mr. Ross has spent in prison, he has been dedicated to transforming his life. He earned his GED and completed vocational training in office services and auto body repair. An instructor in vocational auto body wrote in 2014 that Mr. Ross was an "outstanding student, applied his time well, asked a lot of questions, and inspired others." Mr. Ross has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Criminals & Gang Members Anonymous, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Ross also participated in a Youth Offender Mentoring Program in 2018 and was commended by the Anti-Recidivism Coalition for his active participation and "willingness to learn how to become an effective mentor, and making a positive contribution to his environment." A group sponsor noted in 2017 that Mr. Ross "has been an enthusiastic participant while working through issues in anger management classes, freely expressing himself during group discussions, and contributing positive criticism toward personal development topics."

Given Mr. Ross's efforts at rehabilitation in prison, I believe that he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

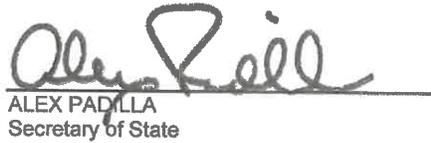
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Lorenzo Ross to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Lorenzo Ross Date of Birth: [Redacted] Inmate ID: A20049
Address: P.O. Box 2199 Blythe, CA 92226 Facility: Ironwood

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
	<u>None</u>		

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

See Attached

Question 2

At 3:00 a.m. Me, Arnold and a third person named KP I met Threw Arnold approached Rosa Hernandez house and knocked on her door with intentions to rob her. As her brother Geraldo opened the door he was punched in the face by KP and pushed to the ground. Arnold and KP went into the bedroom. I was standing at the front door halfway in halfway out. My job was to watch the door. Seconds later Rosa entered the living room and was pushed against the couch by Arnold. I entered the room to help Arnold she screamed and fought and I ran.

Question 3

I want an opportunity to go out into society and contribute something positive to my community at the time of my incarceration I was a lost teenager I do not say this trying to belittle my actions or make an excuse but to simply state where I was at in my life at this time. I had no grasp of how detrimental the choices I make could be. I am filing for a Commutation of Sentence because my actions at 19 years old on July 15, 2008 is a reflection of who I was then but not who I am today, nor who I will be for the next 50 years.

Question 4

I know that I took something from Rosa Hernandez, Geraldo Hernandez, and Christopher Torres not just money but a sense of normalcy, security, whatever sentimental value that were tied to their property. I took their peace, right to liberty and happiness. For the above reasons I don't consider myself entitled to a Commutation of Sentence but I want the opportunity to show that I'm not the person I was when this crime was committed and would like to be consider for a Commutation of Sentence.

It was a time in my life when I didn't have respect for anything or anyone. I had no regard for the destruction I was causing on other people's lives as well as my own. I didn't care about my life and it played a major factor on why I lived a reckless and careless life not caring or taking the time to acknowledge that I was destroying everything in my path. My life, other people lives, my family, my community. I didn't know at 19yrs old that one action could harm so many people lives. Lives of people I knew lives of people I don't know and will never know.

During my duration of my incarceration I have matured and grew. I know now that the life I was living was not a healthy lifestyle and nothing good could come from living that way. I know that I could never take back the pain and harm I caused Rosa Hernandez, Geraldo Hernandez, and Christopher Torres that horrible night. But I could make amends by changing my life. I know now that my actions hurt my family my community and the ripple effects last for years to come an action that takes 5 minutes to commit can change generations. Me at 19 years old I didn't understand the effects of my actions.

During my whole 9 years of incarceration I have worked hard on rehabilitating myself so that I can not only be ready for society but a productive

person to society. Along the way the more I worked on rehabilitating myself the harder it became the more layers I had to pull back to look into myself. Prior to my incarceration at 19yrs I had no skills or job experiences, since my incarceration I have obtained my GED, completed Auto Body Repair & Refurnishing Vocational. I am a certified Microsoft Specialist for word and I currently enrolled in Microsoft Offices Services & Related Technologies Vocational I obtained the Auto Body Repair trade because I want to go into this field and open my own shop and be a positive and productive asset to the community. Computers are also something that I have a lot interest in, and it is vital part of the world to as well as the future and that played a big part in me pursuing the Office Services Vocational I am also enrolled in Palo Verde College and I'm pursuing an AA degree with a major in business.

I have completed numerous self-help groups and their all helpful and insightful but there's a couple that help me out the most. Criminal Gangs Anonymous (CGA) it helped me with the knowledge understanding and insight that I never had prior to the self-help group. The group helped me to deal with and identify with the feeling I felt and triggers that lead me up to joining a gang as well as understanding the root of my emotion and mind state at the time of me being an active participate in the gang lifestyle. CGA opened my eyes and help me to destroy all the false beliefs and misconception I had about criminal gang lifestyle and gave me the proper strength and tools to move forward and the leave my past lifestyle behind me and live a positive and criminal gang free life.

Addiction Consoling Program (ACP) was another self-help group that really helped me. ACP taught me that my lifestyle was an addiction and that a lifestyle can be an addiction and with an addiction you have to work daily with it, it can't

be fixed overnight. It takes strength, discipline, hard work dedication, strong support system and the will power daily to overcome your addiction.

Alternative to Violence (AVP) is another self-help group that made a positive impact on me. AVP helped me to understand that anger is a normal emotion, but it a proper way to funnel your anger when you become angry that doesn't have to invoke violence on others such as positive self- talk , compromise and be patient and persistent when seeking justice. Those are some tools I use today when faced with anger and conflict.

I want to give back to my community in anyway positive from helping mentor the youth, to coaching youth basketball team. Just showing my community and society that people can change. I have played a part in hurting people lives; now I want to play apart in helping people lives. I know I can never take back the pain, heartache, terror that I inflicted upon Rosa, Geraldo, Christopher that awful night, but today as an 29 year old I live everyday with the regret, remorse and most of all the shame of my 19 year old self and my actions that I used that night July 15,2008.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Sem Saepanh

In 2009, Sem Saepanh and his brother got into a fight with Kwame Cunningham and another man. After the fight, Mr. Saepanh drove by and fired shots from a car, hitting Mr. Cunningham and bystander Britney Rudolph. Both victims survived their injuries. On January 4, 2010, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Saepanh to 6 years and 8 months for discharging a firearm plus an additional 50 years to life for firearm enhancements.

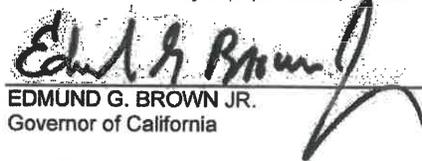
Mr. Saepanh has now been incarcerated for 9 years. In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Saepanh reported that during that time, he has matured, maintained his sobriety, and focused on being a good role model for his daughter. Indeed, Mr. Saepanh has maintained an excellent record in prison. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct. He stopped associating with gangs and has participated in self-help programs, including Getting Out by Going In, Alternatives to Violence and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution. Mr. Saepanh completed a vocational program in computer literacy and plans to start taking college classes. In 2018, Mr. Saepanh's correctional counselor reported that he is hard-working, avoids trouble, and has been rehabilitated. A correctional officer who has worked in Mr. Saepanh's housing unit for several years reported that he stays out of trouble and shows good character. Both staff members believed that Mr. Saepanh was a good candidate for a commutation of sentence. If released, Mr. Saepanh plans to live with his parents, and has job opportunities in construction and landscaping.

Despite his very lengthy sentence, Mr. Saepanh came to prison and turned his life around – he stopped associating with gang members, stayed away from drugs and alcohol, and dedicated himself to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Sem Saepanh to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



Office of the Governor
 State of California
 State Capitol
 Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
 To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name		FIRST Name	MIDDLE Name
Saephanh		Sem	N/A
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Social Security Number	Prison Number
1982	Texas	[REDACTED]	AC0025

Current Residence

Address		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc.
Calipatria State Prison P.O. Box 5007 Calipatria, CA 92233-5007		Facility-(D)
City	State	Zip code
Calipatria,	California	92233

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commutation of current sentence | <input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based upon innocence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome | <input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate Release | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Why are you requesting clemency?

No other adequate remedy remaining except for Clemency.

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense 2 counts of shooting a firearm from a motor vehicle. (Penal Code § 12034, subd. (C).) It was further alleged with respect to both counts that petitioner/appellant personally & intentionally discharged a handgun which proximately caused great bodily injury. (P.C. 12022.53, subd. (d).)

Date of offense	Date of conviction	Arresting agency	County of conviction
April 8, 2009,	December 1, 2009,	Sacramento Police Department	County of Sacramento
Superior court case number	Your trial attorney's name and address	Sentence	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any?
09F02783	Mike Hansen Attorney at Law 711 9th St Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95814	56-years & 8-months to Life	11/04/2065
Did you appeal your case?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

If yes, appellate case number and status of case

Case No. C063966 In The Court Of Appeal Of The State Of California 3rd

Appellate District. Judgment affirmed. See Exhibit-(A)

Case No. S190376 Supreme Court Of California, Petition for Reviewdenied/APR 13,11

Exhibit-(B)

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:

Your current physician's name:

Physician's address:

Physician's telephone number:

Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? Yes No

What was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Give a brief account of your offense.

Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.

Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)

When were you discharged from probation or parole?

Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.

Why you are requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

ARGUMENT

I.

APPLICANT WAS DEPRIVED OF DUE PROCESS WHEN THE TRIAL COURT COMMITTED REVERSIBLE ERROR IN ADMITTING EVIDENCE OF APPELLANT'S GANG AFFILIATION TO SHOW MOTIVE. THIS CASE CALLS OUT FOR CLEMENCY, COMMUTATION OF CURRENT SENTENCE, OR PARDON.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

See page 1, of this Application for Clemency I have Exhausted all of my State appeals my Petition for Review was denied on April 13, 2011 and my last day for filing my federal habeas corpus petition in the federal dist Ct would of been July 12, 2012 , therefore I have no adeguate remedy remaining except for this Application for Clemency.

1 A. Introduction

2 Over defense objection, the trial court allowed the
3 prosecution to elicit testimony from gang expert of appellant's
4 gang affiliation for the limited purpose of showing motive.
5 (1 R.T. pp.85-86.) There was no gang enhancement charged under
6 section 186.22, as the expert acknowledged that appellant's "gang"
7 had not committed any of the statutory predicate crimes that would
8 qualify it as a criminal street gang under California law. (2 R.T.
9 p.406.) This evidence was irrelevant and not admissible under
10 any exception. The prejudicial effect of this testimony compels
11 reversal of appellant's convictions by clemency.

12 B. The Standard of Review

13 Ordinarily a trial court's "exercise of discretion under
14 Evidence Code section 352 will not be disturbed on appeal unless
15 the court clearly abused its discretion, e.g., when the
16 prejudicial effect of the evidence clearly outweighed its
17 probative value." (People v. Jennings (2000) 81 Cal.App.4th 1301,
18 1314-1315.) However where there are no factual question, an
19 appeal presents exclusively a question of law, which the court
20 will review de novo. (In re Alberto (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 421,
21 426; People v. Culp (2002) 100 Cal.App.4th 1270, 1281.)

22 Here, the facts introduced subject to this issue are not
23 realistically in dispute. Therefore, appellant would argue that
24 independent review is appropriate.

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1 C. The Court Committed Reversible Error in Admitting
2 Evidence of Appellant's Gang Affiliation.

3 1. The Applicable Law

4 While "evidence of a person's character or a trait of his
5 or her character (whether in the form of an opinion, evidence of
6 reputation, or evidence of specific instances of his or her
7 conduct) is inadmissible when offered to prove his or her conduct
8 on a specified occasion" (Evid. Code § 1101, subd.(a)), such
9 evidence is admissible "when relevant to prove some fact (such as
10 motive....) other than his or her disposition to commit such an
11 act." (Evid. Code § 1101, subd.(b).)

12 However, only relevant evidence may be admitted at trial.
13 (Evid. Code § 350; Witkin, California Evidence, (1986 3d ed.)
14 § 290, p.259.) The court has no discretion to admit irrelevant
15 evidence. (People v. Babbitt (1988) 45 Cal.3d 660, 681.) Evidence
16 is relevant if it tends to prove a disputed intermediate or
17 ultimate fact of consequence. (Evid. Code § 210; People v. Hill
18 (1992) 3 Cal.4th 959, 987.)

19 Evidence Code section 352 states: "The court in its
20 discretion may exclude evidence if its probative value is
21 substantially outweighed by the probability that its admission will
22 (a) necessitate undue consumption of time or (b) create substantial
23 danger of undue prejudice, of confusing the issues, or of
24 misleading the jury." In cases not involving the gang enhancement,
25 the California Supreme Court has held that evidence of gang
26 membership is potentially prejudicial and should not be admitted if
27 its probative value is minimal. (People v. Cardenas (1982) 31 Cal.

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1 3d 897, 904-905.)

2 In Cardenas, there was an abundance of evidence that the
3 appellant and his defense witnesses lived in the same neighborhood,
4 had the same circle of friends, and all belonged to the
5 San Gabriel Boys Club where they played basketball. "On the basis
6 of this evidence, there could have been no doubt in the jurors'
7 minds that appellant and his male witnesses were neighborhood
8 friends. The fact that appellant and the witnesses were also
9 members of the Flores gang was cumulative and added little to
10 further the prosecution's objective of showing that the witnesses
11 were biased because of their close association with appellant."
12 (People v. Cardenas, supra, 31 Cal.3d 897,904.) The California
13 Supreme Court held that under these circumstances "the trial court
14 abused its discretion by allowing the prosecution to introduce
15 evidence that appellant and his witnesses were affiliated with the
16 El Monte Flores youth gang." (Ibid.)"Admission of the evidence of
17 common gang membership constituted an abuse of the trial court's
18 discretion under Evidence Code section 352." (Id.at p.905.) The
19 rationale of the decision was that "[n]ot only did the common gang
20 membership evidence have limited probative value, but its admission
21 created a substantial danger of undue prejudice." (Id. at pp. 904-
22 905.) The court noted that "[i]n Southern California, Chicano
23 youth gangs have received widespread media publicity for their
24 purported criminal activities" and that there was a "real danger
25 that the jury would improperly infer that appellant had a criminal
26 disposition" because he was a member of a youth gang. (Id.at p.905.)

27 "Evidence of gang membership is considered prejudicial

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1 because it tends to establish criminal disposition." (People v.
2 Pinholster (1992) 1 Cal.4th 865; 945.) "When offered by the
3 prosecution, we have condemned the introduction of evidence of
4 gang membership impact." (People v. Cox (1991)53 Cal.3d 618, 660;
5 People v. Maestas (1993)20 Cal.App.4th 1482, 1498.)

6 2. The Admission of the Gang Affiliation Testimony
7 Was an Abuse of Discretion

8 While California courts have sometimes said that a court
9 has abused its discretion when its actions "exceeded the bounds of
10 reason" (Shamblin v. Brattain (1988) 44 Cal.3d 474, 478), this
11 pejorative boilerplate is misleading. "Abuse [of discretion] is
12 not limited to such an extreme case." (Department of Parks and
13 Recreation v. State Personal Bd. (1991) 233 Cal.App.3d 813, n. 3.)

14 "Unlike the substantial evidence rule, which measures the
15 quantum of proof adduced in the proceedings below, the abuse of
16 discretion standard measures whether, given the established
17 evidence, the lower court's action "falls within the permissible
18 range of options set by the legal criteria." (Dorman v. DWLC Corp.
19 (1995) 35 Cal.App.4th 1808, 1815.) "[T]he trial court's
20 discretion is limited by applicable legal principles." (People v.
21 Ex Rel Department of Corporations v. Speedee Oil Change Systems,
22 Inc. (1999) 20 Cal.4th 1135, 1144.) As Justice Cardoza said in
23 dissent in Panama Refining Co. v. Ryan (1935) 293 U.S. 388, 440
24 [55 S.Ct. 241, 79 L.Ed. 446], discretion may not be "unconfined
25 vagrant," but must be "canalized within banks to keep it from
26 overflowing."

27 It has sometimes been said that discretion has been abused

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1 only when the trial court's ruling is arbitrary, whimsical, or
2 capricious. (E.g., People v. Linkenauger (1995) 32 Cal.App.4th
3 1603, 1614; People v. Branch (2001) 91 Cal.App.4th 274, 282.)
4 However, as this court has noted: "This pejorative boilerplate is
5 misleading since it implies that in every case in which a trial
6 court is reversed for an abuse of discretion its action was
7 utterly irrational. Although irrationality is beyond the legal
8 pale it does not mark the legal boundaries which fence in
9 discretion." (City of Sacramento v. Drew (1989) 207 Cal.App.3d
10 1287, 1297.) As this court also pointed out in that case, the
11 scope of discretion always resides in the particular law being
12 applied, and an action that transgresses the confines of the
13 applicable principles of law is outside the scope of discretion
14 and therefore an abuse of discretion. (Ibid.) And as a more
15 recent case notes, a court's discretion is subject to the
16 limitations of the legal principles governing the subject of its
17 actions and to reversal where no reasonable basis for the action
18 is shown. (People v. Jacobs (2007) 156 Cal.App.4th 728, 738.)
19 Thus, a "court abuses its discretion when it acts contrary to law."
20 (In re Anthony M. (2007) 156 Cal.App.4th 1010, 1016.)

21 Here the trial court acted contrary to law. Prior to the
22 admission of the gang evidence to the jury, the court held an
23 Evidence Code section 402 hearing. Fan was the prosecution's
24 gang expert and testified, as might be expected, that the Polk
25 Street Boys was an Asian Crip gang and that appellant was a member.
26 (2 R.T.p. 401.) However, "[I]t is not so simply because 'an expert
27 says it is so.'" (Merrell Dow Pharm., Inc. v. Havner (Tex. 2007)

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1 953 S.W.2d 706, 712.)

2 A "criminal street gang" is defined under the California
3 law as "any ongoing organization, association, or group of three
4 or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its
5 primary activities the commission of one or more of the criminal
6 acts enumerated in [subdivision (e)], having a common name or
7 common identifying sign or symbol, and whose members individually
8 or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal
9 gang activity." (§ 186.22, subd.(f).) The acts set forth in
10 subdivision (e) include murder, burglary, and other felonies.

11 Therefore, the "criminal street gang" component of the
12 statute requires proof of three essential elements: "(1) that
13 there be an 'ongoing' association involving three or more
14 participants, having a 'common name or common identifying sign or
15 symbol'; (2) that the group has as one of its 'primary activities'
16 the commission of one or more specified crimes; and (3) the group's
17 members either separately or as a group 'have engaged in a pattern
18 of criminal gang activity. [Citation.]" (People v. Vy (2004) 122
19 Cal.App.4th 1209, 1222.)

20 Here, however, Fan had to acknowledge that the Polk Street
21 Boys gang had not committed any of the crimes enumerated in section
22 186.22, subdivision (e), and therefore did not meet the statutory
23 definition of a criminal street gang. (2 R.T.pp. 406-407.)
24 Therefore, while Fan told the jury the highly prejudicial evidence
25 that the two gangs in question don't get along and react to
26 insults with violence (see generally 2 R.T.pp. 437-443) the
27 evidence adduced at the earlier hearing established that one of

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1 the "gangs" didn't meet the statutory criteria of a gang at all.
2 There was no evidence presented as to whether the other "gang"
3 met the statutory criteria either.

4 In addition, Fan's opinion that this shooting occurred as a
5 result of gang retaliation was not strongly borne out by the
6 evidence presented. This incident started when Ricky said "why
7 you wearing all this blue" to Sem while inside the mall.
8 According to Michael that was "disrespected." (1 R.T.pp. 238-239)
9 There was no expansion of this testimony that would allow this
10 jury to understand why such a statement was "disrespectful."
11 Nobody explained, for instance, that this statement was a gang
12 challenge of some sort; it could just have easily been an
13 insulting comment as to how appellant matched his clothes that had
14 no gang context.

15 The incident escalated when several Asians got into a
16 scuffle with several Blacks. Robert said that the incident started
17 when one of the Asians was "looking at me kind of weird." He also
18 stated that no member of his group was wearing any colors or
19 showing any gang tattoos. (1 R.T.pp. 182-183.) Again, the jury
20 recieved no evidence that this scuffle was gang related. There
21 was no testimony that anyone involved said anything about a gang,
22 or showed any gang signs. There was no testimony that any of the
23 Blacks knew any of the Asians or vice versa. There was no way to
24 identify the Black youths as being gang members.

25 Therefore it appears the motive for the shooting began with
26 an incident involving some sort of insulting language, that
27 escalated into a scuffle between two different racial groups who

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1 didn't know each other. In the absence of any evidence of gang
2 signs or someone claiming one gang or another, it was an abuse of
3 discretion to admit highly prejudicial gang evidence. "When
4 offered by the prosecution, we have condemned the introduction of
5 evidence of gang membership if only tangentially relevant, given
6 its highly inflammatory impact." (People v. Cox, supra, 53 Cal.3d
7 618, 660; People v. Maestas, supra, 20 Cal. App. 4th 1482, 1498.)

8 D. Prejudice

9 In determining the appropriate standard of harmful error
10 analysis to apply in this case, it is noted that the beyond-a-
11 reasonable-doubt standard of Chapman v. California (1967) 386 U.S.
12 18, 24 [87 S. Ct. 824, 17 L.Ed.2d 705] applies to prejudicial-
13 error analysis for federal constitutional errors, while the Watson
14 standard of reasonable probability that the result would have been
15 more favorable, absent the error (People v. Watson (1956) 46 Cal.
16 2d 818, 835-836), applies to prejudicial-error analysis for errors
17 of state law. (People v. Boyette (2002) 29 Cal. 4th 381, 428.

18 "[T]he admission of evidence, even if erroneous under state
19 law, results in a due process violation only if it makes the trial
20 fundamentally unfair." (People v. Partida (2005) 37 Cal. 4th 228,
21 439.) To determine whether an evidentiary ruling denied defendant
22 due process of law, "the presence or absence of a state law
23 violation is largely beside the point" because "failure to comply
24 with the state's rules of evidence is neither a necessary nor a
25 sufficient basis" for granting relief on federal due process
26 grounds. (Jammal v. Van de Kamp (9th Cir. 1991) 926 F.2d 918,
27 919-920.)

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1 To prove a deprivation of federal due process rights,
2 appellant must satisfy a high constitutional standard to show that
3 the erroneous admission of evidence resulted in an unfair trial.
4 "Only if there are no permissible inferences the jury may draw
5 from the evidence can its admission violate due process. Even
6 then, the evidence must "be of such quality as necessarily
7 prevents a fair trial." [Citation.] Only under such
8 circumstances can it be inferred that the jury must have used the
9 evidence for an improper purpose." (Jammal v. Van de Kamp, supra,
10 926 F.2d at p. 920.) "The dispositive issue is whether the trial
11 court committed an error which rendered the trial "so "arbitrary
12 and fundamentally unfair" that it violated federal due process.'
13 [Citations.]" (Reiger v. Christensen (9th Cir. 1986) 789 F.2d 1425,
14 1430.)

15 The prosecution clearly implied that appellant was a person
16 of bad character by describing him as a gang member that was
17 compelled to respond with violence to any incident considered
18 "disrespectful." (2 R.T. p. 443.) As noted, appellant's "gang"
19 didn't even meet the statutory criteria for a criminal street gang
20 and there was no evidence introduced that this was a gang related
21 incident as opposed to an argument between two different racial
22 groups. The prosecution tried to paint this incident as a "gang"
23 crime, but the evidence presented did not support his theory.
24 This improper testimony rendered appellant's trial fundamentally
25 unfair because of the highly inflammatory nature of gang
26 testimony.

27 Because respondent was the beneficiary of the error, the
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1 burden falls upon it to prove "beyond a reasonable doubt" that the
2 error did not affect the result. Moreover, "beyond a reasonable
3 doubt" is the equivalent of a "subjective state of near certitude"
4 (Cf. Victor v. Nebraska (1994) 511 U.S. 1, 15[114 S.Ct. 1239, 127
5 L.Ed.2d 583]; Jackson v. Virginia (1979) 443 U.S. 307, 315[99 S.Ct.
6 2781, 61 L.Ed.2d 560].) Here, respondent cannot carry such a
7 heavy burden.

8 Because of the hurried nature of the shooting, it was
9 possible that Brittany and Michael were mistaken in their
10 identification of appellant as the shooter. Both of them were
11 shown appellant, standing alone, and asked if he looked familiar.
12 (2 R.T.pp. 314, 380.) While appellant was heavily tattooed all
13 over his body (2 R.T.p. 359), and Michael stated that the shooter
14 had tattoos on his arms and chest (1 R.T.p. 232), Michael did not
15 say that he recognized appellant's particular tattoos. A field
16 show up of only one person, such as what was utilized here, is
17 less reliable than a group lineup because a person needs
18 alternative people to view and reject, particularly when the
19 identification is made between members of different races. This
20 difficulty is recognized in CALCRIM no. 315, given to the jury in
21 this case (1 C.T. p. 225), which acknowledges certain factors
22 affecting the reliability of eyewitness identification such as:

- 23 * Did the witness know or have contact with the defendant
24 before the event? (There was no evidence the parties
25 knew each other.)
- 26 * What were the circumstances affecting the witness's
27 ability to observe, such as lighting, weather conditions,

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1 obstructions, distance, and duration of observation?

2 (This was a very quick incident.)

3 * Was the witness under stress when he or she made the
4 observation? (In shooting, the targets of the shooting
5 are certainly under stress.)

6 * Was the witness asked to pick the perpetrator out of a
7 group? (No.)

8 * Are the witness and the defendant of different races?
9 (Yes.)

10 The courts have made similar observations. The United
11 States Supreme Court has recognized that "the vagaries of
12 eyewitness identification are well-known; the annals of criminal
13 law are rife with instances of mistaken identification." (United
14 States v. Wade (1967) 388 U.S. 218, 228, [87 S.Ct. 1926, 18 L.Ed.2d
15 1149].) The court noted "the high incidence of miscarriage of
16 justice" caused by such mistaken identifications, and warned that
17 "the dangers for the suspect are particularly grave when the
18 witness' opportunity for observation was insubstantial, and thus
19 his susceptibility to suggestion the greatest." (Id. at pp. 228,
20 229.)

21 Distinguished federal judges have echoed and amplified.
22 these warnings. thus in Jackson v. Fogg (2d Cir. 1978) 589 F.2d
23 108, Judge Lumbard observed that "[C]enturies of experience in the
24 administration of criminal justice have shown that convictions
25 based solely on testimony that identifies a defendant previously
26 unknown to the witness is highly suspect. Of all the various
27 kinds of evidence it is the least reliable, especially where

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1 unsupported by corroborating evidence." (Id..atp. 112.)

2 Some of the reasons for that unreliability were discussed
3 by Judge (later Solicitor General) McCree in United States v.
4 Russell (6th Cir. 1976) 532 F.2d 1063, 1066: "There is a great
5 potential for misidentification when a witness identifies a
6 stranger based solely upon a single brief observation, and this
7 risk is increased when the observation was made at a time of
8 stress or excitement....[T]his danger is inherent in every
9 identification of this kind,..." As Judge McCree noted, "This
10 problem is important because of all the evidence that may be
11 present to a jury, a witness' in-court statement that 'he is the
12 one' is probably the most dramatic and persuasive." (Id.at:p.1067)
13 It certainly was here.

14 The California Supreme Court addressed the subject of
15 psychological factors that can affect the accuracy of eyewitness
16 identifications in People v. McDonald (1984) 37 Cal.3d 351,
17 overruled on other grounds in People v. Mendoza (2000) 23 Cal.4th
18 896. Although the particular issue in that case was the
19 admissibility of expert testimony on such factors, much of that
20 analysis is relevant here. The court recognized, together with
21 distinguished federal courts, that eyewitness identifications are
22 often unreliable, particularly when a witness identifies a stranger
23 on the basis of a single brief observation made in fear or under
24 stress. (People v. McDonald, supra, 37 Cal.3d 351 at pp.363-364.)

25 Numerous empirical studies have found that certain
26 psychological factors inherent in the observer or the event can
27 adversely affect the accuracy of eyewitness identification, and

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1 some of those factors "may be known only to some jurors, or may be
2 imperfectly understood by many, or may be contrary to the
3 intuitive beliefs of most." (People v. McDonald, supra, 37 Cal.3d
4 351 at p. 368) Such factors include "the lack of correlation
5 between the degree of confidence an eyewitness expresses in his
6 identification and the accuracy of that identification." (Id. at
7 pp. 368, 369.)

8 Appellant is not arguing that the identification must have
9 been wrong. He is instead arguing that the identification may
10 have been wrong; it is the respondent's burden to show beyond a
11 reasonable doubt that the identification was correct.

12 All of the witnesses agreed that there was more than one
13 person inside the gray Four Runner. While it was not disputed
14 that the shots came from the Four Runner, it is possible that they
15 came from someone other than appellant. Wilson found gunshot
16 residue on the driver's side of the vehicle. (2 R.T. p. 427.)
17 There was no gunshot residue testing done on the passenger side of
18 the vehicle. (2 R.T. p. 395.) While the shots may have come from
19 the driver's side window, they may have been fired by the
20 passenger leaning across. Again, appellant is not arguing that
21 this scenario is correct. He is instead arguing that this
22 might be correct; it is the respondent's burden to show beyond a
23 reasonable doubt that the scenario is incorrect. It therefore
24 cannot be said beyond a reasonable doubt that the error did not
25 affect the outcome.

26 Even under the lesser Watson standard, reversal is
27 warranted because it is reasonably probable that appellant would

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1 have received a more favorable verdict if the improper evidence
2 had not been admitted. The Supreme Court has also "made clear that
3 a 'probability' in this context does not mean more likely than not,
4 but merely a reasonable chance, more than an abstract possibility.'
5 (College Hospital, Inc. v. Superior Court (1994) 8 Cal.4th 704, 715,
6 italics original, boldface added, citing People v. Watson, supra,
7 46 Cal.2d at p.837, and Strickland v. Washington (1984) 466 U.S.
8 668, 693-694, 698 [104 S. Ct. 2052, 80 L.Ed.2d 674].) The evidence
9 of appellant's gang affiliation placed a pall over the trial. It
10 is reasonably probable that had the jury not heard the improper
11 evidence, coupled with the very real possibility of a mistaken
12 identification and/or the possibility of another occupant in the
13 vehicle firing the shots, they would have been more inclined to
14 favor appellant with their verdict.

15
16 CONCLUSION

17 The court prejudicially erred in admitting evidence of
18 involvement in gangs for the purpose of showing motive where no
19 gang enhancement was charged and the evidence was more prejudicial
20 than probative.

21 Appellant therefore respectfully requests that the Governor
22 exercise the power to grant an AMNESTY, PARDON, OR REPRIEVE, OR TO
23 COMMUTE APPELLANT'S SENTENCE, BY what is called executive clemency.

24 Dated: Jan/29/, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

25 SEM SAEPHANH
26 SEM SAEPHANH, AC-0025

In Propria Persona

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Sem Saepanh declares:

I am the appellant/petitioner in this proceeding. I have read the foregoing Application For Clemency, know its content, and believe them to be true to the best of my knowledge.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that this Verification was executed on Jan/29/ 2016 at Calipatria, California.

Sem Saepanh
SEM SAEPANH GDCR# ACO025

III
NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of

Sacramento with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.
(Name of county)

Sen Saephanh
(Applicant's signature)

Jan/29/2016
(Date)

IV
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Sen Saephanh
(Applicant's signature)

Jan/29/2016
(Date signed)

CASE NAME: In re SEM SAEPHANH, APPLICANT FOR CLEMENCY

Superior Court No.09F02783

CASE NUMBER: Court of Appeal of the state of California, No. C063966 3rd District.
Supreme Court of California, No. S190376

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL
(C.C.P. 1013 (a), 2015.5; 28 U.S.C. 1746)

I, Sem Saepanh, ~~am an incarcerated inmate of the~~
City of Calipatria, County of Imperial,
State of California. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and am a
party to the action. My mailing address is: P.O. Box 5007
Calipatria State Prison, Calipatria CA, 92233

On Jan/29, 20 2016, I served the following:

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY

On the party (s) listed below by placing a true copy(s) thereof,
enclosed in a sealed envelope(s), with postage fully paid, in the
United States Mail as follows:

Office of the District Attorney
Attn: Jeff Hightower

901 G Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Governor E. Brown
Office of the Governor

State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

There is delivery service by the U.S. Postage Service at the
place so addressed and/or there is regular communication by mail
between the place of mailing and the place so addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true
and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Executed this
29, day of Jan, 20 2016.

Sem Saepanh
Declarant / Server

Witness of service by mail:

Ruben Torres
Richard Gallo

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

This notice is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 4804

To the District Attorney of SACRAMENTO County: _____
county of conviction

Please take notice that I, Sem Saepanh, was
first, middle and last name of applicant
convicted of the crime of 2-cr's of shooting a firearm from a motor vehicle, P.C. §12034, subd.(c.) and 2-cr's P.C. § 12022.53, subd.(d) for personally & intentionally discharged a handgun which caused great bodily injury.
give offense and penal code section

committed in the County of Sacramento, State of California,
county of conviction

convicted on December 1, 2009, and sentenced to 56, Years & 8-months to Life imprisonment.
date of conviction sentence

- I will submit an application to the Governor of the State of California requesting a
- Pardon based upon rehabilitation
 - Commutation of current sentence
 - Pardon based upon innocence
 - Compassionate release
 - Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
 - Other

If other, briefly explain _____

SEM SAEPHANH
Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED

Sem Saepanh
Applicant's Signature

Jan 11 2016
Month, Day, Year

P.O. Box 5007
Applicant's Street Address

Calipatria, California 92233-5007
Applicant's City, State, Zip Code

This Section to be Completed by District Attorney Only

State of California

County of _____ } SS.

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GOVERNORS OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

I, _____ District Attorney of the County
of _____, State of California, do hereby
acknowledge receipt of notice from _____ that
Name of Applicant
he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon.

[Signed] _____
District Attorney of the County of _____

CASE NAME: In re SEM SAEPHANH, APPLICANT FOR CLEMENCY

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Supreme Court of California, No. S190376

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I, Sem Saepanh, am an incarcerated inmate of the
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State of California. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and am a
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true
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Sem Saepanh
Declarant / Server

Witness of service by mail:

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IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In re SEM SAEPHANH,

Applicant

FOR CLEMENCY

) Superior Court County of Sacramento
) No. 09F02783

) Court of Appeal of the State of
) California 3rd Appellate District
) No. C063966

) Supreme Court of the state of California
) No. S190376

All Of Applicant's Appeals Have Been
Denied And No Other Adequate Remedy
Remaining Except For Clemency.

STATEMENT OF CASE, STATEMENT OF FACTS AND EXCERPTS OF
RECORD IN SUPPORT OF APPLICANT'S APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT FOR CLEMENCY
IN PROPRIA PERSONA

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ernesto Sandoval

Ernesto Sandoval was in an on-again, off-again relationship with Lorraine Venegas when they devised a plan in the summer of 1992 to kill her abusive husband, Conrado Venegas. While Mr. Venegas was sleeping in his bedroom, Mr. Sandoval approached him and shot him in the chest and head, killing him. On October 10, 1995, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Sandoval to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Sandoval has now been incarcerated for more than 26 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Sandoval wrote, "I am no longer the same person that committed that horrendous crime, since I have been in prison, I have worked on my rehabilitation." Mr. Sandoval continued, "I believe in the human spirit, and that I have matured and grown responsibly and I am an example that positive change and redemption are possible."

During over a quarter century in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Sandoval has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his GED and multiple certificates of proficiency from the California Prison Industry Authority. Mr. Sandoval has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Victim Awareness, Houses of Healing, Men For Honor, and Surviving and Thriving. Mr. Sandoval has participated in the Lifers Support Group and Bible Study. He has lived on an honor yard since 2009.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Sandoval has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see him on a regular basis. In 2017, a chaplain commended Mr. Sandoval for his work with the Protestant program. The chaplain wrote, "He has been a leader and teacher in our Spanish chapel program for 11 years. He has led men in our chapel program in the path of rehabilitation through word and example." In 2013, 2014, and 2016, superintendents with the Prison Industry Authority wrote, "[Mr.] Sandoval has worked at various positions making every effort to learn all aspects of the industry." In 2012, a PIA supervisor commended Mr. Sandoval for his good attitude and work habits. While working towards earning his GED, an instructor noted that Mr. Sandoval "has excellent work habits and skills. He is a hard worker who strives toward academic perfection. Inmate Sandoval relates well to his peers and is a peacemaker. The goals which he sets for himself are remarkable."

Although he is serving a sentence that gave him no hope of release from prison, Mr. Sandoval has dedicated himself to rehabilitation and has worked hard to set a positive example for his peers. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Sandoval has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ernesto Sandoval to a total of 26 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State

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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. **If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ERNESTO SANDOVAL Date of Birth: ██████ 62 Inmate ID: H-88438

Address: PO Box 4430, Lancaster CA 93539 Facility: CSP-LAC

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Felony-Murder	09/18/92	Los Angeles CA	LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): The victim Mr. Venegas' wife Lorraine sought me and I ended up falling in love with her. She was being also physically abused by her husband. She confided in me and showed me bruises that he had been inflicting on her for a lengthy period of time. The day of the murder there was a physical confrontation between the victim and I that ended in tragic of my taking his life.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): I am requesting a commutation/reduction of sentence for the reasons that my appeals have been exhausted and I have been incarcerated for going on 24 years, all disciplinary-free and I truly am sorry and repentant for all the harm that I caused Cunrado Venegas and his family along with my own family. With my parents passing,

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary): I am no longer the same person that committed that horrendous crime, since I have been in prison, I have worked on my rehabilitation, I was able to complete my G.E.D. education, God has been renewing me from the inside, by renewing my mind and making

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

ERNESTO SANDOVAL H-88438
APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION/REDUCTION OF SENTENCE
DATE: 3-15-17

(ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION _ CONTINUES FROM SEC 3. and 4.)

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I was distraught and grieved, so I can only imagine what the Venegas family have gone through and I recognize how hurtful my deeds were. I believe in the human spirit, and that I have matured and grown responsibly and I am an example that positive change and redemption are possible.

Section 4.

me a new creation in Jesus Christ. I am also bilingual and for years I preached the Gospel in the ministry, also i interpreted services on Delta Yard and here on A-Yard (PPF). I was one of the church leaders and facilitators in the chapel. For the past seven years I have worked at P.I.A. Laundry where we care for others by assuring that our veterans have clear, fresh laundry where I have gained proficiency in, flat iron works, and dryer operations as well as extractor washer. I have been living to make amends for what I did. I have donated money to charitable organizations, like disaster relief, the American Cancer Society, Caring for others. I also participated in the Arts In Corrections Program painting works of art to auction off to help abused children which was worth all the work knowing that innocent victims were being helped. I have also been taking self-help classes, Lifer Group, Anger Management, Victims Sensitivity Awareness and Houses of Healing. I also thought Malachi Dad's, a faith based program on fatherhood. I have made it my goal to help others and to make myself a better person to be able to counsel others in similar situations. I also have disciplinary-free for going on 24 years with no write-ups. If parole I would go to Eden Ministries Transition Home in Santa Clarita CA. I also have support from Iglesia Evangelica de Puente Church Group. I have also been offered a home with my brother Jose Sandoval. My long term goal would be to minister. God has given me over 200 sermons for his glory. I know that I can not change what I did, but I know that given a chance, I can contribute positively to society and continue to be a model citizen with the hope in making a difference.

ERNESTO SANDOVAL H-88438
APPLICANT

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Ernesto Sandoval declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Ernesto Sandoval
Applicant's Signature

3-15-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Robert Sandoval

On September 23, 2006, Robert Sandoval was at a restaurant with his cousin when a fight broke out. When Mr. Sandoval saw that his friend was involved in the fight, he retrieved a weapon from his truck and fired into the air, then into the crowd. Christopher Inouye was shot in the neck and killed; Clair Chang was wounded, but survived. On January 9, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Sandoval to 15 years to life for murder, 4 years for mayhem plus an additional 50 years to life for firearm enhancements.

Mr. Sandoval has now been incarcerated for 12 years. Mr. Sandoval wrote in his application for clemency, "Prison has transformed my life. It actually saved me from self-destruction and a distorted belief system. It was here where I admitted I was an alcoholic. I have been sober since the night of my crime. I have disassociated from all forms [of] deviant and anti-social behavior. I have been disciplinary-free during my time in prison." He continued, "My remorse has fostered a desire to give back to the community I took so much from."

Mr. Sandoval has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned three A.A. degrees and completed vocational training in computer literacy. Mr. Sandoval has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Anger Management, Alternatives to Violence, Breaking Barriers, and Victim Awareness. From 2016-2017, Mr. Sandoval participated in the Reaching Out Challenging Kids Youth Diversion Program.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Sandoval has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see him on a regular basis. In 2018, an academic instructor commended Mr. Sandoval on his work tutoring other inmates for their GEDs. The instructor wrote, "He's been instrumental in being able to assist me with tutoring and motivating the students in the classroom. [Mr.] Sandoval is self-motivated, professional, and his persistence is reflected by his tenacity to work. . . . His positive attitude and desire to see the students succeed is appreciated. I do not doubt that he will be successful in the future." In 2017, a college coordinator wrote, "Mr. Sandoval has a reputation for excellent work, dependability, and honest service. . . . His fluent language skills in both English and Spanish have allowed him to serve a diverse population of inmate students and guide them to success. He has also been instrumental in starting our English as a Second Language (ESL) program on B yard." In 2017, a correctional counselor praised Mr. Sandoval's work in the Youth Offender program and noted, "Mr. Sandoval has demonstrated the qualities of genuine change. He [should] be commended for his positive programming and efforts in giving back to his community." In 2016, a correctional officer wrote regarding Mr. Sandoval's work, "[H]e has always displayed a strong work ethic, communication and problem solving skills. This position of trust has proven him trustworthy, diligent, professional, and courteous while performing his job duties." The officer continued, "His transparency is reflective of the change CDCR offers through rehabilitation. He consistently motivates and encourages others to pursue vocational and educational achievement." In 2016, a correctional sergeant wrote, "Mr. Sandoval has demonstrated a consistent pattern of change that epitomizes the objectives of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Mr. Sandoval should be commended for this positive programming and desire to give back."

Mr. Sandoval committed a reckless and callous crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Sandoval has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Robert Sandoval to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

6802-18

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County: Please take notice that I, ROBERT MARK SANDOVAL,

am charged with the crime of 2ND DEGREE MURDER AND MAYHEM,

which

was committed in LOS ANGELES County, California, on the date of SEPTEMBER 23, 2006.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: G-06189.

Applicant's Signature

5/1/18
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Robert Mark Sandoval Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 85 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: Chuckawalla Valley State Prison, P.O. Box 2349, B5-23-2L, Blythe, CA 92226

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
SEE ATTACHED			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHED

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHED

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

SEE ATTACHED

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Robert Mark Sandoval, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
- commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

5/3/18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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Response to Question #1:

	<u>Offense(s):</u>		<u>Offense Date:</u>	<u>County of Conviction:</u>	<u>Sentence(s):</u>
Count 1:	P.C. 187(A)	Second Degree Murder	9/23/06	Los Angeles	15 Years to Life
	12022.53(D)	Weapon Enhancement	9/23/06	Los Angeles	25 Years to Life
Count 2:	P.C. 203	Mayhem	9/23/06	Los Angeles	4 Years
	12022.53(D)	Weapon Enhancement	9/23/06	Los Angeles	25 Years to Life

Consecutive Total: 69 Years to Life

Convicted Date: 11/16/07

Sentenced Date: 1/09/08

MEPD: 11/30/63

YEPD: 9/23/30

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Response to Question #2:

Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation

(The following description of my life crime is how I remember the horrific night. In no way will I ever be able to right this wrong. I take full responsibility for murdering Mr. Christopher Inouye and causing great bodily injury to Mr. Clair Chang. I believe in full transparency in both what is and is not on the record. This is how I remember it.)

On September 22, 2006, I got off work early (approx. 10 p.m.) due to a scheduling mix-up. I worked for a security firm called the Los Angeles Housing Authority where I was an armed security officer. Our primary responsibility was to patrol private apartment complexes and report any unusual/criminal activity to the local authorities. I understand that as an armed officer my responsibility includes ensuring that I drop off my weapon immediately after work. I made an irresponsible decision not to do so. Instead, I went to my cousin Ralph's house (mom's first cousin), picked him up, and went to two bars before meeting up with my friend and co-worker, Christopher Navarro, at the TGI Friday's in the City of Industry. I was going to drop off checks to Navarro prior to going out of town. Prior to us meeting up with our group, Ralph and I went to an Irish Pub, and a bar called Katie Jake's in the city of West Covina. I consumed approximately 2-3 drinks at either restaurant, approx. 1½ -2 hours before arriving at TGI Friday's. In addition to Chris, his sister Stephanie and her friend were already at the restaurant when Ralph and I arrived at about 12:30 a.m.

I was at the TGI Friday's for about 45 minutes to an hour and consumed several more alcohol drinks before the last call was made and our group decided to leave. We were hanging out in the parking lot by our vehicles when I saw a group of people coming out from the emergency exit of the patio-section of the restaurant. They were all fighting and beating up on a guy (later identified as Caesar Alvarado). Ralph suggested that we should help. I agreed. *(I saw this as an opportunity to play cop and hero.)* As Ralph and Chris ran to the crowd of people fighting, I ran to my truck and grabbed my gun that I use for work *(a very reckless and callous decision; I should have dialed 911)*. I took my gun from the extended-cab area of my truck, loaded it, and fired two shots into the air *(extreme negligence and disregard for human life)*. I then stuck my gun into my back pant pocket and ran into the crowd *(reckless)*. As I ran into the crowd I was struck in the neck with a solid object. I hunched over, and as I stood up I saw someone coming towards me and believed he was the one who hit me in the neck (later identified as Mr. Clair Chang-mayhem victim). I callously shot Mr. Chang in the groin where he later suffered the reconstruction of his penis, the loss of his left testicle, and stitches behind his thigh. *(After being struck in the neck, I believed Mr. Chang was coming after me, so I aimed for his leg, to stop him, and shot him. Mr. Chang was an innocent bystander trying to stop the fight. I was very cowardly and showed no regard for human life.)* Within the line-of-sight of where Mr. Chang was standing I saw my friend, Christopher Navarro, being beaten by what appeared to be the original crowd of people coming out of the restaurant. I saw a man without a shirt (later identified as Mr. Christopher Inouye-murder victim) stomping on my friend Chris' head. At the time I felt that I had to do something to stop the beating so I shot Mr. Inouye *(I should have dialed 911 or ran to him and push him off)*. This shot struck Mr. Inouye in the right carotid artery and he later died from his injuries). After I fired these two shots I ran to my truck and left the scene with Ralph. I originally told investigators that I had thought I heard other gun shots which was the reason why I left, but I didn't. I lied in an effort to build a plausible story as to why I left the scene. I dropped Ralph off at his home in Azusa and went home. During the drive home I received a phone call from my friend Chris and he said he thought someone died. I immediately thought of what I was going to do, and what I was going to say. At the time, I didn't want to believe or accept responsibility for having murdered someone (Mr. Inouye).

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I arrived home shortly after dropping off Ralph and put my gun in my gym bag that was located in the living room. My friend Chris arrived at my house about a half hour later. We talked about what happened at the restaurant and what we should do. As I was trying to shake off my drunkenness (*irresponsible*), we agreed that we had to say something. During this conversation I noticed police cars pulling to the stop sign at the corner of the block with only their parking lights on. I knew that they were coming for me. Several police cars pulled up to the front of my house (parents' house) and took us into custody at gun-point.

During the course of the preliminary investigation, I lied about having my gun on me at all that night, how many shots I fired, and my involvement in any shooting. I lied because I did not want to take responsibility for my criminal, callous, and heinous actions (*coward*). I lied because I was scared of accepting the fact that I murdered someone (Mr. Inouye). I lied because I thought that by doing so I would be let go and I would be able to still make the concert in Las Vegas (*immaturity and disregard for human life*). (**Not on the record: I asked the deputy who transported me to the sub-station if he thought I would still make the concert. He said he didn't think so.*) I compulsively lied because I hoped that by doing so my story would be believed and that I could get away with these crimes.

While being interviewed in the sub-station by two homicide detectives, I continued to lie about how many shots I fired. I did not want to take responsibility. During the trial, I minimized my responsibility by saying that I shot Mr. Inouye because I thought I had saw a shiny object in his waistband. I lied again. I was dishonest because I wanted to paint myself in a favorable light in order to get away with murdering Mr. Inouye, causing great bodily injury (*mayhem*) to Mr. Chang, and provide a more believable defense in hopes of being found not guilty. I was devastatingly wrong.



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Response to Question #3:

Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation

I am humbly presenting my petition for commutation before the honorable Governor of the State of California, Edmund G. Brown Jr. In light of my current programming and changes that I have made as a man over the course of almost 12 years of incarceration, I respectfully believe that my current case factors qualify for a review of my program and/or C-File. I understand that I do not deserve any form of relief for the heinous crimes that I committed, so I am placing myself at the mercy of the office of the governor.

In 2008 I was rightfully tried and convicted for second-degree murder on Mr. Christopher Inouye, and mayhem on Mr. Clair Chang. My sentence included 15 years to life, plus a 25 to life weapon enhancement on the murder; and 4 years, plus a 25 to life weapon enhancement on the mayhem. My sentence was ran consecutive and totaled a 69 year to life sentence, a sentence I appropriately deserve.

When I was first sentenced, I was convinced that the system (jury) clearly got the conviction wrong. I believed that the criminal justice system was broken. My mentality was focused on how the system could allow so many career criminals 'off the hook' and sentence me, a first time offender who was just beginning the application process with the sheriff's department, to almost three-quarters of a century. Today, I am in full agreement with the law and my sentence.

I was twenty-one years old when I committed my life crimes. I was a police explorer for several years and worked as an armed security officer. My career goal was to work in the law enforcement field. What I failed to address during this time were the underlying causative factors that contributed to my state of mind leading up to my life crimes. As a result of having been an explorer, working for the Downtown Center Business Improvement District as a security officer, and the security firm, Los Angeles Housing Authority, I developed an authoritarian attitude. I falsely believed that it was my 'job' to take control of any situation. I struggled with who I *thought* I was versus who I *really* was. I was not a police officer but in my mind I thought I was. I had an unhealthy need for acceptance due to low self-esteem and insecurities. I desired to fit in somewhere. I dealt with life stressors much the same way as I watched others in my family do—suppress it with alcohol and violence.

Prison has transformed my life. It actually saved me from self-destruction and a distorted belief system. It was here where I admitted I was an alcoholic. I have been sober since the night of my life crime. I have disassociated from all forms deviant and anti-social behavior. I have been disciplinary-free during my time in prison. (I received one write-up while housed in the county jail-2007.—see Disciplinary History) It was on a level IV yard, Calipatria State Prison (2008), where I began my self-help programming. I earned a certificate from Global University as a Certified Minister Level I. I also committed to, and completed, the three and a half year program in Christian Leadership Studies with The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI). It was on a level III yard, Ironwood State Prison, where I upgraded my education. I earned three Associate in Arts Degrees with an emphasis in: Social & Behavioral Sciences, Arts & Humanities, and American Studies. I also desired to have a deeper understanding of my own addiction with alcohol so I began the Alcohol & Drug Studies program at Palo Verde Community College. I earned a Certificate of Career Preparation in Alcohol & Drug Studies Specialist I, and Alcohol & Drug Studies Specialist II. I am also on course to completing the entire ADS program this semester (Spring 2018) that will earn me the Certificate of Achievement in Alcohol & Drug Studies. Subsequently, I will be studying and preparing for the California Administration of Alcohol & Drug Educators (CAADE) exam for Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor (CATC). I recognize today that alcohol wasn't the problem. It was the vice that was used to cope with the

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underlying problem—me. This information is presented with the utmost respect, regard, and humility for Mr. Inouye, Mr. Chang, their families, and the community of the City of Industry.

My remorse has fostered a desire to give back to the community I took so much from. I have actively participated in many events/groups that contributed to the local community. For example, the Veterans Group of Ironwood sponsored a Cancer Walk-A-Thon for the Blythe Cancer Resource Center several years in a row. I participated not only as a donor, but as a participant who helped with the preparation of the event. All donations were donated to the Blythe Cancer Resource Center. I also participated in many food sales where the profits made were donated to a variety of charitable organizations. On one occasion, during Ironwood X-Fest—an event organized by the Training Center, San Diego—I conducted an on-camera interview where I spoke on my experiences with the TUMI program, and how self-help programs contributed to my rehabilitation. (See: YouTube.com, Prison Wisdom --Robert) During my involvement with these sorts of events I have felt the most human. Today I feel like I have a purpose in life, a direction, and a calling. That purpose is to *live a life of service*.

I had the privilege of being the chairman of the Life's Too Short Youth Diversion program at Ironwood State Prison. Here, we shared with the local youth about our life crimes, our upbringing, and the causative factors that led us to prison. But one of my biggest achievements that I am most proud of thus far is co-founding the Reaching Out Challenging Kids (ROCK) Youth Diversion Program at Chuckawalla Valley State Prison (pending prospective approval). I understand the importance of reaching out to kids at a critical age in their life to address topics that I was too afraid or inexperienced to talk about. We provide a safe environment to have a dialogue with 'at-risk' youth about the issues plaguing American schools such as violence, bullying, abuse, domestic violence, alcohol/substance abuse, etc. As I have had the opportunity to participate in this type of program, I will create a type of outreach team/organization that travels to different schools, puts on assemblies, and addresses these same topics to not only our youth, but their parents and guardians, as well.

I have resolved, Mr. Governor, to create no more victims. I am committed to living a life of sobriety, transparency, honesty, and helping eradicate violence in all its forms. My living amends is focused on serving my community in honor of Mr. Christopher Inouye and Mr. Clair Chang. I am forever indebted to pursuing justice and peace, and ensuring that our next generation of leaders, peace officers, doctors, lawyers, judges, legislators, governors have a safer community to live in. Mr. Governor, I understand that I will spend the rest of my life atoning for my crimes. I am fully prepared to deal with any obstacle in a pro-social and non-violent way.

Finally, Mr. Governor, I can assure you that I am no longer that twenty-one year old immature young man that struggled with low self-esteem, insecurities, addiction, and self-centered thinking. The man I am today is unidentifiable from the person that was sitting in the back seat of a police cruiser almost twelve years ago asking the deputy if he was going to still make the concert. After murdering Mr. Inouye and seriously injuring Mr. Chang, I realized how foolish, cowardly, heinous, and careless I was. Today, I value life, hard work, honesty, and integrity. I have worked tirelessly to address the causative factors that contributed to my life crime. I understand the severity of my crimes, the magnitude of the damage its caused, and the indelible scar I left not only on my victims and their families/friends, but an entire community. Thank you very much Mr. Governor for your time, consideration, and opportunity to present my petition to you.



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Response to Question #4:

Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation

This response is submitted with the utmost humility and regard, and with my victims and their families in mind. There is no legitimate cause or reason for me to deserve anything but what the State of California has sentenced me to. I am petitioning the Office of the Governor of the State of California for commutation based on who I was at the time of my life crime versus who I am today. I believe that prison has served its purpose. It has made me realize the gravity of my crime and led me to search for those factors that helped create my warped belief system.

Since the advent of my sentence, I have taken many self-help programs that have addressed my substance abuse, and face that ugly person I was at the time of my life crime. I have upgraded my education which has improved my self-esteem and self-worth, and has also broadened my worldview. I earned three Associate in Arts degrees and a Certificate of Achievement in the field of Alcohol & Drug Studies. In my almost twelve years of sobriety, I was inspired by the desire to understand my own alcohol abuse and I am committed and indebted to life-long recovery from all forms of addiction. As part of my living amends, I will give back to my community by pursuing a career in the Alcohol & Drug Counseling field.

While housed on level-four, level-three, and level-two facilities I've remained disciplinary-free. I have dedicated my time to assisting other inmates in removing themselves from high-risk situations by speaking with them and staff. In honor of Mr. Inouye and Mr. Chang, I presented and co-founded the Reaching Out Challenging Kids Youth Diversion Program here at Chuckawalla Valley State Prison (approved-pending implementation logistics). This program will supplement an existing program with a representative from the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. It focuses on deterring our youth from living a life of social deviancy and is dedicated to all victims of crime.

Mr. Governor, I respectfully submit that if I were sentenced today, current legislation would permit the court to impose or stay my weapon enhancements. In my case, it was imposed as a matter of law, and rightfully so. Conversely, had this legislation been in effect at sentencing, the court would have had the discretion to strike my weapon enhancements, adjusting my YEPD date to 9/23/21. Unfortunately, this legislation is not retroactive (SB-620). I know that prison has made an amazing transformation in my life. I know that I can be a great asset to the world community and have a significant impact on many lives if I were granted commutation to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings to determine suitability sooner. Mr. Governor, we are living in a time where the expression 'all hands on deck' hasn't been more true, more real, and more needed than it is today. I can contribute to the community in more ways and on a much larger scale than I can from my current position. My zeal and motivation to participate and create a program while incarcerated demonstrates that I can be an asset, instead of a burden, on our community. I believe I am rightfully incarcerated for my heinous and reckless crimes, but I am humbly asking for your mercy, and supplicating that you take these outlined points into consideration when making your determination for commutation. I respect any decision you make and thank you in advance for your time and consideration.



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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Gilbert Scott

In 1997, 18-year-old Gilbert Scott and his brother robbed their acquaintance Eva Lopyan at gunpoint in her home. Mr. Scott tied Ms. Lopyan up and stole money and drugs from her. Several days later, Mr. Scott went into a convenience store and shot the clerk, Bhoj Gurong. Mr. Scott took money from the register, and Mr. Gurong died from his injuries. On March 17, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Scott to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 14 years for robbery and two firearm enhancements.

Mr. Scott seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency and an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Scott described his tumultuous upbringing. His home life was marred by physical abuse and drug use. By age 14, he had joined a gang and was abusing drugs and alcohol. Mr. Scott explained that after coming to prison, he realized that he needed to make a serious change in his life. He wrote, "One I started this journey, my goals were sobriety, separation from gang, education, rehabilitation, and freedom."

Mr. Scott is now 40 years old and has shown an admirable commitment to turning his life around during more than two decades in prison. He got out of the gang and has never been disciplined for drug or alcohol use. Mr. Scott earned four A.A. degrees from Palo Verde College, and made the Dean's List. He participated in numerous self-help programs including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Anger Management, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Scott participates in a program that counsels young offenders who come to prison. In 2017, the coordinator of the program commended Mr. Scott for his hard work, and wrote, "Scott has demonstrated his ability to not only connect with those with addiction/anger issues, but is able to provide them a method to understand their problem(s)...He has proven that he is vital not only in the day-to-day operations of the Youthful Offender [Program, but also to] the growth of this program." Mr. Scott also works for a Braille transcription program, where his supervisor has praised his "exceptional skill" and the quality of his work.

Mr. Scott has a solid plan in place in the event of his release; he plans to live in transitional housing and continue building stronger relationships with his family members. He reported that he hopes to be able to continue to give back to the community if released.

Based on his dedication to self-improvement, I believe that Mr. Scott has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that they can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Gilbert Scott to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Gilbert Tevanui, Scott Date of Birth: ██████/1978 Inmate ID: K-90542

Address: P.O.Box 2199, Blythe, CA. 92226 Facility: ISP/C-4/218

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
see attachment on page 1.			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see attachment on page 1.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see attachment on page 2.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see attachment on page 2.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

None

addit.

1. Conviction Summary:

<u>Offense(s):</u>	<u>Date of Offense(s):</u>
P187(a) Murder 1st-----	07-29-1997
P190.2(a)(17) Spec. Circumstances	
P12022.5(a) Use FA	
P213(a)(1) Robb. 1st-----	07-21-1997
P12022.5(a)(1) Use FA	

<u>County of Conviction(s):</u>	<u>Sentence(s):</u>
Los Angeles	LWOP+14

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation(attach additional pages as necessary):

On Tuesday, 07-29-1997 at approximately 1230 hrs. I, Gilbert Tevanui, Scott walked into the AM-PM with a firearm. The AM-PM, located on Woodruff Ave. and Alondra Blv. in the city of Bellflower. I, Gilbert Tevanui, Scott shot and killed Gurung, Bhoj (Male/Age 35) in the commission of a Robbery. I, Gilbert Tevanui, Scott went into the AM-PM with intent to Robb. and Murder Mr. Gurung.

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3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

The choices I've made in society and continued to make in prison all revert back to a scared and lonely little boy looking for guidance. My early years as a youth my parents separated which left a gaping hole I connected the guidance received by both my parents towards my cognitive behavior. Over the years that lack of guidance, love, and positive reinforcements was sought towards the gangs and street life. Never once did I think about the affects my consequences was going to have on my family, friends, community, as well as myself physically, emotionally, and financially. Everyone connected to me from the Gurung family, the officers connected with my case, and even the person reading this right now is being affected by my actions. That broad understanding with the empathy thats connected with it is what I'm trying to change to a positive. I'm coming up on five years RVR clean, seven years separated from the gang life style, and clean & sober since 2003. Once I started this journey, my goals were sobriety, separation from gang, education, rehabilitation, and freedom. I feel like I've done everything I could to change myself into the person my family, friends, and community could look up to given the chance.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I'm respectfully requesting a commutation of my LWOP sentence to allow me the opportunity to present myself in front of Board Hearing. I'm a first termer who has taken strides towards understanding and correcting my character defects, as well as where my emotional disconnection stemmed from. Once I decided to change who I was to who I want to be, I took strides to achieve just that. In 2013 I earned my GED, I earned four AA degrees in 2016, countless chrono's and certificates for self-help groups, as well as mentoring the youth and everyone else. I genuinely and honestly believe that I can do more good for my family, friends, community, as well as my continued Positive growth in society than I can incarcerated. Given a second chance I would be a success story to the CDC Rehabilitation Program.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

David Maurice Smith

From 2000-2001, David Smith defrauded 12 people of a total of approximately \$16,000. On February 27, 2015, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Smith to 250 years to life for 10 counts of grand theft of personal property over \$400.

Mr. Smith is now 58 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 17 years. He has received only one rule violation, almost 15 years ago. He applied for a commutation of sentence based on the non-violent nature of his crimes and the drug addiction underlying his criminal behavior, which he has worked to address in prison. Mr. Smith has been commended for his active participation in Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous. In 2017, an Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor praised Mr. Smith for his "insight and effort," writing that Mr. Smith "has shown attentiveness to the program and has displayed a commitment to his recovery." Two sponsors wrote in 2016, "In all aspects, David is to be commended for his unbroken and active involvement in this program, and his quest for redemption."

Mr. Smith has also earned the support of correctional staff, who commended him for his attitude and work ethic. In 2014, a correctional officer wrote, "He is highly motivated and an intelligent individual. He is willing and ready to do any task without complaint. I would recommend him to anyone as a very good worker." The officer continued, "I have always found him to interact exceptionally with staff and inmates alike. . . . He is unique in that he truly has a desire to improve himself through the betterment of others. His lengthy imprisonment and rehabilitation accomplishments have provided him with the tools he needs for a successful transition back into society." Another correctional officer wrote in 2014, "Through the course of his incarceration, Mr. Smith has readily attempted to improve and rehabilitate himself and assisted others through every means available in becoming a law-abiding citizen." The officer continued, "I find a sincere and positive individual who is adamant in his programming and rehabilitative efforts. I believe he possesses all the necessary tools to function productively in society."

Mr. Smith also has received support from elected officials, including former Senator Carol Liu and Assemblymember Chris Holden, who wrote, "Given the facts of Mr. Smith's case, his continuous efforts in rehabilitating, and the level of support demonstrated from his community, we believe his request for a commutation of sentence is reasonable." In April 2018, Assemblymember Holden wrote again in support of clemency for Mr. Smith in light of his ongoing serious medical issues. He wrote, "Mr. Smith is terminally ill, suffering from pulmonary adenocarcinoma, or lung cancer. We pray that Mr. Smith will not endure this alone." Assemblymember Holden also emphasized that "Mr. Smith has no record of physical violence in his criminal history and continues to be a model inmate while serving his time."

Additionally, Mr. Smith's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. At the meeting, Mr. Smith's brother, a retired lieutenant with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, spoke in support of clemency. He stated that the family is committed to providing care for Mr. Smith, including employment and housing upon his release. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith's crimes were serious; however, based on his conduct in prison, his dedication to self-improvement, and his cancer diagnosis, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Smith's sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Maurice Smith to release him on parole.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: David Maurice Smith Date of Birth: [redacted] 59 Inmate ID: T67799

Address: P O Box 441, Chino Ca. 91708 Facility: Chino State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: See Attached

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(See Attached)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(See Attached)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

(See Attached)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

(See Attached)

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, David M. Smith, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

02/05/2016

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, David M Smith,

was convicted of the crime of Grand Theft & Financial Elder Abuse,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 09/24/2002.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

David Smith

02/05/2016

Applicant's Signature

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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**GOVERNORS OFFICE
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Application For Commutation Of Sentence

Name: David Maurice Smith

DOB: [REDACTED] 59

Inmate ID: T67799

Address: P. O. Box 128, Chino Ca. 91710

Facility: Chino State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

Offenses	Date Offense	County	Sentence
470PC Forgery	6/20/83	Los Angeles	3 years
487PC Grand theft	3/17/86	Los Angeles	2 years
459PC Burglary	10/15/91	Los Angeles	3 years
459PC Burglary	11/21/94	Los Angeles	4 years
487PC Grand Theft	09/24/02	Los Angeles	300 years
368DPC Fin'l Elder Abuse	09/24/02	Los Angeles	300 Years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crimes(s) for which you are requesting commutation.

My third strike conviction includes twelve (12) counts of grand theft, against 12 elderly victims. I used the local phonebook to find, and identify my victims by name. I then called them on the telephone, pretending to be a relative or friend needing money. I told them I was sending a friend to pick up money, but it was I that arrived to collect it. The money taken from my victims was intended to support my heroin addiction.

I've never used any type of weapon at any time during the commission of my crimes, nor have I ever threatened, or instilled any fear of bodily harm upon anyone. My two prior strike offenses were two counts of burglary, where on two prior occasions, I entered a person's home, by way of their invitation, in order to receive money. I have never broken into, nor forcefully entered any business or residence.

The combined theft for my third-strike conviction totaled \$16,700. The thefts ranged in values of \$600-\$1200, per victim. Following my arrest, \$8,600.00 was seized, and later ordered by the court to be repaid, disbursed among the victims. This reduced the combined theft total from all victims to \$8,100.00.

I was sentenced to 25-years-to-life, twelve (12) times, one life sentence on each count. My combined prison sentence was 300 years. Due to the recent passage of Proposition 47, and its related law changes, two (2) counts of grand theft that resulted in life sentences, have now been reduced from felonies to misdemeanors, (involved less than \$950.00). My sentence was subsequently reduced by two (2) life terms. My total sentence has been reduced by fifty (50) years, to 250 years. I am currently serving multiple life sentences at California Men's Correctional Facility, at Chino, California.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

It is my belief I qualify for resentencing under both California's Prop 36, and Prop 47, for the following reasons:

1. My criminal history is non-violent and was motivated by my drug addiction.
2. My third-strike convictions are neither serious nor violent. I have never possessed or used any weapon, violence, or fear during the commission of any crimes.
3. I've never owned or used a firearm, and have never broken into anyone's residence or business. Though it is still classified as burglary, my first two burglaries, each counting as a strike, involved me stepping through the front door, after being invited in by my crime victims, to receive money.
4. I believe that I received one of the harshest sentences handed down for the crime of grand theft, based on the fact that one of the victims in a similar case, having the same method of operation, is the parent of a Superior Court judge. (See Exhibit 1, Police Report of a crime for which I did not commit and was never convicted of).
5. Though the above case involving the judge's parent was never filed against me, the police report (Exhibit 1), was filed, under seal, and entered into evidence against me during the course of my resentencing hearing. It appeared during my Proposition 36 hearing, a hearing designed to determine my suitability for resentencing and possible release. My current attorney Nancy Tetreault, who currently represents me in appeal, confirmed the inappropriate use of the police report. She concludes that its only purpose was to remind the court that someone, using a similar motive, had similarly victimized the parents of a fellow superior court judge.

In conclusion, the judge hearing my Prop 36 trial determined (1) I have not been rehabilitated, (2) I have not completed educational courses, (3) I am still a violent criminal who poses a danger to society, and (4) I am unsuitable for Prop 36 resentencing/release.

It is my prayer that based upon my true record, the Governor will find no grounds for such a determination.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation:

I've made mistakes in my life, perhaps the biggest beginning at age 14, when my addiction to heroin began. Since then, I have disappointed so many, including my mother, father, and nine siblings. I have also afflicted economic, and emotional pain upon my victims. I also owe an apology to society in general, for the significant fiscal burden I continue to place on California taxpayers. To all, I am very remorseful, and offer my deepest apologies for my choices.

I also let myself down. The many goals and dreams for my life have gone unfulfilled. I sometimes enter into long discussions with fellow inmates, about my past errors, trying to give the same advice that I once ignored, about the value of education and hard work. Through my mistakes, I urge others to aim higher than I did, not making the same mistakes that I made.

While at Calipatria State Prison, I volunteered as a "big-brother" type, for fellow inmates. I was given an opportunity to interact with younger inmates, an experience I truly enjoyed. I was later transferred, and since that time, I have not found a similar program.

Since my third Strike conviction, I credit my oldest brother, a retired lieutenant for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, for playing an important role in helping me turn my life around. He, along with other family, friends, prison staff, fellow inmates, and my past victims, has helped me become a better person. This along with my more than 15 years clean and sober has given me the strength to live a crime free life.

I am not a violent person, and avoid conflict at all cost. Since my 2001, incarceration, I have received only one write-up (disciplinary 115), which was received for "excessive contact" with my wife during one of my first visits, a rule broken out of unawareness. I try hard to follow all rules. As a result of my good behavior, I consistently score the lowest possible prison points allowable to a lifer.

I always maintain excellent relationships with correctional staff, and have been recognized with CHRONO's by the below correctional staff: (See Exhibit 2, CHRONO's).

Correctional Officer S. Galindo - My work supervisor for quite some time, states that I "interact exceptionally well with staff and inmates alike," and I "demonstrate the ability to follow established policies, and procedures." Officer Galindo identified me as "unique, in that he demonstrates a desire to improve himself through the betterment of others. He adds, "my lengthy imprisonment and rehabilitation accomplishments have provided me the tools needed for a successful transition back into society."

Officer Galindo is correct; it is my desire to give back by helping others.

Correctional Officer P. Martinez - He identified me as "self-motivated and excellent worker." He adds that I "make a continuous effort to improve my performance, adhere to policies and procedures," and commends me for my "non-stop effort to counsel inmates against drug use." Officer Martinez through his years of interaction with me believes I "possess the necessary tools to function productively in society, and respectfully recommends I be given serious consideration for release."

Officer Martinez is correct; discussing with fellow inmates the value of drug free living is very important and therapeutic for all concerned.

My brother owns two successful small businesses, and has offered me a full-time position. He plans to provide all needed job training. I will be working and growing around my family, who has deep concerns for my success. The family also owns a multi-unit apartment building, located less than a mile from the business. There are family members working in the business, and living in the same housing complex. (See Exhibit 3, letter of commitment from my brother, Wilbert Smith Ph.D.).

In anticipation of the 2012 vote on Proposition 36, I began preparation for resentencing and possible release. It was and still is my plan to continue my volunteer efforts to provide advise and counsel to others. I reached out, to a number of entities, and received favorable responses.

I was accepted to join the Pasadena/Altadena Reintegration Council Assistance Program (PARC). Not only will I use their services personally, but I will also train to counsel ex-offenders. (See Exhibit 4, February 2013, a request and subsequent welcome letter from assistant police chief and founder of the PARC).

I'm 56 years old, drug free, with only law abiding and productive goals remaining for my life. To further prepare to meet my goal to counsel and help others, I contacted my community pastor, in hopes of joining a church having a youth and prison ministry. Encouraged by the passage of proposition 36, I wrote a letter to Reverend John Bledsoe, local pastor and president of the Pasadena Alliance of Ministers. Reverend Bledsoe was encouraging and welcoming. He saw the value of my firsthand message. (See Exhibit 5, January 2013, letter of support from Rev. Bledsoe).

I am very proud of my 15-year sobriety, and will never return to any form of drug addiction. To further help me achieve this goal, I have established a strong family relationship with Dr. Lynn Harris-Henderson, a licensed clinical psychiatrist, social worker, and instructor in the graduate school of social work at California State University Dominguez Hills. Dr. Harris-Henderson has pledged to me counseling, evaluation, and other needed transitional support. (SEE Exhibit 6, commitment letter from Dr. Harris-Henderson).

For 15 years, I dreamed of the day I could ask for, and be granted an opportunity for another chance. I believe I have the psychological capacity, and needed support networks to confidently reenter society. I will have employment, housing, excellent family support that includes my children and grandchildren, along with immediate access to clinical services. This will greatly enhance my already present self-determination to make something better of my life.

Governor Brown, I can and will live within society's rules, and pray for the opportunity to prove it. Please strongly consider the views expressed by correctional officers that so kindly went out of their way to recommend my resentencing under the intent and spirit of Prop 36. I know in my heart that I am no longer a danger to society. Instead, I am prepared to make a contribution to society, living as a tax-contributor, and not as a tax-dependent.

I thank Governor Brown for considering my request.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

William Lewis Smith, Jr.

On November 17, 1990, William Smith and Kenneth White robbed Ronald Burton, then Mr. White shot Mr. Burton several times, killing him. On November 22, 1991, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Smith to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus two years for prior prison term enhancements.

In his application for commutation, Mr. White expressed deep regret for his actions. He wrote that through his programming in prison, "I have gain[ed] [an] understanding and [am] finally able to see the impact I had on the victim, his family, and [o]n the community." He emphasized that he is a different person today at 53 years old than he was when he committed this crime at the age of 25. He wrote, "I am in continuous therapy and rehabilitation, finally I am gaining my humanity I lost many years ago."

Mr. Smith has been incarcerated for nearly 28 years, and there is no doubt that Mr. Smith has made a serious transformation within prison. Mr. Smith has resided on the honor yard for over 10 years and earned his GED in 2014. Mr. Smith routinely receives exceptional work ratings and participated in self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, Creative Conflict Resolution, and Victim Sensitivity.

Mr. Smith has earned the recognition of institutional staff, many of whom have commended him for his positive rehabilitation and were supportive of release. Debbie Asuncion, the former warden at the prison in Lancaster, recommended a commutation of sentence for Mr. Smith. In 2017, two correctional officers and a supervisor wrote to commend Mr. Smith on his work ethic, respect towards staff, and positive attitude. In 2017, a correctional officer wrote that Mr. Smith "has shown a great deal of self-reliance ... on a continuous path of change." A cook who has supervised Mr. Smith for 13 years wrote in 2017 that Mr. Smith "has displayed great effort and knowledge on his assigned duties at all times" and "expresses a positive attitude towards all CDCR staff and is respectful at all times." The supervisor stated, "I strongly believe due to my observation of Smith's work ethics and attitude, that in the event he is released back to society, Smith will abide by the law and be a model citizen."

Additionally, Mr. Smith's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Smith.

For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Smith has earned the opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of William Lewis Smith, Jr. to a total of 28 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: William Lewis Smith Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 64 Inmate ID: D-15862

Address: P.O. Box 4430, Lancaster, CA 93539-4430 Facility: LANCASTER

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 211.	10-9-85	SAN DIEGO	3 YEARS
PC GRAND THEFT PERSON.	8-27-88	SAN DIEGO	2 YEARS

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
MY NAME IS WILLIAM LEWIS SMITH. I AM 53 YEARS OF AGE AND IN (1990), I MADE THE WORSE DECISION OF MY LIFE, BY PARTICIPATING IN THE TAKEN OF RONALD BURTON LIFE, ALSO DESTROYING HIS FAMILIES LIFE.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
I AM NOT PROFESSION MY INNOCENCE, SINCE I HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED I SOUGHT CHANGE BY GAINING UNDERSTANDING ABOUT MY-SELF. IN DOING SO I RECOGNIZE THE CAUSITIVE FACTORS THAT LED ME TO BE THE PERSON WHO COULD PARTICIPATE IN A CRIME WHERE (SEE ATTACH)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
I HAVE GROWN THROUGH SELF HELP CLASSES. I GAINED AN INSIGHT INTO HOW I BECAME A PERSON WHO DIDN'T VALUE LIFE NOR THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS. THIS BROUGHT ME TO ADDRESS MY CAUSITIVE FACTORS ESPECIALLY

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

3. LIFE WAS TAKEN. I HAVE GAIN UNDERSTANDING AND FINALLY
ABLE TO SEE THE IMPACT I HAD ON THE VICTIM, HIS
FAMILY AND ALL THE CRIMES I COMMITTED ON THE COMMUNITY.
(ATTACHMENT OF 3#.)

4. THE ANGER AND DRUG ABUSE WHICH WERE GATEWAY INTO MY
OTHER FACTORS. I AM IN CONTINUOUS THERAPY AND REHABILITATION,
FINALLY I AM GAINING MY HUMANITY I LOST MANY
YEARS AGO.
(ATTACHMENT OF 4#.)

(ATTACHMENT SHEET.)

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, William Lewis Smith, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of SAN DIEGO with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

William Lewis Smith
Applicant's Signature

3.28.17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Brandita Taliano

In 1991, Brandita Taliano was working as a prostitute when Dennis Dawley asked her to come to his house to stage a burglary in exchange for drugs or money. When she arrived, Ms. Taliano ransacked the house and saw Mr. Dawley's wife laying on the ground. Mr. Dawley held his wife down and ordered Ms. Taliano to hit her in the head. Ms. Taliano complied and later fled in the victim's car. Ms. Taliano has admitted hitting her once. On June 6, 1997, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Taliano to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder.

Ms. Taliano is now 63 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 23 years. Her conduct in prison has been exemplary and she has expressed deep remorse for her crime. Ms. Taliano has only been disciplined twice for misconduct and has never been involved in drugs or violence. She has earned a GED and four A.A. degrees – in General Studies, American Studies, Social and Behavioral Science, and Business. Ms. Taliano has also participated in several self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Anger Management, and Helping Others With Life Skills. In 2017, a professor emerita from California State University Fresno supported Ms. Taliano's commutation and wrote that she "has shown tremendous initiative in developing programs and activities that serve the entire [prison] community as she has traveled her own path to rehabilitation."

Ms. Taliano has also received numerous commendations from correctional staff who noted her positive behavior and attitude. In 2016, a correctional lieutenant who had known Ms. Taliano for six years praised her positive attitude and wrote, "I have seen positive behavior changes take place and she has exceeded the requirements by CDCR as documented in her file. . . . Inmate Taliano has shown she is capable of handling any obstacle that may come her way, and she is to be commended for her accomplishments." Also in 2016, a correctional captain wrote, "I have known Inmate Taliano for approximately 18 years now. . . . Taliano is conscientious about her own rehabilitation and is always will[ing] to help teach other inmates. . . . Inmate Taliano is to be commended for her dedication in helping others and in her personal growth." In 2017, a correctional counselor stated that Ms. Taliano is trustworthy, cooperative, and polite."

Additionally, Ms. Taliano's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Ms. Taliano.

Ms. Taliano has made significant efforts over the last 23 years to improve herself and has proven that she has changed her life from the person who committed this vicious crime and used drugs to solve her problems. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce her sentence to allow her to make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Brandita Taliano to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

January 16, 2017

Ms. Brandi Taliano, W68729
CCWF 506-29-03L
P.O. Box 1508
Chowchilla, CA 93610-1508

Governor's Office
Legal Affairs
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Submission of Application for Commutation of Sentence

Dear Governor's Office:

Please find enclosed my Application for Commutation of Sentence.

I have also enclosed an SASE with a request that you notify me with the date the Application is filed.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

BRANDITA TALIANO
Applicant

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Brandita Agnes Taliano Date of Birth: ██████ 1955 Social Security Number: ██████████

Address: P.O. Box 1508, Chowchilla, CA 93610, Central California Women's Facility

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
See attached			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Brandita Agnes Taliano,

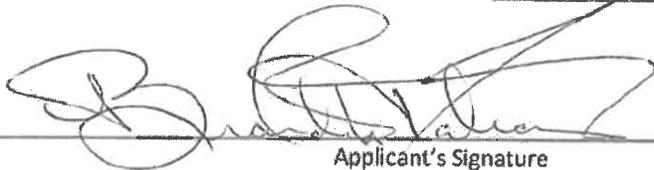
was convicted of the crime of First Degree Murder and Conspiracy to Commit Crime,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of April 10, 1997.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: W-68729.


Applicant's Signature

1/17/2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
THE HONORABLE JERRY BROWN, JR.

In re

BRANDITA AGNES TALIANO,
Applicant.

Case No.

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY

BRANDITA AGNES TALIANO #W68729
Central California Women's Facility
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Chowchilla, CA 93610-1508

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In re Brandita Agnes Taliano
Application for Clemency

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INTRODUCTION

1. Brandita Agnes Taliano, appearing in pro per, respectfully applies to Governor Jerry Brown, Jr., for a commutation of sentence from life without the possibility of parole, to 25-years to life with the possibility of parole, or be pardoned, pursuant to Penal Code § 4800.¹

2. Ms. Taliano is in her 21st year of incarceration. She has a lengthy arrest and criminal record. The undersigned is **not sure** if she even listed all the arrests and convictions within. On the other hand, the undersigned is **absolutely sure** that Ms. Taliano has never committed any felonious violence during her criminal acts, whatsoever, absent the commitment offense, which is also questionable. That is the foundation of the application. In addition, she has demonstrated good conduct, has arguably an unusual term of sentence and other causes that support of granting this application.

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

3. **The Parties:** Ms. Taliano is currently confined at Central California Women's Facility, in Chowchilla California, in Madera County.

4. Derral Adams is currently the Warden that has custody.

5. **Jurisdiction:** The Governor has jurisdiction to grant this application pursuant to § 8, of Article V, of the California Constitution and § 4800.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

6. **Current Conviction Summary:** On April 16, 1997, Ms. Taliano was convicted of first degree murder (§ 187), with special circumstances for financial gain (§ 190.2, (a)(1), plus conspiracy to commit murder (§182, (a)(1), in Los Angeles County Superior Court, #PA0020032. This crime occurred on April 16-17, 1991. (Exh.1:1, 1997 Probation Officer's Report.)

7. **Prior Criminal History:** Ms. Taliano's history reflects arrests and convictions in Los Angeles County from 1981 to 1993. April 4, 1981, convicted of

¹Hereafter, all undesignated section references are to the Penal Code.

forgery and possession of forged notes, resulting in 3-years probation; February 2, 1988, convicted of forgery, resulting in 24-months probation and 45-days in jail; June 8, 1988, convicted of possession of drugs, resulting in 24-months probation and 45-days jail; September 27, 1988 and December 9, 1988, convicted of prostitution, resulting in 24-months probation and 60-days jail; February 15, 1989, convicted of under the influence controlled substance, resulting in 24-months probation and 120-days jail; July 12, 1989, convicted of misdemeanor battery, resulting in 24-months probation and 45-days in jail; (Exh.1:8.) May 4, 1990, convicted of prostitution, resulting in 120-days jail; July 17, 1990, convicted of under the influence controlled substance, resulting in 180-days jail; January 9, 1991, convicted of false I.D. to peace officer, resulting in 180-days jail; July 13, 1991, convicted of receiving stolen property, resulting in 3-years state prison suspended, 3-years probation, 90-days jail; June 25, 1993, convicted of petty theft with prior, resulting in 16-months state prison sentence starting on April 7, 1994. (Id. at 9.)

8. **Circumstances Of The Crime:** During the 1950's, Dennis Roland Dawley married Joan, his childhood sweetheart. They lived together for 35 years, during which time they raised two daughters. In 1991, after Joan had inherited a substantial sum of money, Dawley decided to kill Joan. To that end, Dawley and Ms. Taliano, a heroin-addicted prostitute with a lengthy criminal record, tried unsuccessfully to hire someone to kill Joan. When those efforts failed, Taliano bludgeoned Joan to death. In 1995, Dawley and Ms. Taliano were jointly charged with Joan's murder, and a jury thereafter found them both guilty of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder, with financial gain special circumstance allegations found true. The jury convicted Dawley of solicitation of murder, but acquitted Taliano of that charge, and rejected the death penalty as to both defendants. Dawley and Ms. Taliano were sentenced to state prison for life without the possibility of parole, plus an additional term. (Exh.2:2, January 28, 1999, Appellate Court Opinion.)

9. **Post Conviction Behavior:** Ms. Taliano was received into the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) on July 10, 1997. (Exh.3:1,

Institution Staff Recommendation Summary (ISRS) and Classification Documents.) In 1997, her classification score started at 77-points in a Level IV facility with Close-B-Custody. (Id. at 2; and see *In re Player* (2007) 146 Cal.App.4th 813, 823-24, for a good summary of the classification system.) Since 2006, her classification score was reduced to zero points, she was housed in a Level III facility, with Medium-A-Custody and a Mandatory Minimum Placement Score of 36. (Id. at 4 and 5.) These are the least restrictive levels of points, housing and custody based on her circumstances.

10. The ISRS also documents no holds, warrants or detainers; no psychiatric, psychological problems; no escape, arson or sex offense history. Ms. Taliano's drugs of choice were heroin and cocaine intravenously. Her daily habit was \$300 and she has been clean and sober since 1993. She is a nondrinker and is lacking in work skills/history. (Exh.3:1.) In addition, she has "no record of serious disciplinary problems." (Id. at 2.)

11. **Disciplinary History:** Ms. Taliano has a very minimal disciplinary record. She received two CDCR-128As,² one in 1998, for a verbal altercation, and one in 2002, for an altered pillow. (Exh.4:1, Disciplinary History.) In 2003, she received an Administrative CDCR-115³ for possession of a laxative. (Id. at 2.) In 2011, she received a Serious CDCR-115⁴ for possession of confidential information in her desk. (Id. at 3.) There are no disciplinary infractions for violence, dangerous behavior or substance abuse.

12. **Work History:** Ms. Taliano has a very long and productive work history in

² A 128A, otherwise known as a "Custodial Counseling Chrono," documents minor misconduct and counseling provided for it. (15 CCR § 3312, subd. (a)(2).)

³ "Administrative Rule Violations. (a) Inmate misconduct reported on a CDC Form 115 shall be classified administrative if: (1) The misconduct does not constitute a misdemeanor offense, except as provided in (3) below. (2) It does not involve any of the following circumstances: (A) The use or threat of force or violence against another person. (B) A breach of or hazard to facility security. (C) A serious disruption of facility operations. (D) The introduction, use, or possession of controlled substances or alcohol. (E) Possession of dangerous contraband. (F) Continued failure to meet program expectations. (G) Any felony offense." (15 CCR § 3314.)

⁴ A 115 rule violation documents serious misconduct that is a violation of law or otherwise not minor in nature. (15 CCR § 3312, subd. (a)(3).)

prison. Spanning from 1998-2016 reflects two important employment positions with CDCR as a clerk for the Captain and Lieutenant. She has never been removed from a job due to behavioral issues, and her Work Supervisor's Reports have consistently reflected above average to exceptional ratings. (Exh.5, Work History.) Most recently, one Lieutenant wrote a sparkling laudatory chrono which reflects: "Inmate Taliano is currently assigned as an A-Facility Lieutenant's Clerk. Taliano is a very knowledgeable and competent clerk. She has vast knowledge of the Title 15. With her prior work with the Women's Advisory Council (WAC) she has good-knowledge of the -day-to-day- workings of the institution and problem-solving. She is an excellent clerk and is an asset to us as a Lt. Clerk. Taliano has also made herself available during unassigned hours and days off, when other clerks were unavailable to report to work to help and also train newly assigned clerks. She reports to work on time and finishes work quickly and accurately." (Id. at 3.)

13. *Certificates, Chronos, Letters and Memos:* Ms. Taliano has earned a plethora of certifications, chronos, letters of appreciation and memorandums, while incarcerated spanning from 1999-2016. This exhibit is probably lacking in some early documents. (Exh.6, Certificates, Chronos, Letters and Memos.) Of important note, in 2000, Dina Bacci documents volunteer work on the part of Ms. Taliano and Captain Wong commends her for "dedication" to her job. In 2001, P.J. Eby praises her again for work. In 2002, she was randomly drug tested with negative results. In 2003, she received 40-hours of training in Total Quality Management Team. In 2004, she received a pristine laudatory chrono from Lieutenant Maciel reflecting her performance exceeds "all expectations." In 2005, D. Shublin has observed her for two years and documents her continued exemplary behavior. In 2006, she participated in a fundraiser. In 2007, she enrolled into college. 2008, documents her "GED." In 2009, she earned her first "Bible Study Certificate." In 2010, she received a diploma from Feather River College. In 2011, her accomplishments ballooned to one full page including completing "Anger Management." 2012, reflects two full pages of rehabilitation. In 2013, over one full

page of rehabilitation with a “Low” CSRA⁵ score. In 2014, CEO Roy Mabry commends her for youth work. In 2015, the list goes on with a heartfelt letter from Jerry McNerney, member of “Congress of the United States,” acknowledging her hard work with “youth.” In 2016, she graduated from Victim Offender Education Group. There are over 500 pages of rehabilitation within this exhibit that are equal too, or, far better than most lifers who appear for parole hearings.

14. *Alternatives To Violence Project Letter:* On June 30, 2016, Stephen Matchett wrote a letter to Ms. Taliano regarding her AVP rehabilitation “since 2006.” He writes, “Upon Ms. Taliano's release, she will be welcome and encouraged to become part of a local AVP facilitator council in her area and to facilitate community workshops with teams anywhere in the state, where, as a representative of the formerly incarcerated, she will be able to make an especially valuable contribution to participants understanding of the difference AVP makes to people inside. AVP/California or the local group will cover her travel and other workshop expenses, as we do with all our volunteers.” (Exh.7, June 30, 2016, Alternatives To Violence Project Letter.)

15. Ms. Taliano now turns to the Governor for relief.

⁵ California Static Risk Assessment. This assessment is the lowest risk of danger to the public. (15 CCR § 3768.1.)

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Ms. Taliano respectfully requests the Governor grant this application for a commutation of sentence from life without the possibility of parole, to 25-years to life with the possibility of parole, or be pardoned, based on this application and in the interests of justice.

VERIFICATION

I, Brandita Agnes Taliano declare that:

I am the Applicant in this application for Commutation of Sentence or Pardon. I have read the application and the facts stated therein are true based on my own knowledge, except as to matters that are therein stated on my own information and belief. As to those matters stated on my own information and belief, I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that all the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date: 1/17/2017, at Chowchilla, California, in Madera County.

Respectfully submitted,



Brandita Agnes Taliano

Applicant, In Pro Per

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES
GENERAL LEGAL PRINCIPLES

Under the California Constitution, the Governor's power of commutation or pardon extends equally to all prisoners. (California Constitution Art. V, § 8.) Article V, section 8, provides in full: "Subject to application procedures provided by statute, the Governor, on conditions the Governor deems proper, may grant a reprieve, pardon, and commutation, after sentence, except in case of impeachment. The Governor shall report to the Legislature each reprieve, pardon, and commutation granted, stating the pertinent facts and the reasons for granting it. The Governor may not grant a pardon or commutation to a person twice convicted of a felony except on recommendation of the Supreme Court, 4 judges concurring."

Similarly, a defendant petitioning for habeas corpus to obtain the exercise of discretion under § 1385 (judge or magistrate may order action dismissed in furtherance of justice), must be given all the procedural rights and remedies inherent in the type of probation and judgment hearing afforded to an un-sentenced defendant; she is entitled to a consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances that bear upon the issues as those issues exist at the time of the hearing of the application to exercise discretion in her favor. (*People v. Warren* (1986) 179 Cal.App.3d 676, 689.)

Currently in California, the pendulum of justice has swung back to leniency for juveniles,⁶ life prisoners with parole,⁷ the elderly,⁸ expanded medical parole,⁹ Proposition

⁶ Senate Bill 261.

⁷ § 3041, and see Board's Statistic and Reports on website. In 2014, there were 4,705 parole suitability hearings held resulting in 902 grants of parole and 1,807 denials of parole.

⁸ "Inmates who are 60 years or older and who have been incarcerated for 25 years or more are eligible for the Elderly Parole Program." (June 16, 2014, memorandum from the Board; see Board's website.)

⁹ www.cdcr.ca.gov/BOPH/.../Expanded_Medical_Parole_Overview.

36¹⁰ and Proposition 47¹¹ reforms. This current change of direction regarding criminal sentences is parallel and compelling with this application.

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MS. TALIANO SHOULD BE GRANTED A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE, OR PARDON BY THE GOVERNOR, BECAUSE SHE HAS DEMONSTRATED GOOD CONDUCT, HAS ARGUABLY AN UNUSUAL TERM OF SENTENCE AND OTHER CAUSES IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICATION

A. Good Conduct.

Within this application, there are many facts that support a commutation of sentence, or pardon, keeping in mind that a commutation of sentence to 25-years to life with the possibility of parole, **DOES NOT**, automatically release Ms. Taliano. Indeed, she still has to convince the Board of Parole Hearings that she is not currently dangerous which is no easy task in California. The undersigned is very familiar with the Board and knows from research and knowledge that the Board does not “willy-nilly grant parole.”¹²

Taking a cursory look at Ms. Taliano’s exemplary record following her conviction in connection with the relevant parole unsuitability and suitability criteria finds that virtually all of them support a conclusion that she is not “currently dangerous,” absent “immutable factors.”

¹⁰ “Proposition 36, passed by the voters in November 2012, revised the State’s three-strikes law to permit resentencing for qualifying third-strike inmates whose third strike was not serious or violent. As of March 11, 2015, approximately 2,047 third-strike inmates have been released.” (See Board’s website for “Defendants’ March 2015 Status & Benchmark Report In Response To February 10, 2014 Order.”)

¹¹ “Proposition 47, the ballot initiative passed by California voters on November 4, 2014, reduces certain drug possession felonies to misdemeanors. It also requires misdemeanor sentencing for petty theft, receiving stolen property and forging/writing bad checks when the amount involved is \$950 or less.” (See Board website for Proposition 47.)

¹² The Board does not “willy-nilly” grant parole. (*In re Loresch* (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 150, 164, [“The public is entitled to presume, and our experience has shown, that the Board takes its job seriously and does not ‘willy-nilly’ grant parole. For the most part, the Board is made up of persons with law enforcement experience.”].)

“[T]he Penal Code and corresponding regulations establish that the fundamental consideration in parole decisions is public safety” (*In re Lawrence* (2008) 44 Cal.4th 1181, 1205.) California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2402 applies to inmates whose commitment offenses occurred on or after November 8, 1978. Subdivision (b) directs the Board to consider “[a]ll relevant, reliable information available to the panel” including “the circumstances of the prisoner’s social history; past and present mental state; past criminal history, including involvement in other criminal misconduct which is reliably documented; the base and other commitment offenses, including behavior before, during and after the crime; past and present attitude toward the crime; any conditions of treatment or control, including the use of special conditions under which the prisoner may safely be released to the community; and any other information which bears on the prisoner’s suitability for release.” (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 2402, subd. (b).)

Subdivision (c) sets forth a nonexclusive list of circumstances tending to show unsuitability for parole, including an especially heinous, atrocious or cruel manner of perpetrating the commitment offense; a previous record of violence; an unstable social history; commission of sadistic sexual offenses; a lengthy history of severe mental problems related to the offense; and the commission of serious misconduct while incarcerated. (*Id.*, § 2402, subd. (c).)

Subdivision (d) sets forth a nonexclusive list of circumstances tending to show suitability for parole, including the absence of a juvenile record, a reasonably stable social history, signs of remorse, significant life stress as a cause of the commitment offense, battered woman syndrome (BWS), absence of a significant history of violent crime, the inmate’s age, realistic plans for the future or marketable skills, and activities during incarceration indicating “an enhanced ability to function within the law upon release.” (*Id.*, § 2402, subd. (d).)

Regarding the unsuitability factors in Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 2402, subdivision (c), finds only the crime facts, an immutable factor, are unfavorable to Ms. Taliano’s

case. **She absolutely admits** that the crime was especially heinous, atrocious or cruel within the meaning of the regulations.

“But however horrible the crime, it is an insufficient basis for the denial of parole unless there is an evidence-based, rational nexus between the offense and present behavior.” (*In re Hunter* (2012) 205 Cal.App.4th 1529, 1538, citing, *In re Lawrence* (2008) 44 Cal.4th 1181, 1210, 1227; see also *In re Lee* (2006) 143 Cal.App.4th 1400, 1412, [“Lee’s crimes have little, if any, predictive value for future criminality. Simply from the passing of time, Lee’s crimes almost 20 years ago have lost much of their usefulness in foreseeing the likelihood of future offenses than if he had committed them five or 10 years ago.”].)

On the positive side of the unsuitability factors, she has no previous record of inflicting serious injury on a victim; lacks an unstable social history; no evidence of sadistic sexual offenses; or any history of severe mental problems related to the offense; or committed any serious misconduct which supports a conclusion of current danger.

Concerning the suitability factors in Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 2402, subdivision (d), finds **virtually all** of them support a conclusion that Ms. Taliano is not “currently dangerous.” She does not have a juvenile record of assaulting others; a stable social history experiencing reasonable relationships with others; shown signs of remorse to the undersigned; lacks any significant history of violent crime; her age-61 reduces the probability of recidivism; stress at the time of the crime applies because of her addiction to drugs and the way Dawley dangled drugs in front of her to help him; BWS will never apply; plus, she has enhanced her ability to function within the law upon release as reflected by her rehabilitation and laudatory chronos from CDCR staff attesting to her positive behavior. Ms. Taliano’s exemplary behavior in prison is a factor supporting this application. There is not a shred of evidence that she is the same person in 1991.

Equally important, there is no rational nexus to her drug addiction problem at the time of the crime because she has been clean and sober since 1993, 23-years. She has been randomly drug tested with negative results.

B. Unusual Term of Sentence.

Ms. Taliano would like to point the Governor to other familiar cases to demonstrate that her sentence is arguably an unusual term of sentence when compared to others who already have paroled.

Searching cases from around 1979 finds two distinct cases in support. Comparing Ms. Taliano's current sentence and crimes, to death row first degree murder, finds *In re Stanworth* (1982) 33 Cal.3d 176, 178, and *In re Fain* (1983) 145 Cal.App.3d 540, 543. Both Stanworth and Fain served less time and paroled for more egregious offenses thanks to the pendulum of justice swinging back to leniency in the 70's for death row crimes being converted to life with parole;¹³ and the change in the parole statute from "may" be granted parole to "shall" normally be granted. (§ 3041.)

In 1966, Stanworth was sentenced to death following his plea of guilty to two counts of first degree murder. He also pled guilty in the same proceeding to counts charging aggravated and simple kidnaping, forcible rape, oral copulation, and robbery. The convictions followed a series of crimes involving the brutal murders and abuse of multiple victims. Stanworth's method of operation was to prey on women, produce a knife, tie their hands behind their back with piano or insulated wire, rape them, and then on two occasions he murdered them. (*In re Stanworth* (1969) 71 Cal.2d 820, 823-827.) He paroled in 1983.

In 1967, Fain was convicted of murder, rape, sex perversion, kidnaping and attempted kidnaping. In 1969, he was additionally convicted of escape from prison, robbery and kidnaping. Fain had served more than 15 years of a life term in state prison for the aforesaid crimes and paroled. The details of his violent history and numerous criminal encounters reflect in part that high school students gathered to sign each other's yearbooks and celebrate graduation. Two girls and one male driver were returning home at midnight when a car driven by Fain blinked its lights on and off. The male driver

¹³ See *People v. Anderson* (1972) 6 Cal.3d 628, in which, the then, California death penalty law was held impermissibly cruel.

believing it was a friend stopped the car. Fain walked towards the driver side and killed him with a shotgun blast fired at short range. He then ordered the two girls to get into his car, took them into the woods and repeatedly raped them. (*People v. Fain* (1969) 70 Cal.2d 588, 592-593.) This enumeration could be extended, but the cases cited are sufficient to establish that Taliano's sentence is unusual as compared above.

Similarly, *more current* cases that were eligible for parole, and paroled already, provide facts that are equally or more "heinous" than the facts reflected by Ms. Taliano's case. (See e.g., *In re Gaul* (2009) 170 Cal.App.4th 20, 25, [Gaul pled guilty to murder for hire of James Bernstein for \$5,000. Gaul and a second man, Darrell Edwards, drove Bernstein to a secluded area, purportedly to steal some cocaine. Edwards grabbed the victim from behind while Gaul slammed on the brakes. Bernstein struggled and managed to get out of the car. Both Gaul and Edwards fought with Bernstein and eventually strangled him. They dumped the body in a remote location, where it was not discovered until nearly one month later.]; *In re Copley* (2011) 196 Cal.App.4th 427, 430, [Copley and his friend "Crotty" agreed to rob an intoxicated man they had met at a billiard parlor. During the course of the robbery, Crotty beat and stabbed the man, killing him.]; *In re Aguilar* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 1479, 1483-1484, [the trailer in which Aguilar resided with his wife Roberta was destroyed by a fire. Roberta suffered second and third degree burns over 90 percent of her body. She died two months later after suffering through numerous skin grafts, seven major surgeries and amputation of her right forearm. Roberta told paramedics, her treating physician and others that Aguilar had started the fire. A witness stated Aguilar approached the trailer at 4:00 a.m., shortly before he heard Roberta's horrifying screams. An arson investigator testified that the fire had been deliberately set. A paramedic and the treating physician each testified that Roberta appeared to have been splashed with flammable liquid.])

Finally, in 2014, James Sternbergh, D-64079, was granted parole and released by the Governor for first degree murder after serving 27-years. (Exh.8, Excerpts From July 29, 2014, Parole Hearing Transcript And Decision.) Sternbergh and his accomplice

“flipped a coin” about “who was going to do it.” (Id. at 65.) Sternbergh lost the flip and beat his victim to death with a claw hammer 24-times. (Id. at 66-67.) They “wrapped him up in a sheet” and buried him in a “shallow grave.” (Id. at 67-68.)

Also in 2014, Alton Villamar, J-53515, was granted parole and released by the Governor for first degree murder after serving 20-years. (Exh.9, Excerpts From September 5, 2014, Parole Hearing Transcript And Decision.) Villamar was “convicted for the Washington murder.” (Id. at 141.) He was also involved in multiple “robberies and the other murder” which he was not convicted for some unknown reason. (Ibid.)

In sum, the point of this argument is to demonstrate that the facts of Ms. Taliano’s crimes, as reflected in context with the above, is an unusual sentence and supports a conclusion of granting this application.

C. Other Causes.

Other causes for granting this application finds multiple reasons. **First**, granting this application falls under Elderly Parole considerations because she is 60-years old. She is not getting any younger and with age comes more medical problems and expense.

Second, there is also no evidence of any substance abuse or gang problems which is a major problem for the prison population in some form or another. Yet, Ms. Taliano participated in substance abuse and rehabilitation programs to learn the pitfalls of these problems. There is no evidence of any psychological problems because CDCR staff would have reported it, plus, her chronos and memorandums describe a very stable and productive inmate who is willing to help out when needed.

Third, and not to go unmentioned, is Ms. Taliano never worked in society as reflected by the ISRS. However, her work record in prison is remarkable. She has held high ranking clerk positions with the Captain and Lieutenant for nearly 20-years. The work supervisor’s reports on her work performance are above average to exceptional. The laudatory chronos reflect an extraordinary change in her demeanor and work ethics.

Fourth, the violence and danger to society is absent in this case after 25-years. There is no evidence she was ever a violent person by nature and her CSRA score is low.

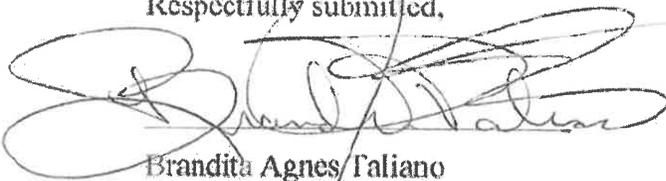
CONCLUSION

“Consideration of postconviction behavior is not an act of mercy, grace or forgiveness as [reflected by the *Warren* court.] Rather, consideration of such evidence merely strengthens the [Governor’s] ability to fit the punishment to the crime and the particular defendant,” as in Ms. Taliano’s case. (*People v. Warren, supra*, 179 Cal.App.3d at 692.) During her incarceration, Ms. Taliano has benefitted from her engagement in rehabilitation opportunities and has demonstrated consistent impulse control and behavioral stability. She has not engaged in any overt violence or aggression and has incurred no serious rule violations during her incarceration that supports a conclusion of current danger. Her self-help programming efforts serve as “overwhelming evidence” that she is rehabilitated. (See *Lawrence, supra*, 44 Cal.4th at 1191.) As such, it does appear that Ms. Taliano’s age and maturity have had a mitigating effect on her risk for violence. She will likely require minimal intervention or supervision strategies designed to manage risk beyond those normally provided by parole authorities and accessible to parolees.

Based on all the foregoing reasons, Ms. Taliano humbly and respectfully requests the Governor grant this application for a commutation of sentence from life without the possibility of parole, to 25-years to life with the possibility of parole, or be pardoned, based on this application and in the interests of justice. Ms. Taliano’s case is the exception. Give her a chance to prove herself to the Board which is no easy task.

Executed on: 1/17/2017, at Chowchilla, California, in Madera County.

Respectfully submitted,



Brandita Agnes Taliano

Applicant, In Pro Per

In re Brandita Agnes Taliano
Application for Clemency

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Billy Ray Talk

On November 3, 1977, 18-year-old Billy Ray Talk, his wife Karen Parsons, her sister, and Karen's step-father planned to rob Karen's father, Floyd Smith. Mr. Talk wanted money to support Karen's infant son and attacked Mr. Smith with the handle of a hammer, killing him. He then stole approximately \$500 from Mr. Smith. On May 18, 1978, the Butte County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Talk to life without the possibility of parole.

Mr. Talk has been incarcerated for 41 years. In prison, Mr. Talk has distinguished himself through his positive programming and work record. Mr. Talk has only been disciplined twice in over forty years of incarceration, and has never committed any violence while incarcerated. Mr. Talk has participated in various self-help groups, including Non-Violent Conflict Resolution, Anger Management, and Victim Impact.

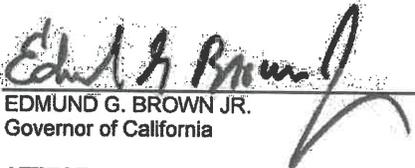
Mr. Talk's commitment to his work has earned him the respect and praise of institutional staff. In 2018, a supervisor commended Mr. Talk on his work with the California Prison Industry Authority (Cal PIA), noting that he was recognized as employee of the month on three separate occasions. She wrote, "Inmate Talk is an organized, self-motivated, and responsible worker who is able to resolve production problems in a timely manner. These attributes have served Cal PIA well and will positively serve any future employer, Cal PIA or otherwise." She concluded, "If given an opportunity to parole, Inmate Talk would be an asset to society and I am willing to wholeheartedly endorse any consideration for his parole." In 2017, a supervisor commended Mr. Talk on his lack of disciplinary history, positive programming, and work ethic. He wrote, "I have observed inmate Talk to be a hard worker and respectful to all Cal PIA staff and fellow offender workers. He demonstrates a positive attitude at all times. Inmate Talk is a program success story and is an asset to the facility [a]nd Cal PIA." In 2018, a supervisor commended Mr. Talk on his work ethic and leadership skills. He noted, "Mr. Talk always handled himself in a very professional manner dealing with all inmates and all staff. He never shied away from leadership positions or labor intensive jobs." In 2018, a correctional officer who has worked with Mr. Talk daily wrote that he "handles his responsibilities and duties in an exemplary manner. He consistently meets deadlines, is very organized, works extremely hard, and is always on task." The officer wrote, "Among his peers, Mr. Talk has a positive attitude, is always willing to offer assistance, and shows strong leadership skills." The officer concluded, "If given the opportunity, I would hire/supervise him again and would recommend him in any job position."

Mr. Talk came to prison for committing a terrible crime when he was 18 years old, over four decades ago. Since that time, he has demonstrated a sincere commitment to his rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Talk has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Billy Ray Talk to a total of 41 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: BILLY RAY TALK Date of Birth: [redacted] 59 Inmate ID: B-93507

Address: 5150 O'Byrnes Ferry Road Jamestown, CA. 95327 Facility: Sierra Conservation Center

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include Murder 1st degree, Robbery, and Burglary.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Applicant has briefly stated the circumstances of the crimes that applicant has been convicted of and this can be briefly be read in the Statement of Case. (See attach additional pages 1-3.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Applicant has been incarcerated for close to 40 1/2 years under his present conviction, and is requesting a reduction of his sentence so he can be given a second opportunity with a chance to have a parole in the future.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Applicant continues to be on the path of rehabilitation, and his 40 1/2 years can be seen based on his positive records. Applicant is truly sorry for all the pain he has brought to all that has been affected by his actions. (See attach file folder of records.)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Applicant has not paid any money or given any gifts to anyone in preparation of this application.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, BILLY RAY TALK, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of BUTTE with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature


Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of BUTTE County: Please take notice that I, BILLY RAY TALK B-93507,

was convicted of the crime of Murder, Robbery, Burglary, Penal Code Section § 187-211-459.

committed in Oroville, BUTTE County, California, on the date of April 17, 1978

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Billy Ray Talk
Applicant's Signature

June 12th 2018
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

*Note: I have served The
District Attorney office
Att: Michael L. Ramsey.
County of Butte
25 County Center Drive
Oroville, CA 95965*

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The applicant Billy Ray Talk was accused in information filed January 24, 1978 by the District Attorney of Butte County of murder with a special circumstance of being in the commission of robbery (Pen. Code, 187 & 190.2 (3) (1) in count one, of robbery and intentional infliction great body injury and use of a deadly weapon. (Pen. Code, Section 211) in count two, and of burglary and intentional infliction of great body injury and use of a deadly weapon (Pen. Code, Section 459) in count three. An amended information containing the same charges was filed on March 15, 1978. The Crimes were allegedly committed on Floyd Smith November 3, 1977.

Mr. Talk was arraigned in the superior court on January 26, 1978. He was rearranged on March 15, 1978. Jury selection began on March 27, 1978. On April 14, 1978, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree a finding the special circumstance alleged were true a verdict of guilty of robbery with a finding of intentional infliction of great bodily injury and use of a deadly weapon. On April 17, 1978 the jury determined the penalty on count one to be life without possibility of parole rather than death. On May 18, 1978, Mr. Talk's motion for a new trial was denied and he was sentence to state prison for life without possibility of parole on count one and for a total of eight years on count two consecutive with seven years on count three. Counts two and three were stayed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. Prosecution

Billy Talk, an eighteen year old, and Karen Smith, a sixteen year old, lived in the home of David and Anita Mistal in Oroville. They had a baby. Karen was the daughter of Floyd ("Pete") Smith. Also living with the Mistal's was Christina Smith, a twelve year old daughter of Floyd Smith. She and Donald Parsons, a thirty five year old man, had been living at the Mistals for about three weeks. Parsons was the stepfather of Karen and Christina. Billy, Karen and their baby had been living at the Mistals for about two days on November 3, 1977.

Floyd Smith, who was 62 years old, lived by himself in Oroville. He was employed as the manager of a number of apartments surrounding his residence. He would collect the rent which Norman Stevenson, a representative of Chico Property Management which owned the apartments, would pick up a couple of times a month. Stevenson would normally drop by Smith's several times in the early part of the month so Smith would not have large sums of money around. Smith kept the money in a cigar box until paying it to Stevenson.

According to a Statement given to the police by Billy Talk, he and Karen went to Smith's house on Friday to take the money. Smith went to the store to buy some food, and Billy and Karen searched for the money unsuccessfully. Smith returned and began fixing dinner. Billy and Karen were seated at a table in the kitchen area. Billy saw a box which had a hammer and a broom in it. He took the hammer out of the box and sat down. He did this because he would not have been able to knock Smith out with his fist. When Smith was facing away, Billy got up, walked over and hit Smith with the hammer. Smith fell down and got up. Billy hit him again; Smith hit the stove and fell against the refrigerator to the floor. Billy used the hammer to tear off Smith's back pocket and took Smith's wallet. Billy did not think he had killed Smith, according to his statement. Billy and Karen then left. He took the hammer which he later threw over a fence.

Karen and Billy had been taken to Smith's by Donald Parsons. They walked to a bowling alley to meet Parsons. Near the bowling alley, Billy put the wallet in a drainage pipe. Billy later took the police to the location of the hammer and to that of the wallet. The police found the hammer and the wallet. When arrested, Billy denied being under the influence of drinking drugs or dope. He stated he knew what he was doing. Smith's body was found by Stevenson when he broke into the house after Smith did not appear for several days. Smith died from brain swelling due to several blows to the head.

B. Defense.

Billy admitted he and Karen had planned to take the rent receipts from Smith. Parsons took them to Smith's house, but he did not go to the door. Smith let Billy, Karen, Christina and

the baby into the house. After they sat for a while, Smith left to get food. Karen and Billy searched but found no money in the box. Smith returned and started cooking dinner. Billy and Karen walked into the kitchen and sat at the table. As they were sitting, Billy saw the hammer in the box with other items. Karen kept looking at him. They had previously decided to knock Smith out and take his money. Billy asked Karen if she was ready. She said yes. Billy went up to Smith, who was stirring corn on the stove and hit him twice on the head with the handle portion of the hammer. He used the claw of the hammer to rip out Smith's back pocket and took the wallet. He, Karen, Christina, and the baby then got together and walked out. They left the door open five or six inches. Billy threw the hammer into some bushes and hid the money and wallet in a pipe by the bowling alley.

They went to the Mistral house where Parsons asked if they had done it. They told him they had and what had happened. They gave Parsons \$150 of the money. Billy showed Parsons where the hammer was and then returned to the Mistral's house.

Inmate Talk's juvenile record consists of:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
5/1971	Run-away 3X	Informal probation for 6 month.
6/13/72	Vandalism	Informal probation for 6 months
10/13/72	Petty theft	Returned to the home of his parents
11/18/72	Shoplifting	Ten (10) days confinement juvenile hall
9/18/73	Burglary	Committed to Bachmann Hills School

Inmate Talk's Adult record consists of:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
11/3/77	Murder 1 st degree, with special circumstances, Robbery and Burglary as enhancements	Life without parole

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Dominique Tanks

On December 2, 2004, 16-year-old Dominique Tanks planned to rob a grocery store. Mr. Tanks and security guard Noe Fernandez exchanged gunfire. Mr. Tanks struck Mr. Fernandez multiple times, killing him. On January 12, 2007, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Tanks to 25 years to life for first degree murder plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement, a total term of 50 years to life.

He is now 30 years old and has been incarcerated for over 13 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Tanks stated he felt unwanted and abandoned by his family and looked to gangs for acceptance. He wrote, "I became dangerously selfish and was only concerned with myself and my gang. I gave little to no thought to how much my actions would affect others . . . I allowed my unchecked anger to create a violent person." Mr. Tanks acknowledged, however, "the man I am today is a stark contrast to the immature and impulsive 16-year-old teenager I was once . . . [and] I intend to continue to be of service to others."

In prison, Mr. Tanks has demonstrated his commitment to transforming his life. He has never been disciplined for violence. Mr. Tanks earned his high school diploma in juvenile hall while awaiting his trial, and is currently enrolled in community college courses. Mr. Tanks has worked as a braille transcriber since 2015. He was commended by a braille coordinator who wrote, "Mr. Tanks comes to work every day with a good attitude, ready to work, [and] is always respectful and considerate with others." He has also taken advantage of many self-help programs, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Addiction Counseling Program, Alternatives to Violence, and Victim Awareness. He serves as a mentor for youth offenders, an Addiction Counselor, and has tutored other inmates in the education program in the prison. He has a plan for re-entry, including transitional housing, transportation, and continuing to improve his education.

Mr. Tanks has earned the respect of staff members through his behavior and mentorship of other inmates. In 2018, a support group sponsor wrote that Mr. Tanks "displays many great leadership traits . . . is passionate about the classes he teaches . . . and is sincere with his efforts when trying to help fellow inmates better themselves." That same year, an Education Officer commended him for his exemplary conduct and wrote, "The nature in which he enthusiastically fulfills his roles is encouraging to other inmates with their pursuit of a positive transformation. . . . It is my opinion that Mr. Tanks has achieved rehabilitation."

Mr. Tanks committed a senseless crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation. For all of these reasons, I believe Mr. Tanks deserves an earlier opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Dominique Tanks to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Dawnique Tanks Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1988 Inmate ID: F68441

Address: C-5-146 / P.O. Box 2199 / Blythe, CA 92226 Facility: Ironwood State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
No prior arrest or convictions.			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached pages.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached pages.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached pages.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I received no assistance with the preparation of this application.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Dominique Teals, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

[Signature] Applicant's Signature 11/16/17 Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Dominique Tanks,
was convicted of the crime of 1st degree murder (187(a) and Intentional use of firearm causing death (12022.53)),
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of December 2, 2004.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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D. Tanks

Applicant's Signature

11/10/17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Woelf #D, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Dominique Tanks,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed *Barbara Woelf*

Date 11/28/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

2) Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation:

The following is a statement of the facts to the background of the case as documented by the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division One, in case No. NA065616:

On the night of December 2, 2004, defendant exchanged gunfire with security guard Noe Fernandez outside of the grocery store that employed Fernandez. Fernandez suffered two bullet wounds and died. Defendant, who was 16 years old, was shot three times on the legs and once in the abdomen. Ballistics evidence, recordings from security cameras, eyewitness testimony, clothing and bullets found in the car in which defendant arrived at the hospital, and defendant's own statement and testimony established defendant's identity as the person who shot Fernandez. (Defendant attempted to tell—and have his girlfriend tell—the police a false story about being shot during a road rage incident.)

Ilalia Benfield, who was dating defendant at the time of the shooting, testified that defendant once told her he was a member of a Crips gang in Long Beach. In defendant's bedroom the police found a newspaper article referring to gang members who had been killed. Someone had written on the article and circled several of the photos included in the article, including that of John Butler. Officers found in defendant's room a separate photograph of Butler wearing a Pittsburgh Steelers hat and making a gang hand sign. They also found a photograph of defendant in which he was making a Rollin' 20's Crips gang hand sign and photograph of other people making hand signs for the same gang. Officers also found a Pittsburgh Steelers jersey in defendant's room. The prosecution's gang expert testified that the Rollin' 20's Crips gang identified with the colors of black and yellow, and that they often wore Pittsburgh Steelers garb. The expert had never encountered defendant and could find no information in any police database indicating defendant was a gang member or associate. Nonetheless, the expert opined that defendant either was a member or was going on his first mission to become a member of the Rollin' 20's Crips gang and that the charged crime was gang-related within the meaning of Penal Code section 186.22, (b). (All further statutory references pertain to the Penal Code unless otherwise specified.)

Defendant testified that he was at the scene of the shooting to meet a girl. The gun he was carrying in his waistband dropped down inside his jeans and ultimately fell out on the ground. Defendant reached to pick up the gun and Fernandez shot him. Defendant tried to flee, but Fernandez kept firing, so defendant returned fire. Defendant denied that he was a gang member.

Defendant's original trial resulted in hung jury and a mistrial.

The jury at the retrial convicted defendant of first degree murder and found that in the commission of the offense, defendant personally and intentionally fired a gun, causing death (12022.53, subd. (d)). The jury found that a gang enhancement allegation was not true. The court sentenced defendant to prison for 50 years to life.

In my attempt to avoid taking responsibility I lied on many occasions regarding the circumstances of my crime. The following are lies I've stated pertaining to my crime, followed by the truth:

- **Lie:** I am not gang member. **Truth:** I was, at that time, a member of the Rollin' 20's Crip gang.
- **Lie:** I was there to meet a girl. **Truth:** I was not there to meet anyone, I was looking to rob someone.
- **Lie:** It was self-defense. **Truth:** It was not, Mr. Fernandez was defending himself.
- **Lie:** Mr. Fernandez shot first. **Truth:** I shot first.
- **Lie:** I found the gun in an ally. **Truth:** It was given to me by John Butler, at that time, a fellow gang member.

3) Explain why you are requesting commutation:

I am respectfully requesting commutation to be evaluated and allow the process to determine my level of rehabilitation and suitability. I have exhausted other avenues and no longer seeking relief from the courts. I presented arguments to the courts to be judged on a legal perspective. This process only perpetuated my lies and attempts to avoid responsibility. Now I seek to be judged for the man I am today.

4) Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation:

Even with my intensive rehabilitative efforts and personal growth, I do not believe I am afforded the entitlement of declaring what I "should" be granted. However, it is those efforts and growth that I plead for commutation.

I was only 16 years old when I committed my crime and although I understood what I did was wrong, it was not until years later that I began to truly understand the impact of my crime. It is this understanding that filled me with the burden of shame, guilt, and regret. That burden spurred my maturing and growth. It is during my growth that I began to stop maintaining my lies about myself and my crime. I realized that continuing my lies are

further causing harm to Noe Fernandez, to his wife, Maria Delgado, his two children and grandchild. Since then, I have worked passionately to address my character defects and reestablish a healthy belief system. It is my shame, guilt, and regret that has motivated me to identify, challenge, and eradicate defective values and principles I held. All in my effort to improve as a person, to ensure my destructive actions are never repeated.

In my young childhood, I was exposed to violence inside and outside of the home that became normalized. This did not begin to manifest until I was 9 years old, at this time my mother was physically abusive to me. After she suffered a nervous breakdown, my father came to take me away from her. I felt he was my hero, coming to rescue me and take me to live with him. But, he just handed me over to my auntie. This made me feel unwanted and abandoned. I developed low self-esteem and expressed these deficiencies with anger, aggression, and rebelliousness. Worsening my impulsiveness.

I pursued the acceptance from others that often shared similar problems. Searching to achieve meaning for my life and acceptance-seeking, led me to gangs. I began to replace the values my family taught me with the immoral ones of the gang culture in my attempt to obtain their acceptance. I allowed these corrupt set of beliefs combined with my unchecked anger to create a violent person. I became dangerously selfish and was only concerned with myself and my gang. I gave little to no thought, to how my actions would affect others. These factors allowed me to think it was acceptable to murder an innocence man.

My actions are unforgivable. No amount of atonement or good deeds can erase the pain and trauma I've caused Noe Fernandez, his wife, Maria Delgado, their two children and grandchildren. For that purpose, I have made a commitment to live a lifestyle of giving back. First I had to change my thinking, behavior, and my gang and criminal lifestyle. It started with distancing myself from the gang, then finally, completely severing gang ties. I could not truly honor my commitment to a life of giving and service, if I still belonged to the gang that taught me destructive beliefs that contributed to me harming people, including murdering Mr. Fernandez.

Currently, I serve my community through the Ironwood Braille Program, as a Braille Transcriber certified by the U.S. Library of Congress. I Convert textbooks into braille to assist the blind and visually impaired California Community College students. I also volunteer as a Core Mentor Coordinator in the Youth Offender Program (YOP). Helping Youth Offenders with their academic goals, self-help rehabilitative groups, and being an example of disassociating from gangs and programing in a positive way. Aiding them in their recovery and rehabilitation is my moral obligation. I have been a negative example in my past, now I need to serve as a positive one.

I further serve as a facilitator for the following self-help rehabilitative groups: Alternative to Violence Project (AVP) California, Addiction Counseling Program (ACP), Community Based Art Program (CBAP), Getting Out by Going In (GOGI), I-4-Sight (I4S), and Lifer's Activity Group (LAG).

I am also a student enrolled at Palo Verde College. I have two semesters left to complete to receive my Associate of Arts degree, majoring in Social and Behavior Science. In addition, I am a few classes away from receiving my Alcohol and Drug Studies (ADS) Specialist I and Specialist II Certifications. With these academic credentials I am going to be a counselor for those suffering from substance abuse and/or destructive behavior.

To further my education and volunteer work, I have accepted the invitation from Associate Professor Annie Buckley of Cal. State University of San Bernardino (CSUSB), to come to the campus as a guest teacher for the Community-based Art program (CBA). She has encouraged and offered me her support with enrolling at CSUSB if I am paroled. (Please see attached letter of support.)

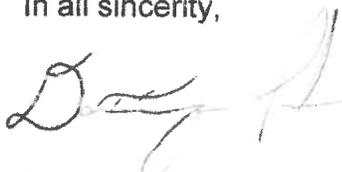
Before I became a mentor, facilitator, and counselor I had to make significant changes within myself. Those profound changes empowered me to demonstrate to others the new healthy principles by which I live. The man I am today is a stark contrast to the immature and impulsive 16 year old teenager I once was. I intend to continue to be of service for others, helping to stem the generational cycle of violence and abuse, which I personally have been affected by and contributed to.

If you are kind enough to grant me mercy, I will continue on to give back to society for the rest of my life.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider my commutation. Additionally, thank you for everything you have done to reform our criminal justice system. Your actions have inspired many prisoners to change their lives.

Please see the following attachments: Support letters, Chronos, Certificates, College letters and report cards.

In all sincerity,



Dominique L. Tanks Jr.
CDCR# F68441

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ismael Ray Tarazon

On November 22, 1983, Ismael Tarazon confronted Robert Serna about money Mr. Serna owed him for drugs, and the two fought. Later in the day, Mr. Tarazon saw Mr. Serna walking with Clemente Sanchez. Mr. Tarazon asked Mr. Serna if he had the money he owed him for drugs, then opened fire on Mr. Serna and Mr. Sanchez, killing them both. On December 7, 1984, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Tarazon to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Tarazon has now been incarcerated for almost 35 years. During over three decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Tarazon has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has not been disciplined for misconduct in over 23 years, and has never been disciplined for any violence in prison. Mr. Tarazon has resided on an honor yard since 2011. An associate warden wrote in 2018 that, "Mr. Tarazon has never received any serious rules violations while residing on the [honor yard] and has taken every opportunity to change for the better." Mr. Tarazon has participated in the Progressive Arts Program since its inception and has donated artwork to various charitable organizations through the program. Mr. Tarazon is also a military veteran and took the initiative to reestablish the Veterans Embracing Troops Group at his prison in Lancaster. Through the group, Mr. Tarazon has worked to raise money for donations for troops overseas, local homeless veterans, and other organizations. As a correctional sergeant wrote in 2018, Mr. Tarazon "has been the driving force behind countless fundraisers."

Mr. Tarazon receives excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2018, an associate warden who supervises Mr. Tarazon's work as a clerk wrote that Mr. Tarazon "has gained a reputation of being responsible and diligent. He is very dedicated to his job and is called upon often to assist [other] inmate workers." A correctional sergeant who supervised Mr. Tarazon noted, "He has integrity, is reliable, responsible, and dependable." The sergeant stated, "I would recommend Tarazon for any future job as well as any inside or outside employment. Tarazon also demonstrated great character skills and sound demeanor." In 2018, a correctional lieutenant wrote that Mr. Tarazon "has made it known of his continuing effort to rebuild his life and character to be accepted back into society as a hardworking and intelligent man. Tarazon always performs his work with a great attitude and he is extremely proficient from the time he starts his job until it is completed." In 2018, a Muslim chaplain who has known Mr. Tarazon for over a decade wrote, "Mr. Tarazon stands out as an individual who takes pride in himself, his work, and as an adviser to other students. Mr. Tarazon strives to find ways to give back to the local community and his fellow veterans within the prison setting, as well as those in the outside community who are in need."

Mr. Tarazon committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Tarazon has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ismael Ray Tarazon to a total of 35 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
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This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name TARAZON		FIRST Name ISMAEL		MIDDLE Name RAY	
Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1959	Place of Birth Los Angeles, CA.	Social Security Number [REDACTED]	Prison Number D00536		

Current Residence

Address P.O. Box 8457		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. CSP-LAC / A2-114	
City Lancaster	State California	Zip code 93539	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01 | <input type="checkbox"/> Commutation of current sentence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pardon based upon innocence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compassionate Release | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Why are you requesting clemency? There is simply no physical evidence to link me to the crime and I was convicted using faulty legal practices and because I have been poorly represented through the entire judicial process.

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense Murder, two (2) counts, 187; 190.2(a)(3)			
Date of offense Nov. 22, 1983	Date of conviction October 5, 1984	Arresting agency LAPD	County of conviction Los Angeles
Superior court case number A397321	Your trial attorney's name and address Adolph Bustos (Deceased)	Sentence LWOP Life without the possibility	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? unknown
Did you appeal your case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, appellate case number and status of case B009.770 Conviction Affirmed			

Prior Convictions: List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
11377(A)	9/22/1983	Montebello	Time Served
11377	10/15/1983	East Los Angeles	Sentenced to Time Served
12020(A)	10/15/1983	East Los Angeles	Sentenced to Time Served
10852	(?) 1983	East Los Angeles	30 Days Co. Jail

Current Attorney Information

Are you currently represented by an attorney? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number.

First and last name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Address: _____

Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2

Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number.

First and last name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Address: _____

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

The evidence attached 1 thru 6 are of importance to my innocence, as I was convicted by way of using faulty legal practices and was poorly represented through the entire judicial process. These documents attached provide information into my innocence.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Yes, my sister filed to the Conviction Review Unit, Los Angeles District Attorney. She filed the attached exhibits 1 thru 6.

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

No, because of the completion of the 1054.9 petition that is still pending in collecting the final discovery evidence.

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

III
NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.

(Name of county)

(Applicant's signature)

Asmael Ray Sanchez 7-25-17
(Date)

IV

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

(Applicant's signature)

Asmael Ray Sanchez 7-25-17
(Date signed)

The following pages that I have can be helpful information, which can be useful into my innocence, are as follows:

1. **Preliminary Investigation Report of November 22, 1983; page 2, number five (5) witness is me.** I was taken from the crime scene as a witness to the police station. I could have not run in either direction away as the witness testified.
2. **The OCB Crash Witness interview form (11-22-83) and 12-01-1983) of Joseph Anthony Verdugo (describes the shooter wearing a hooded sweatshirt with a Green-Army jacket over that night.**
OCB Crash witness interview form (11-22-83) of Ray Tarazon (me), witness clothing description: Brown shoes, Blue Corduroy pants, and Blue Plaid shirt. It is not physically possible that I could have changed clothes that fast. Also, there is no written report or anybody mentioning that I changed clothes at the crime scene.
3. **My Military Records of travel and reporter Transcript (pgs. 213-214).** The witness says he met me back in 1978-79, but according to my military records, he did not. Witness Verdugo states, I knew Tank, Carlos and Gato when I was growing up in the neighborhood. I had not met with him at anytime prior to the shooting. This witness falsely testified that he met me. The period of time which he states, that we met I was stationed overseas (in Germany). This individual was not in any branch of military or even in Germany, Fort Hood, Texas and or Fort Knox, Kentucky places that I've been to leaving California in 1977, when I was seventeen years old.
4. **The Report (1989-90) of the Los Angeles Grand Jury.** This is how funds were funded for Jail House Informants. Witness Verdugo comes out on this list and got paid \$975.00 dollars under the Witness Protection Program and this took place prior to the Preliminary hearing on 12-23-1983. There was no need for him to get protection from me as I didn't even know where this individual lives, as for the simple reason that we never met eye to eye or even prior to me going into the military. During trial it was asked of both witnesses, if they had any plea bargain or any agreement for testifying and both stated; no, to which was a lie. I may have found one other witness that was there at the scene of the crime/shooting, which may contradict the witness testimony. Also, I may have a witness that actually was picked up by the shooters and went to celebrate the shooting.

5. **The Photo Identification Report.** In all of these line-ups photo cards, photo display 'A', photo #2 was the one that Joseph Verdugo selected and in his comment he stated: This guy they call Carlos who I met once 5 years ago. Photo display 'B', photo #2 nickname 'GATO' was the one that Joseph Verdugo selected and in his comment stated: he was one of the one's I saw running N. bound up Lorena St (GATO was not there. Photo display 'C', photo #2 is the photo Joseph Verdugo picked as being me and for his comment stated: I know this is Tank I met him once four years ago and he was the one who looked at me. However, we can go back to my military records and as mentioned above, going back four years will be 1979, and in this period of time I was not in California. I was in Germany at the time we were supposed to have met. And what a coincidence that all the selected photos are #2.

6. **The Examination Reports** of all ballistic, fingerprints on the shell cases, gun parts, and blood/stains of the green army jacket. Also paraffin test/ballistic reports are all they have in the two pages that are enclosed. None of these pages have my name on them, and I do believe that the fingerprint card of **Gavino Herrera** is the actual shooter.

To whom it may concern,

I, Ismael Ray Tarazón am a first term sentenced to *Life Without the Possibility of Parole*. I have been incarcerated for the past thirty-four (34) years for a crime I did not commit. I was in the military for six (6) years, got out and tried to go to college but the schools told that I was two (2) weeks too late to enroll and to come back in the Fall, so in the meantime I found a job working as a security guard. On the night of the murders, as I was walking with a girl, one of the witness saw me and her, he pulled over and told me don't go down there two guys got shot. as me and the girl were walking down on Lorena Street, I came upon the two bodies that were laying on the floor and kneel down next to my brother-in-law, as he was still breathing. I tried to give him assistance at which time the paramedics got there and took over in assisting him. I did not shoot anybody, I did not have a gun that night, because I was not working and I did not run north like one witness states or like the other one states that I run east with a smoking gun in my hand. Yes, I was taken to the police station as a witness like the others from the crime scene to get interviewed. However, Prosecutor Christopher Darden the D.A. for O.J. Simpson was the one that prosecuted my case as when he was first started as a D.A., and crossed me up with two witnesses, that falsely testified against me. One got paid \$975.00 dollars for his false testimony. The other one at first was charged for the murders too, but never got prosecuted for them and there was a third person also that was charged but wasn't prosecuted either. The D.A. used my military background to get a conviction and the used of false testimony.

Now, during my stay in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, I have grown and acquired a Vocational Trade in Silk-Screening, College certificates in Art from California State University San Bernardino, and have accomplished fundraisers for Veterans groups (Blue Star Mothers, Wounded Heroes of America, Operation Gratitude and among other Charities). I strives to find ways to give back to the local community and my fellow veterans within the prison setting as well as those in the outside community who are in need.

Although serving a long sentence that carried no possibility of parole. I've stayed away from drugs, gangs and violence more than three decades in prison. I've put efforts towards self-rehabilitation and have many documented accomplishments. I have provided an impressive level of effort and skill to the position of Lead Clerk. If released from custody, I could transition successfully back into the community and be a model citizen.

Thank you for your consideration and for your support.

Sincerely,

Ismael Ray Tarazon D00536
CSP-LAC / A2-114
P.O. Box 4430
Lancaster, California 93539

I am a first term sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole. I have been incarcerated for the past thirty-four years for a crime I did not commit. The Prosecutor in my case used my military background to get conviction and also used false testimony. I have acquired a Vocational Trade (Silk-Screening), College certificates in Art from California State University San Bernardino, and have accomplished fundraisers for Veterans groups and other Charities. Although serving a long sentence that carried no possibility of parole. I've stayed away from drugs, gangs and violence more than three decades in prison. The following statement of information with attachments are some facts that my trial attorney did not use in my trial. If he would have used some of this information to argue the case maybe the outcome of the case would have been of a different verdict. However, I've put efforts towards self-rehabilitation and have many documented accomplishments. I have provided an impressive level of effort and skill to the position of Lead Clerk. If released from custody, I could transition successfully back into the community and be a model citizen. I have the support from family and friends.

Case Information

On the day of November 22, 1983, my day started by Carlos Quirarte and his homeboy (Winito) coming over to my house at about 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon to see what I was doing. It was my day off from work and I was sleeping, as I just had gotten off a fifteen hour shift. I told Carlos, let me wash up and in the meantime go get us something to drink. This was the first time that I met Carlos' homeboy Winito. We kicked it around the house until about 6:30 or a little later that evening. We then walked over to some girls house over by the library on Percy Street. On the way to the girls house, we stopped at the liquor store to buy some quarts of beer. When we met up with the girls, I introduced Carlos and Rudy (Winito) to the girls and we went up the street from where the girls lived to drink and kick it with them. It was pass 8:00 o'clock when we ran out of beer, so we left the girls at their house and told them we'll be back we're going to buy some more. As we were walking towards the liquor store we could see through the banks parking lot and observed that the L.A.P.D had at least ten (10) guys up against the wall of Frank's liquor store.

So, instead of going over to the liquor store right away, I mentioned to Carlos and Rudy lets go over to the telephones at the '76' gas station that was across the street from the bank. I got on the phone and called Debbie. Debbie, lives two blocks from where I making the phone call on Siskiyou Street. While, I was talking to Debbie I asked Carlos if he would go to the liquor store and get us something to drink while I'm on the phone. I handed Carlos the money and he left with Rudy to the liquor store. I waited for them to come back but they didn't return. So, as I was talking with Debbie I told her, that I was at the gas station and that I would be over to see her, but I would be stopping at the liquor store first. I started to walk towards the liquor store and at the stop light on Whittier & Spence, across the street I saw a girl coming up on Spence Street, so as I crossed the street and at the corner I asked her, what's your name and said Sandra, she also stated; "I know your brother, he's my old man's friend" and as we were talking and walking towards the liquor store. I asked her why was she by herself at this time at night? She told me that she had gotten into an argument with her old man and that she was going to the liquor store to buy a couple of things and that he was coming up the other way on Lorena Street. As we were walking towards the liquor store I noticed in the McDonald's parking lot that my brother-in-law's car was parked in there. I looked around for him and he was nowhere to be found. Sandra and I entered the liquor store and got our things, and as I paid for both of us, I looked up at the clock on the wall and the time read 8:50 p.m. We exit the store and where walking up towards Lorena Street, and about halfway up Carlos and a carload of his homeboys pulled over and Carlos said; "Tank don't go down there two people just got shot." I didn't hear him that good, so I got closer to the car and asked him; "What did you say? And once again, he told me don't go down there two guys just got shot." I said ok, so Sandra and I started walking towards Lorena again because she was going home and I was going to Debbie's house and that's why we were going in that direction.

As Sandra and I were walking down on Lorena Street, we came upon the two bodies, and when I looked down at them, I noticed that it was my brother-in-law laying on his back and the other guy was a friend of

mine (Clemente). Clemente was not breathing, but my brother-in-law was still breathing a little bit, as I was kneeling next to him, I started to unbutton his suit to see what was wrong with him and if I could give him any kind of assistance, because I was taught First-Aid in the military. Within a few minutes the paramedics were there and took over. I then walked across the street to where the security guards at the Taco Truck and asked them what had happen? They answered me by stating; "that they only seen the guys running away." I asked them, why didn't you go after them, but as being a security guard myself. I've was trained not leave your post, because it could be a diversion. As I was with the security guards an L.A.P.D. Officer (don't recall who or his name) came over and started to ask me who I was and I told him that one of those guys that got shot was my brother-in-law, so he then put me in the police car and took me down to the police station as a witness and got interviewed.

On that same day, earlier in the day or on that evening before the shooting occurred, I was nowhere near those trash bins or by the laundry mat drinking beer with four other guys, as the L.A.P.D's informant (*Joseph Verdugo*) stated. Also, Joseph said that I met him in 1978 or '79, this is not true, because in all reality I never met this person. I have my military records to proof that when he says I he met me, I was stationed in Germany (refer to attachment 'A'). I was overseas from 1978 to 1980. Joseph also states, "that I ran north from the crime scene." How could I run from the crime scene, if I was taken down to the police station as a witness from the crime scene (The Preliminary Investigation Report has me as witness #5)(ref to attachment 'B'). Joseph also mentions that the shooter was wearing a hooded gray sweatshirt with an army green jacket over. However, when I was taken to the police station to get interviewed by the Detective. The Detective as the interview started, he wrote down on the interview what I was wearing that night. All I can say is that I am not David Copperfield to change clothes that quick, especially when I didn't leave the crime scene or run in two different directions.

The D.A.'s other witness, which was Carlos Quirarte (*the one that told me not to go down there because two guys had just got shot*) stated, "that while we were at the girls house and he (Carlos) was sitting on the porch with one of the girls, my brother-in-law and Clemente showed up and that my brother-in-law and I got into an argument over by the corner of the library (Percy and Spence Street). The girls house is about two or three doors up from the corner and across the street from the library. Carlos stated; "that the argument between my brother-in-law and I was about drugs and money." That is a false statement, because my brother-in-law and Clemente never came over to where we were. I believe my brother-in-law didn't even know where I was at the time. I later found out that my brother-in-law was celebrating with some other guys that lived in the opposite direction from where we were with girls. Carlos stated, that when we (him & I) were walking down on Lorena Street (not true) that we ran into my brother-in-law and Clemente at the corner of Siskiyou and Lorena Street, and that we started to argue again and he walked away. He was across the street by the corner and phone booth, he heard the gun shots. When he turned around, he states that he saw me holding a smoking gun in my hand and that I ran east on Siskiyou Street (*remember he was in a car with his homeboys, he and Rudy did not return back to the gas station from the liquor store*).

Hypothetical of speech, how could one person run in two different directions at the same time? (refer to attachment 'C', crime scene diagram) Who is telling the true? Not both of them, both witnesses falsely testified. Carlos states; that I ran east from the crime scene and Joseph the other witness states; that I ran north. How can this be, as I've mentioned before, I was taken to the police station from the crime scene as a witness. Carlos was not around the shooting or crime scene, because Carlos went home and as he states; my sister's boyfriend wanted to go get some beer at the market, and the market is on Whittier Blvd., so to get there they had to go up on Lorena Street. Carlos also stated; that they wanted to go check out what was happening up by the Taco truck (meaning the shooting). As Carlos and his homeboys were going to the market they passed by the crime scene to get to the market on Whittier Blvd., that's when he saw me on Whittier Blvd. with the Sandra not far from Lorena Street and that when he told me not to go down there, because two guys had just got shot. How could Carlos be across the street from the crime scene and see me with a smoking gun in my hand and stated that I ran east. He was not there, he was down at his neighborhood with his homeboys when this shooting accorded.

The D.A.'s main witness, Joseph Verdugo stated; "that Robert and Clemente were leaning up against the fence when he passed by, as to when I was talking with them we were face to face." Verdugo also states; "that he was about four to five feet away from Serna (Robert) and Sanchez (Clemente) when he heard someone yell, I'm going to get you" and "Do you remember me?" The problem with the statement: "Do you remember me," is that when rationally applied to the identification situation as in this case, it would seem to indicate to a rational trier of fact, that the two were strangers who may have had a prior run-in. Yet supposed, while Robert and I if we did have a prior run-in / argument about a drug transaction or something to that affect, Robert and Clemente are no strangers to me. Verdugo heard gunshots, moaning and footsteps, he attempted to turn around to see what was going on and when he was turning, someone pushed him on his right shoulder and he almost fell but he caught his balance on the tree and that's when Sanchez was falling to the ground on his back (supposedly this guy that brushed up on him was Gato. Gato was not there at all or by the trash bins drinking beers, he was across town in the city of West Covina). I believe Joseph does not even know Gato like he says he does. A lady friend of mine that talks to him has asked him that question, if he was there, and he has answered her "No!"

The Coroner's autopsy report reads; that Robert, my brother-in-law was shot from toe to head, left to right and back to front. The witness states, that they were falling on their backs and I was face to face with them. I was not there when they got shot and if one was face to face with them and they were falling on their backs, that means then were shot in the front to be falling on their backs. So why, do they have the gunshot wounds back to front?

My trial attorney did not use my military records, Preliminary Investigation Report, autopsy reports, etc., to contradict the witnesses false testimony. Or the interview page when I was taken to the police station, that documents, what I was wearing that night and it contradicts what he says; that I was wearing a Hooded sweatshirt with a Green-Army jacket (refer to attachment 'D', Interview Sheet). The Preliminary investigation report, has the sculptures of the two suspects (150-160lbs. / 5'7" to 5'8" and the other 160-170lbs. 5'8" to 5'9"). I am totally different in height and weight and build wise. I've always been a heavy person and at the height of 5'10". The two suspects are of a thinner shorter build (weight/height). The four (4) shell cases that were found at the crime scene do not have finger prints on them, but there is a coke bottle with finger prints that was found with the shell casings. The finger prints on the coke bottle are not mine. They'll belong to the person that did the shooting (ref to attachment 'E', Finger prints and name). There are finger prints cards available and none of them have my name on them. I have recently found out that Joseph Verdugo was a paid informant under the witness protection program, and this is how the informants get paid through the Witness Protection Program. Joseph Verdugo was a paid informant for the L.A.P.D. He received payment of \$975.00, a day before the preliminary hearing (refer to attachment 'F', Witness Protection List and partial Grand Jury). The L.A.P.D and the D.A. failed to disclose this information to us before, during or after the trial, that Joseph got paid for being an informant (This is a Brady violation). They have mentioned that there was no plea bargains or deals (refer to attachment 'G', Proof of the D.A. stating that there were no plea bargains offered).

Carlos Quirarte's interview on December 7, 1983, while in custody he was being held on a unrelated charge, and was rebooked for the murders (refer to attachment 'H', Arrest Reports). When he was being interrogated, he was under the influence and was not in the right state of mind when making his statements to the detectives. When he states that On the night of the murder, I was with "Ray" at Johnson's market on Whittier Blvd near Lorena Street, he went home and he did not come back to where I was on the phone. When he was at his house, he came back up Lorena Street to go to the market with Danny (his sister's boyfriend) to buy some beer. This was when he told me don't go down there two guys got shot (refer to attachment 'I', Witnesses).

Also, the package containing miscellaneous parts, which were pistol parts, these pistol parts were PROPERTY BOOKED TO: Robert Serna, DATE BOOKED: 11-22-1983 the day of the shooting. Robert Serna was the deceased and they were booked to him on 11-22-1983 (refer to attachment 'J', Los

Angeles Police Department Firearms and Explosive Analyzed Evidence report). Therefore, when the Detective stated that they found them in the Red Tackle Box with my social security card inside the red box, on December 7, 1983, when they served the search warrant and arrest me, is a false statement, it is in black and white. On the same date 11-22-83, the clothing report states that *No bullet holes were located in the clothing.* If Robert Serna the deceased got shot in the left hip area and lower left back area, there should have been holes in the clothing (ref to attachment 'J-1', Los Angeles Police Department Firearms and Explosive Analyzed Evidence report).

At sentencing, my attorney motion the court for a New Trial because of a witness that couldn't be found during trial. A week prior to sentencing my mom had found that one witness (a security guard) that was there in the area of the shooting. This witness was at the New trial motion and sentencing. His testimony was collaborating with the other security guard that testified during trial. The Judge denied the motion and stated: "Yes, Mr. Beaudion's testimony collaborates with the other security guard, but I'm not going to grant the motion, and if I'm wrong we'll be back one day and do this all over again."

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Timothy Thompson

In 1996, 21-year-old Timothy Thompson approached Salvador Espinoza on the street. Mr. Thompson pretended to have a gun and demanded money. Mr. Espinoza handed over \$2.00, and Mr. Thompson fled. On November 4, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Thompson to 25 years to life for robbery, plus a 5-year prior felony enhancement – a total term of 30 years to life in prison.

Mr. Thompson is now 44 years old and has been incarcerated for over 22 years. In that time, he has developed an impressive record of rehabilitation. He has advanced his education, earning both an A.A. degree and an A.S. degree. He is currently enrolled in a vocational certification program, and has participated in self-help groups. Mr. Thompson also completed the Last Mile program, which provides inmates with career and entrepreneurial training, as well as mentorship and job placement when they are released. The co-founder of the program supported Mr. Thompson's application for clemency and described him as a "top performer in the program" with "an excellent work ethic." He pledged to give Mr. Thompson his full support upon release, and wrote, "I strongly believe that given the opportunity for release, Tim Thompson will become a contributing member of our business community." Mr. Thompson has also received commendations from numerous people involved in San Quentin's education programs. A UC Berkeley instructor who volunteers with the Prison University Project supported Mr. Thompson's commutation and wrote, "I have every confidence that he will not only not reoffend, but will follow through on his plans to give back to his community and be a force for good in the lives he touches." A college preparatory instructor wrote, "From all the time I have spent with Tim, I have experienced him to be kind, compassionate, hard-working, and driven to succeed. I can say with full certainty that Tim's presence would benefit any community and that he deserves to offer his gifts to society at large."

In 2018, a judge from the Los Angeles County Superior Court supported Mr. Thompson's commutation, writing that Mr. Thompson "appears to be an excellent candidate for commutation," explaining, "He appears to be a different man than the perhaps drug-fueled street robber of his youth. He has bettered himself. He has gotten an education. He has demonstrated his concern for and caring for others. To me, that seems to be the goal we all say we are seeking when we talk about rehabilitation, and when we say that rehabilitation is an important objective of our system." The judge also noted that if this crime were committed today, "it is likely that the District Attorney would strike one of the prior convictions in the interests of justice, and offer to resolve this case for something less – perhaps significantly less – than the 22 years that Mr. Thompson has served." He concluded that Mr. Thompson "seems as likely as any who I have encountered to continue the positive trajectory he has established in over two decades in prison, and to contribute in a positive way to his community. If this man is not deserving of a commutation, and another chance in life, who is?"

Additionally, Mr. Thompson's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Thompson.



For all of these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Thompson's sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Timothy Thompson to release him on parole.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Timothy Lamar Thompson Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-74 Inmate ID: K34707

Address: San Quentin State Prison 1 Main Street Facility: San Quentin State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Attempt robbery - 2nd degree	11-11-91	Los Angeles	4 Years, 4 months
Attempt robbery - 2nd degree	12-13-91	Los Angeles	4 Years, 4 months
Attempt robbery - 2nd degree	12-14-91	Los Angeles	4 years, 4 months

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On January 16, 1996, I committed a robbery in the second degree against Mr. Salvadore Espinosa. I committed this robbery by approaching Mr. Espinosa on the street and demanding that he turn over his money to me. Mr. Espinosa complied by reaching into his pocket and turning over all of his personal funds to me (approximately three (3) dollars).

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3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I grew up in the inner city of Los Angeles in the 1980s. At that time the epidemic of gangs (specifically the Crips and Bloods) and drugs (like crack cocaine) was engulfing the community at a rapid pace. My mother, whose name was Brenda Allen Bradley began using crack cocaine when I was about 8 or 9 years old. She became so dependant on this drug that she would sell her body as a prostitute.

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4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have been incarcerated in state prison since the age of 21. Over this 22 year period, I have displayed two identities, old Tim and new Tim. Old Tim spent the first decade looking for reasons to blame others for my being in the situation that I found myself. I realize now that I used this self pity as a

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5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Timothy Lamar Thompson, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Timothy Lamar Thompson
Applicant's Signature

November 22, 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Timothy Lamar Thompson,
was convicted of the crime of 211 P.C. Robbery in the second degree,
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of December 16, 1996.
I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Timothy Lamar Thompson
Applicant's Signature

November 22, 2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Weyff #10, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Timothy Lamar Thompson,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Barbara Weyff

Date

12/2/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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I was arrested about one hour later and charged with a single count of robbery in the second degree. It was later determined that I was eligible for prosecution under California's three strikes law; this stemmed from the fact that I had been convicted of three (3) prior attempted robberies in 1992. I committed these crimes when I was 17 years old, however I was prosecuted as an adult and sentenced to four years and four months in the California Youth Authority. While preparing for trial in the current case, the judge dismissed the three prior attempted robberies and I received the maximum five (5) year sentence allowed by law for robbery in the second degree. In 1997, the appellate court reversed the trial court's decision to dismiss the three prior attempted robberies and I was then returned to the trial court for resentencing. In 1998, I was subsequently sentenced to 30 years to life. This sentence included 25 years to life under the three strikes law plus a five (5) year serious felony prior conviction enhancement.

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(sometime in our home) to support this insidious addiction. When I was 16 years old, she was murdered by a man that picked her up off the street and solicited sex from her for money.

When I was about 12 years old I joined the neighborhood gang. I realize now that many factors precipitated this mistake. For one, many of my family members and friends were already in a gang. Also the financial situation in my household had deteriorated to the point where basic essentials like food, heat, and electricity were becoming more and more consistently absent; the gang provided me with financial means from drug sells and other criminal activity. Mainly though I now understand that I joined a gang because I was angry and I had come to despise who I was, where I came from, and the future that I faced.

No circumstances in my life, no matter how challenging justifies the things that I did to my community, however all of the experiences in my life now enables me to understand why my vies on life became so distorted. I was attempting to make adult decisions using a child's understanding of the world. Recently, science has been used in the legal realm to show that the brain does not fully mature until at least age 23, but the lack of positive influence in my life kept me from becoming a real man and thinking like an adult, well into my early 30s. Fortunately now at the age of 43, if given the chance I can use my experience, knowledge, and education to be an asset and affect positive change in the same community I once helped tear down.

I would like to use my life as an example to discourage our next generation from developing the same self-loathing behavior that led me to my current state. I believe that society needs more examples of change and second chances because all human beings (especially when young) inevitably make mistakes.

Part of this mentoring that I advocate for is to utilize my training in computer coding/programming and entrepreneurship to teach these 21st century skills to those youth most at risk of falling through the cracks. I would like to accomplish this by implementing a 501 c(3) non-profit organization. I have submitted a copy of the grant proposal and plan explaining how I can achieve this (attached to this petition).

If I am fortunate enough to have this petition granted I know that I can use my last years on this earth to have a positive impact on the world. In short I want to prove that people can change for the better in the worst of situations.

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Reason not to grow up and so I could continue with the negative behavior that had ruined my life for so long.

Over the last decade plus, new Tim has gained a new perspective on what it means to be a good human being worthy of a place in society. I have found this better person through years of self-reflection, self-achievements, and helping others discover the satisfaction of accomplishing their goals. If I may, I would like to briefly point out some of these achievements.

1. I have earned an Associates of Arts degree from Patten University sponsored by the Prison University Project at San Quentin state prison.
2. I have earned a second Associates in Science degree (in business) from Coastline Community College via a distance learning program. In addition I also have a separate business certificate through the same program.
3. I am a graduate of an entrepreneur program sponsored by the Las Mile organization here at San Quentin prison. This six month program trained me to create a viable start-up online business that helps non-recruited, college, student athletes find athletic scholarships for college. This includes a comprehensive business plan (which I have submitted a copy of), a one-minute and five-minute presentation for pitching investors, and a guaranteed internship from the founders of TLM Chris Redlitz and Beverly Parenti, at a TLM affiliated company upon release from prison.
4. I participated in the inaugural class of the first ever, six month computer coding course offered in California prisons, here at San Quentin. I have since become knowledgeable in five (5) different computer programming languages.
5. Currently I am the assigned clerk and a volunteer tutor for the Academic Peer Education Project; this is a GED Prep program where inmates possessing a college degree are teamed with outside volunteer career educators (teachers and professors) to teach inmates/students literacy writing and math in preparation for the GED exam.

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6. Over the past four semesters I have been a volunteer teaching assistant for the Prison University Project, the onsite college program here at San Quentin prison. My duties include leading class discussions, administrative duties like taking attendance, and tutoring students outside of class in essay writing.
7. I am currently part of a public policy workshop co-sponsored by the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and the Prison University Project, where students are learning the legislative process.
8. I am currently a volunteer participant for a teacher training program for the Prison University Project. Graduates of the college program help train the volunteer teachers on issues such as how to motivate new students, how to effectively communicate with new students, and what skills are most effective teaching college curriculum inside of a prison.
9. I have completed several self-help programs since being incarcerated.
10. I have completed 102 total college units with a 3.45 GPA and a 3.19 GPA from two separate collegiate institutions.
11. Through Project Rebound, an organization that assist newly released prisoners with admission to San Francisco State University, I plan to enroll in SFSU and complete my bachelor's degree in computer engineering upon release.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Alberto Torres

On February 5, 1999, Alberto Torres shot and killed Juan Atrisco, who was on Mr. Torres' property causing a disturbance in the middle of the night. On November 19, 1999, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Torres to 15 years to life for second degree murder, plus a consecutive 25 years to life term for personally discharging a firearm. Mr. Torres' sentence enhancement for personally discharging a firearm has been commuted from an indeterminate term of 25 years to life in prison to a determinate term of 10 years.

Mr. Torres is now 64 years old and has been incarcerated for over 19 years. He reported that he grew up in the village of Santa Ines in Michoacán, Mexico, where he slept on a dirt floor and lived without electricity. Mr. Torres came to the United States in 1971, where he found work on a ranch in Sonoma picking grapes, cherries, and apples. He worked 8 to 10 hours a day and even on weekends for just \$.90 an hour. He eventually became a U.S. citizen in 1996, and saved enough money to buy property in Courtland. He reported that he was in fear of his and his family's lives when he shot at and killed Mr. Atrisco near his property.

Mr. Torres has made significant strides while in prison. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct, has never associated with gangs, and has avoided drugs and alcohol. Mr. Torres earned a vocational certification in landscape maintenance and worked as a landscaper and computer literacy clerk. He took advantage of self-help programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Project Reach for Education Achievement and Change with Help. In 2016, a volunteer program instructor wrote, "Mr. Torres has evolved in prison," and is "accepting of his responsibility and accountability, and has empathy." In 2014, an instructor wrote that Mr. Torres was "diligent, productive, and motivated." The Sacramento County District Attorney wrote that Mr. Torres "appears to have fully embraced the educational, vocational, and rehabilitative opportunities available to him over the years." Mr. Torres reported that upon his release, he plans to live with his family and has a job offer.

For all the foregoing reasons, I believe Mr. Torres has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that they can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

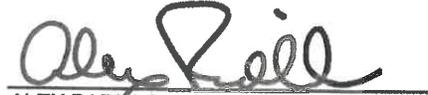
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Alberto Torres to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Rec'd 3/8/2017

LAW OFFICE OF PETER KMETO

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March 3, 2017

Honorable Jerry Brown,

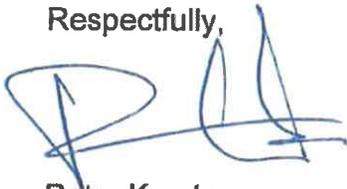
I respectfully submit on behalf of Alberto Torres his Application for Executive Clemency.

In the petition, Mr. Torres seeks commutation of a portion of his state prison sentence so he can be considered for parole. Having served over 17 years in completion of the principal offense, Mr. Torres prays to have the remainder of his enhanced term commuted so he will be eligible to be considered by the Board of Parole.

Enclosed please find among other documents his petition, a memorandum in support of the petition, and a psychological report of Rahn Y. Minagawa, Ph.D.

We again respectfully request that you review the documents and should you have any questions please contact me.

Respectfully,



Peter Kmeto
Attorney for Alberto Torres



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Alberto Torres Date of Birth: [redacted] 17 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON, SAN QUENTIN, CA 94964 P-62090

1. Conviction Summary: CURRENT CASE IS ONLY CONVICTION

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
187 PC w/ 12022.53 (d)	2/4/1999	SACRAMENTO	15 To LIFE, 25 To LIFE
CASE # 99F02064			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

ON 2/4/1999 I SHOT AND KILLED JUAN ATRISCO. ON 5/27/1999 I WAS CONVICTED OF 2ND DEGREE MURDER WITH DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM. MY APPEAL TO THE 3RD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL WAS DENIED. CASE # C034270. (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PAGES)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I WAS A FIRST TIME OFFENDER. I HAVE SERVED OVER 17 YEARS IN CUSTODY. IN 2010 I RECEIVED A PARTIAL COMMUTATION FROM THEN GOVERNOR, SCHWARZENAGGER, REDUCING THAT 25-YEAR TERM FOR GUN DISCHARGE TO 10 YEARS. I AM CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE 12/25/2023

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I AM SEEKING TO BECOME PAROLE ELIGIBLE THIS YEAR 2017 BECAUSE I CAN STILL BE A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF SOCIETY. I HAVE A LOVING FAMILY AND JOB WAITING FOR ME (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of SACramento County: Please take notice that I, Alberto Torres,
was convicted of the crime of 187 2nd + 12022.53 (d),
committed in SACramento County, California, on the date of 5/27/1999.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: P-62090.

Alberto Torres Applicant's Signature 1/12/2017 Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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I, Alberto Torres, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Sacramento with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Alberto Torres
Applicant's Signature

1/12/2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

I. PRINTED APPLICATION BY ALBERTO TORRES (HANDWRITTEN APPLICATION ATTACHED IN APPENDIX AS "EXHIBIT A").

Typed Applicant Information:

Name: Alberto Torres

D.O.B.: [REDACTED] 54

SSN: [REDACTED]

Address: San Quentin State Prison; San Quentin, CA 94964; P-62090

1. Conviction Summary:

Current Case is only conviction:

Offense: 187 PC—second degree murder with PC 12022.53(d) enhancement

Date of Offense: 02/04/1999

County of Conviction: Sacramento case #99F01064

Sentence: PC 187=15 yrs. to life; PC 12022.53(d) =25 yrs. to life

2. Brief Explanation of Circumstances:

On February 4th, 1999 I shot and killed Juan Atrisco. On May 27, 1999 I was convicted of 2nd degree murder with discharge of a firearm. My appeal to the 3rd District Court of Appeal was denied: Case #C034270. *(Please see attached)*

3. Explanation for Request for Commutation:

I was a first time offender. I have served over 17 years in Custody. In 2010 I received a partial commutation from then Governor Schwarzenegger, reducing the 25 years to life term for gun discharge to 10 years. I am currently eligible for parole on December 25th of 2023. *(Please see attached)*

4. Brief Statement of Reasons for Commutation:

I am seeking to become parole eligible this year, 2017 because I can still be a contributing member of society. I have a loving family and job waiting for me. *(Please see attached)*

5. Payment of Money or Gift PC 4807.2:

N/A--no

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Thomas Wheelock

In 1997, Thomas Wheelock worked as a guard for an armored truck company. In late November, while working second shift, Mr. Wheelock shot and killed his colleague, Rodrigo Cortez, before stealing approximately \$300,000 from the truck. Mr. Wheelock was apprehended in Utah a few days later. On November 1, 2001, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Wheelock to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Wheelock has been incarcerated for nearly 21 years and is now 41 years old. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I am no longer the lost twenty year old kid who committed a horrible crime. At the time I was uneducated, immature, filled with self-hate and loathing. I could never take responsibility for any of my actions." He explained that he is seeking a commutation because, "I have spent my prison sentence changing who I was and working to become a better person. . . . I will continue to spend the rest of my life atoning for what I did."

Indeed, over the past two decades, Mr. Wheelock has never been violent, and has been disciplined for misconduct only twice. He has avoided gangs and drugs, and instead focused on furthering his education. Mr. Wheelock has earned three A.A. degrees and is one of very few prisoners enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at California State University, Los Angeles. He made and donated hats, scarves, and booties for the Women's Clinic of Antelope Valley, Keep Them Warm, and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk-A-Thon, and pet clothing and toys for Karma Rescue. Mr. Wheelock also actively participates in self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Paws for Life, and Turning Point.

Over the years, Mr. Wheelock's efforts to better himself have been lauded by numerous staff. In 2004, a supervisor wrote that he "excels in problem solving." Later, a supervisor reported that Mr. Wheelock donated his time to solicit, collect, organize, and file books for the library, and encouraged other inmates to use the library. He was also commended for his volunteer work refurbishing a housing unit, stating, "Wheelock displayed an outstanding work ethic, a very positive attitude, and a willingness to work alongside other inmates and staff in a helpful and cooperative manner." In 2017, a supervising cook wrote, "What I observed of Wheelock was exemplary behavior . . . he has proven himself to be conscientious and diligent in his assigned tasks. . . . I would not mind if Wheelock moved in next door to me." In 2018, a correctional lieutenant stated, "with Wheelock's work ethic and dedication I feel that he will be an asset once being granted parole."

Given Mr. Wheelock's commitment to his rehabilitation despite having no incentive of possible release, I believe that he has earned the opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Thomas Wheelock to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State



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**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Thomas Franklin Wheelock Date of Birth: ██████ 77 Inmate ID: T-36183

Address: 44750 60th St. West Lancaster, Ca 93536-7619 Facility: CSP- Los Angeles County

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
P187(a) murder 1st	11-24-97	Alameda	LWOP
P190.2(a)(17) Special Circumstances			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
While working, I messed up a really big delivery. It was completely my fault, but I did not take responsibility for my mistake, which made matters worse. My co-worker was yelling at me and severely criticizing for messing up. Throughout the shift, the comments became harsher and more personal. At the end of the shift, I just lost control of my anger and I shot him. (see attached p.)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
I am respectfully requesting commutation of my sentence due to the fact that I am no longer the lost twenty year old kid who committed a horrible crime. At the time I was severely uneducated, immature, filled with self-hate and loathing. I could never take responsibility for any of my actions. I had many anger issues and I could never handle anyone criticizing me. That has all changed now. (see attached p.)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
I have spent, and I will continue to spend, the rest of my life atoning for what I did. I will make that possible with self-help programs, meditation, education, and counseling. That is why I was so happy to be a part of the Progressive Programming Yard here at Lancaster. (see attached p.)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Application For Commutation Of Sentence

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2. It was the first and last time that I have ever hurt anyone in anger. I can remember being so scared, that I decided to just run away and grab whatever was in the truck at the time. My anger and my insecurities brought me to that horrible time in my life. I was arrested five days later and I fully cooperated with the police officers. For the first time in my life, I finally wanted to take responsibility for my actions. I was given the sentence of Life without the possibility of parole.
3. I have spent my prison sentence changing who I was and working to become a better person. I have zero issues with violence since I have come to prison. I am no longer the lost and immature kid that I once was. At the beginning of my sentenced I became involved with self-help groups, meditation, and I started working on my education. All of my life I have been intimidated by education. I have always felt that I was not good enough or not smart enough. I had to change this corrosive mind-set. I enrolled in Coastline Community College and I am proud to say that I will be graduating with not just one degree, But four degrees. I will have a Degree in Science and Math, American Studies, Arts and Humanities, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. I will graduate with those Degrees in Spring 2018. I am also proud to say that I am also enrolled in the Bachelor Program at CSULA. I have matured and I have learned how to love myself. My family is amazed at the changes that I have made. It is so important to me to continue improving so that I can make a difference in not only my life, but others as well.
4. During my stay on this PFF yard I have joined the PREP self-help program and I have started the insight self-help program. I am also a part of the F.O.L.C.C. program where we crotchet items for veterans, homeless children, and the Children's Hospital. If my sentenced is commuted I will continue my education at CSULA, where I plan on getting my Master's Degree, they will also help me with housing and a job. I want to be a positive member of the community. I really want to help others and help anyone in need. I never want anyone to make the same horrible mistakes that I made. No matter what is decided, I will continue to improve myself and others. Thank you for your time in this matter.

enclosed is two recommendation letters that were placed in my C file. There are many more letters of recommendation. Thank' you for your time.

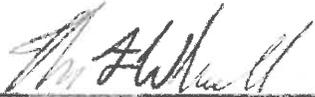
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I, Thomas Franklin Wheelock _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Alameda _____ with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

2-23-17

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Walter "Earlonne" Woods

In 1997, Walter Woods and several other men tried to rob Noel Castley-Wright outside his home. Mr. Woods pointed a gun at Mr. Castley-Wright, and one of his crime partners sprayed him with pepper spray. On March 30, 1999, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Woods to 31 years to life for attempted robbery, and prior felony and firearm enhancements.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Woods described his dedication to rehabilitation and wrote, "I have made profound changes in the way I think and behave. Now, instead of being a threat to public safety, I have become an asset." He continued, "[M]y life going forward will be dedicated to working with young people to ensure that they do not pursue a criminal lifestyle as I did."

Mr. Woods is now 47 years old and has been incarcerated for 20 years. In that time, he has demonstrated his commitment to turning his life around and leaving violence behind. He has only been disciplined three times during more than two decades of incarceration. Mr. Woods earned his GED and completed several vocational training programs. He has participated in self-help groups including Narcotics Anonymous, Restorative Justice, and Creative Conflict Resolution. Mr. Woods has worked in the San Quentin media program for several years, and co-produces Ear Hustle, a widely-distributed podcast about life inside San Quentin.

Mr. Woods has earned accolades from members of the correctional staff and many volunteers for his positive attitude and behavior. He has been commended for being a strong leader who has made significant contributions to self-help groups. In 2017, a staff psychologist supported a commutation for Mr. Woods, writing, "Mr. Woods is a poster child for the efficacy of prison reform." His podcast co-producer Nigel Poor is a professor at CSU-Sacramento. She supported Mr. Woods' commutation and wrote, "I have absolutely no doubt that, were Mr. Woods [released], he not only would not reoffend, but would lead a very productive life and he would use his skills to the betterment of the community." Another podcast producer supported Mr. Woods' commutation and wrote, "From both a personal and professional perspective, I believe Earlonne will continue to educate, enlighten and enrich the lives of his peers at San Quentin, and the many, many people who listen faithfully to Ear Hustle." A correctional officer wrote, "I believe Inmate Woods possesses the necessary quality to be a responsible citizen in society." And a correctional lieutenant praised Mr. Woods' transformation and wrote, "The man who committed these unfortunate crimes against his community is not the same man that is coming before you today for consideration. Mr. Woods has matured in prison and gained valuable relevant skills and confidence that will serve him well in life beyond the walls of a prison."

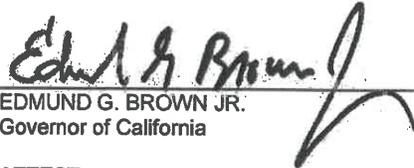
Additionally, Mr. Woods' application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Woods. His commutation is also supported by members of his family, who have offered him housing, financial support, and help readjusting to life in the community.

Mr. Woods has clearly shown that he is no longer the man he was when he committed this crime. Instead of remaining mired in criminal activity, he worked hard to improve himself and contribute to the community around him. He has set a positive example for his peers and, through his podcast, has shared meaningful stories from those inside prison. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Woods is ready to be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Walter "Earlonne" Woods to release him on parole.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Walter Earl Woods Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1971 Inmate ID: P-35554

Address: 1 Main Street, San Quentin, CA 94974 Facility: 3-N-76U

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
P.C. 211 Robbery	August <u>DECEMBER</u> 24, 1988	Los Angeles	Plea 10 Years
P.C. 207 Kidnap	August <u>DECEMBER</u> 24, 1988	Los Angeles	Plea 10 Years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On December 27, 1997, I along with 3 co-defendants followed Mr. Castley-Wright to his home with the intention to carjack him for his Chevrolet Suburban SUV. When he exited his vehicle he was approached and assaulted by myself and one of my codefendants. Mrs. Castley-Wright the wife of the victim hearing the commotion exited her home and started yelling at us. My co-defendant and I ran back to our vehicle with no further interaction (see Additional Page 1A)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I respectfully request a commutation or elimination of my 31 years-to-life sentence because of good behavior. I have served 20 years, during which time I've committed no violence in prison. I have received three rule violations, the last being March 9, 2013 for refusing to take a urinalysis test due to my marijuana abuse. Thereafter, I graduated from an addiction recovery program and to date I remain sober. Since that time, as part of my (see Additional Page 1A)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

It's safe to grant the requested commutation because I have made profound changes in the way I think and behave. Now, instead of being a threat to public safety, I have become an asset. I take full responsibility and accountability for assaulting Mr. Castley-Wright and participating in the attempted car-jacking which lead to the death (see Additional Page 1B)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

(Additional Page 1A):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation: (cont.)

with Mr. Castley-Wright. The Castley-Wrights contacted 911 and we were pulled over by the police within 10 minutes. A high speed chase ensued and we subsequently crashed into a fence jumped out of the vehicle and ran. I was shot by responding officers and one of my co-defendants Furman Little was killed. I was found guilty of Attempted Second Degree Robbery and Assault with a deadly weapon. I was sentenced to 31 years to life plus 26 years to life. The latter was stayed.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation: (cont.)

rehabilitative efforts, I obtained a job with San Quentin Television, from which I learned audio/video production skills. I subsequently co-created and co-host Ear Hustle (earhustlesq.com), a podcast that's produced at San Quentin State Prison. Ear Hustle has given me firsthand insight into what it means to work hard at a professional level and the commitment needed to make a project a success. To date our first 10 episode season has been downloaded over 6.6 million times, which put us in the top 1% of the Podcast industry. Some of my best moments with Ear Hustle are when high school teachers and college professors visit/write and tell us that they are using our episodes in the classroom or when parents contact us to say that they listen to the show with their children and discuss them. It's through these interactions that I see the positive ripple effects my work is having upon others and that gives me hope and purpose.

In wanting to help lower the recidivism rates of incarcerated men, I wanted to make sure that the men knew that there are organizations that willing to help them with their transition back into society. When I paroled in 1995 I paroled homeless and didn't know these type of organizations existed. I saw a glaring need for reentry programs for men who were paroling from San Quentin to my community in Los Angeles. This need prompted me to create Project L.A. which connects prisoners with an organization called Jericho Vocational Service Center (JVSC) in Los Angeles, California. JVSC provides a 90 day after care with parolees to match their skill set. JVSC has provided housing and transportation for parolees upon their release. Many of Project L.A. members that paroled went on to receive the benefits of JVSC.

Additionally, I have participated in many self-help groups and the Transformative Justice Symposium. The symposium, held in partnership with Human Rights Watch, Healing Dialogue & Action and Restore Justice, aimed at healing survivors of crime. Both prosecutors and politicians attended the event.

Also, I have completed TRUST (Teaching Responsibility Utilizing Sociological Training) Facilitator Workshop, Restorative Justice, Creative Conflict Resolutions Program, Hope for Strikers, No More Tears - A Response To Violence, Narcotics Anonymous, and Project LA self help groups.

Plus, as an audio/television producer I was essential in filming and editing TEDx San Quentin which had 22 Talks and has been seen by millions of people around the world. I am also a member of the San Quentin Northern California Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalist.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation: (cont.)

(Additional Page 1B):

of my co-defendant Furman Little.

When I first went to prison at 17, I returned to society 23 years old but with the same mentality and no GED or marketable skills. Acknowledging that, I made a conscience decision to do better and apply myself this time around. Thus I have participated in many positive programs. I started by examining my own mental and emotional processes and I've come to recognize the causative factors leading to my anti-social behavior and criminal actions. I started taking advantage of the opportunities that CDCR has provided for me with self help programming as well as marketable trades. Starting with receiving my GED and participating in the Creative Conflict Resolutions Program in Centinela State Prison in 2002.

I then studied Auto Paint 1 in Centinela State Prison. There I learned Shop and Site Safety, Business Management, Paint Mixing Ratios, Graphics, Custom Finishing, and Refurbishing. I wanted to excel so I graduated to Auto Paint 2. Then I advanced to Auto Body & Fender, where I learned how to restore Automobiles and Mobile Homes from the frame up. I spent six years with this trade.

Understanding that coming back to prison is not an option for me. I continued to study in marketable trades that interest me such as Graphic Arts for Publishing. There I acquired knowledgeable skills using computer software, Design Principles, Digital Design & Layout, publishing forms and documents for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and other organizations. My drive to master the trade encouraged me to reach the next level. I joined Graphic Arts Offset Print Technology where I learned how to skillfully operate four color printing machinery, Platemaking, Film Assembly, Print Shop Management, Job Preparation, and Small Business Management.

At San Quentin I participated in a victim impact program called No More Tears. It was there I became aware of the harm I've caused to my community. I listened to mothers speaking of losing their children violently to gangs which made me realize the ripple effect of my actions and how far reaching my criminal behavior extended. I have also been invited to participate in several restorative justice symposiums where I sat in intimate circles with survivors of crime, sharing stories of crime impact. I was compelled to apologize to the survivors sitting in my circle because I was embarrassed by my previous criminal acts. I realized the gravity of trauma a robbery can cause. I learned that in robbing someone, I stole not only their possessions, I stole their security. I reflected on my victims and I am truly remorseful for the harm that I inflicted on Mr. and Mrs. Castley-Wright, their family, and the community as a whole.

I now understand my obligation to contribute to society and I have already started doing so with the creation of Project LA and Ear Hustle. It is safe to grant me a commutation because I am no longer a threat to public safety. I have grown up mentally and I now possess the skill set to succeed in a few different vocational trades that I've listed above. I also have organizations like Jericho Vocational Services Center to assist me in my immediate needs as well as my family and friends who are my positive support system that's going to assist me in housing, clothing, transportation, and any resources that I need. I also have future employment opportunities with Radiotopia from PRX based on the podcasting skills I've learned here at San Quentin State Prison.

I am deeply sorry for the harm I caused to Mr. Castley-Wright and his wife. I stole their right to feel safe in the community and I apologize for that. If I am granted a Commutation or elimination of sentence my life going forward will be dedicated to working with young people to ensure that they do not pursue a criminal lifestyle as I did.

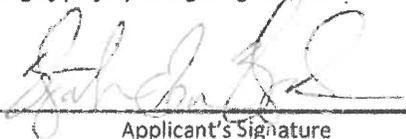
STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, WALTER EARL WOODS, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

12/27/17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jose Francisco Zapata

In December 2009, Jose Zapata arranged to sell a gun to Jonathan Gonzales and Julio Serrano. During the sale, Mr. Zapata shot and killed Mr. Gonzales and injured Mr. Serrano. On December 3, 2013, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Zapata to 25 years to life for murder and 15 years to life for attempted murder, plus 50 years to life for firearm enhancements – a total term of 90 years to life.

Mr. Zapata was 17 years old when he committed this crime and he has now been incarcerated for close to 9 years. In his application, he recognized, "I made a serious mistake that landed me in prison for 90 years to life, this terrible wrong has affected the victim's family, my family, society, and my future. There [are] truly no words I can say to express my sincere, godly remorse."

Despite being given such a lengthy sentence, Mr. Zapata has never been disciplined in prison and dissociated from gangs early in his incarceration. In addition to his spotless behavioral record, he earned his GED and a certificate in Paralegal Studies. He has resided on the Progressive Programming Facility since 2017 and has taken self-help courses, including Getting Out by Going In, Reform Anonymous, Helping Youth, and Victim Sensitivity Awareness. Of his rehabilitation, Mr. Zapata wrote, "During my incarceration I have learned about self-help, theology, the law, and business, completing various...for the first time I was able to see and admit my wrongs and failures something I could not do in the past. I knew then I had a purpose in life to serve, beyond my current circumstances." Mr. Zapata plans to pursue his education and focus on mentoring youth in the community. He has been accepted to transitional housing and has strong family support.

Mr. Zapata's rehabilitation has been noticed by prison staff. A former instructor wrote, "[Mr. Zapata] is purposeful, trustworthy, and compassionate. [He] is well-rounded physically, academically, and spiritually. He has learned self-discipline, how to take correction, and how to be supportive from a variety of activities in school and out, at work, on campus, in after school activities, and in church work. It is difficult to find anything negative to share, for he handles stress well and pours his heart into everything he does." A sponsor from his victim sensitivity class wrote, "Mr. Zapata has made every effort possible to correct his action and prove himself worthy of a second chance."

There is no doubt that Mr. Zapata committed a senseless crime at a very young age. Since that time, he has made a credible commitment to changing his life and has taken full responsibility for his crime. I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jose Zapata to a total of 17 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jose Zapata Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 92 Inmate ID: AS6714
Address: LAC, A-Yard PO BOX 4430 Lancaster CA 93539-4430 Facility: CSP - LAC

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
<u>PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT "A"</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT "B"

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT "C"

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT "D"

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

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I, Jose Zapata _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of Los Angeles _____ with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jose Zapata

Applicant's Signature

7-2-17

Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

ATTACHMENT "A",

Application for Commutation of Sentence

1. Conviction Summary:

offense(s): Grand theft, shop lifting.

Date of Offense(s): 12-24-05.

County of conviction(s): Los Angeles.

Sentence(s): Home on probation.

Offense(s): Shooting at an inhabited dwelling and possessing a concealed firearm.

Date of Offense(s): 9-21, 27, -07.

County of conviction(s): Los Angeles.

Sentence(s): Juvenile sustained petition, (9) months community camp placement.

offense(s): Murder, Attempted Murder, and Enh.

Date of Offense(s): 12-8-09

County of Conviction(s): Los Angeles

Sentence(s): 90 years to life in prison

ATTACHMENT "B",

Application for Commutation of Sentence

2. On Dec. 8, 2009 Zapata shot Jonathan Gonzalez and Julio Serrano in the City of Santa Fe Springs during a street deal gone bad. Gonzalez died from the gunshot wounds, while Serrano survived sustaining two bullet wounds to his body. Zapata was 17 years old at the time of these offenses.

On Dec. 11, 2009 a felony complaint was filed against Zapata alleging one count of murder and one count of attempted murder. In addition to the substantive charges the people also alleged several allegations including a gang and discharge of a fire arm allegation.

On June 16, 2010 an amended complaint was filed alleging as to count one Zapata committed the murder of Gonzalez while engaged in the commission of a robbery and carjacking. It was further alleged that Zapata was an active participant in a criminal street gang and the murder was carried out to further the activities of the gang.

Zapata was held to answer on these charges and allegations, on Oct. 7, 2010. On Oct. 4, 2013 Zapata was convicted on

ATTACHMENT "B" AND "C",

CONTINUING SHEET, QUESTION 2, AND 3.

all counts and allegations by a jury and was sentenced to 90 to life in prison, while co-defendant Rodriguez was acquitted.

3. Zapata was a minor at the time he committed these offenses and was automatically tried as an adult, without the benefit of a juvenile court fitness hearing to determine if he was suitable to be treated under the juvenile court system.

In Nov. 2016, ballot measure Prop. 57 was successfully passed in California by the majority of voters, and a portion dealt with juvenile justice reform, reverting the law back to before Prop. 21 of (2000). Where the juvenile court judge assessed the youths record, background, charges and mitigating circumstances before deciding where the case was to be tried, thus giving youth offenders a greater opportunity for reform, rehabilitation and release.

Zapata could have proven amendability under the juvenile court system if he had been given the proper opportunity, due to his age, background, record, and other mitigating facts and evidence.

ATTACHMENT "C"

Application for Commutation of Sentence

3. Today, the law makes it harder for Zapata to attempt to seek relief under Prop. 57 given his age and conviction, in addition the silence of the retroactive aspects of the law.

Zapata could have been dealt with under the juvenile court system and sentenced to juvenile life, being released at the age of (25) upon his showing of reform and rehabilitation, during his incarceration.

Zapata now pleads with the honorable Governor of the State of California, Edmund G. Brown Jr., holding the highest seat of office in the State to request mercy, grace and a second chance, in a way of a clemency and commutation of my sentence.

The reason for my request deals with the juvenile fitness hearing that could have helped me in my court proceedings or the determination of my sentence. I am grateful that you and your administration backed the passing of Prop. 57 and are for prison reform.

As I mentioned earlier some aspects of the ballot are not applicable to me, this is why I now petition you Governor Brown.

ATTACHMENT "D";

Application for Commutation of Sentence

4. Zapata respectfully seeks this commutation of his sentence by the Governor and submits this petition, because he has taken great stride in the rehabilitation measure to show his full reform efforts, mentally, physically and spiritually, giving a just cause for consideration of time served under juvenile life.

It is within the Governor's discretion to order a clemency or commutation of sentence, when it is apparent that prior behavior is no longer a present state, and the degree of reform appeases the Governor, showing that Zapata's conduct no longer poses an eminent danger to society or its citizens overall.

Zapata has put forth his ability to show his rehabilitation through educational and self-help certificates and letters of acknowledgment of support, please see exhibit ATTACHMENT (A) - (D) Exhibits.

During my incarceration I have learned about self help, theology, the law and text book business completing various courses, but my main focus has been on the Lord. As I learned, for the first time I was able to see and admit my

ATTACHMENT "D"

CONTINUING SHEET, QUESTION 4

wrong's and failures something I could not do in the past. I knew then I had a purpose in life to serve, beyond my current circumstances.

I am a firm believer in the Bible and it has been the light unto my path, my moral compass while in here and the source of my life.

I have applied myself to become a studious person, with an open heart and mind having love for all people, cause I wasn't always like this so I learned to be by the Grace of the Almighty.

I made a serious mistake that landed me in prison for (90) years to life, this terrible wrong has affected the victims family, my family, society and my future. There's truly no words I can say to express my sincere godly remorse and repentance.

I can do nothing to compensate for what I've done, no good I will ever do can replace a valuable life that was taken.

I stand forgiven before a merciful GOD, but guilty before my community and the state of California for the wrong actions I committed.

ATTACHMENT "D"

CONTINUING SHEET, QUESTION 4

I believe in second chances with an honest heart. I humbly request for this opportunity to be considered for a commutation of my sentence. Whether I'm the first or last individual you may do this for under these circumstances, I plead for mercy by the blood of Jesus the LORD my Redeemer.

During my incarceration I have stood away from trouble no 115's or anything of that sort. I have practiced Psalms 119:9 that say; How can a young man cleanse his way, by taking heed according to your word. I give Jesus all the glory for my transformation and change of heart, cause without Him I would not be courageous enough to be petitioning you for this clemency.

I am sure there is no more delightful truth to a man of GOD, than that of Christ's absolute Sovereignty. I am glad theres no such thing as a random occurrence, that nothing is left to itself but Christ everywhere has say. If I thought that there was a devil in hell Christ did not govern, I should be afraid that devil would destroy me.

ATTACHMENT "D"

CONTINUING SHEET, QUESTION 4

If I thought there was a circumstance on earth, which Christ did not rule-over, I should fear that circumstance would ruin me. If there were an angel in heaven that was not one of Yahweh's subjects, I should tremble even at him.

But since Christ is King of Kings and I am his poor servant, one whom he loves, I can give Him all my cares, for He cares for me and I can lean on Him for my soul has full repose, confidence and security. That whatever decision is rendered by His will for this season in my life, His will be done not mine.

While the Justice System has cast me off, the Lord has chosen to invest in me, society has looked at me to be worst than dirt on the ground.

Yet even the dirt has a purpose, consider the grain of dirt at the bottom of the ocean, a worthless piece of dirt to many but not to the oyster. When it finds its way into an oyster shell it goes through an incubation process a transformation where it gets made into a magnificent pearl, from worthless dirt

ATTACHMENT "D"

CONTINUING SHEET, QUESTION 4

to a valuable gem.

Just like that grain of dirt tucked away in that oyster shell, the darkest and hardest moments in life can be the greatest moments in life because one can discover who they truly are, what they were created to be, what their value is and their place in this life.

I will close this petition with who I am today, the rehabilitated Jose Zapata in the form of my personal statement.

I have eight years experience dealing with ministry and four years in the paralegal field. I have completed various courses on the Bible, a few self help and one paralegal studies. I serve as a mentor and as a faith leader.

As you may have seen I haven't always been on the straight path, I've been incarcerated as a teenager and am serving time for this current offense, a childhood mistake something I am very sorry for and deeply regret.

Growing up I had ambitions of being an entrepreneur like my father, to help the less fortunate. However some difficult

ATTACHMENT "D"

CONTINUING SHEET, QUESTION 4

Circumstances arose when my father took his own life and shot my mother when I was seven.

I grew up without a father figure, no male role model this led me to make bad decisions affecting the course of my teenage life.

Although I wish I could undo my past I am sincerely grateful for gaining the lessons I've learned, my entire life has been transformed. Now I attend church services, I am a student of Defy Ventures a selective fellowship program that is training me for a management and leadership position, I also coach others to reach their best potential making a positive difference with those I come in contact with.

Today, I am confident of who I am and the decisions I make, I can be trusted because over the years I've trained myself to be responsible, serve others and excel in performance.

I know most persons you grant clemency or commute their sentence may not have had as serious or violent crimes or

ATTACHMENT "D"

CONTINUING SHEET, QUESTION 4

those persons have been incarcerated 20 to 30 years.

I have learned valuable experiences having matured, respecting life and persons.

I am truly grateful for this wonderful opportunity to plead for your gracious mercy in your consideration of my commutation of my sentence. Thank you for your time and service to the state of California.

Date: 7-2-17

Sincerely,
Jose Zapata

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Patrick Acuna

On December 21, 1992, 19-year-old Patrick Acuna and Simon Caceres, both of whom were armed, entered a mini mart in Los Angeles to commit a robbery. While Mr. Acuna served as a lookout, Mr. Caceres shot the clerk, Seung Kim, in the chest, killing him. Mr. Caceres then reached into the cash register and took money, before both men fled. On August 19, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Acuna to life without the possibility of parole for murder and one year for the robbery, with an additional year for the enhancement, to run concurrently with the life sentence.

Mr. Acuna is now 45 years old and has been incarcerated for 25 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Acuna expressed sincere remorse for his role in the crime and wrote, "I deeply regret the senseless murder of Mr. Kim." He continued, "Although my recovery is never-ending, I have reformed." Mr. Acuna wrote that he would like the chance to prove that he is worthy of release and can be a productive member of society. During more than two and a half decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Acuna has worked to transform his life. He earned his GED and an A.A. degree in Social and Behavioral Science. Mr. Acuna has participated in and facilitated multiple self-help programs, including Anger Management, Substance Abuse and Relapse Prevention, Criminal Lifestyle and Addiction, and Building Blocks for Turnaround. He also completed vocational training in carpentry, laundry, and construction.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Acuna has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him on a regular basis. In 2016, a carpentry instructor commended Mr. Acuna on his work as a teacher's aide and noted that he "demonstrates a high level of retained knowledge in the course work and has been instrumental in many students' progression in their education and certifications." In 2012, a California Prison Industry Authority supervisor wrote regarding Mr. Acuna's work: "[He] has proven himself, diligent, self-motivated, and quick to learn. His working attitude toward others remains positive and helpful." In 2011, a housing officer who supervised Mr. Acuna for several years wrote that he "has always conducted himself as a model inmate and complied with all orders by both custody and free staff in an expeditious, courteous, and respectful manner." Also in 2011, a maintenance supervisor wrote that Mr. Acuna "has consistently shown up on his off days to learn and work. He has shown [himself] to be self-motivated and have the desire to learn. He completes the tasks assigned to him. He uses good social skills in his interactions with those he works with and [maintains his] good character while working and learning. He has shown [his ability] to work well with staff and other inmates." In 2010, a work supervisor commended Mr. Acuna on being a diligent and punctual worker and wrote that Mr. Acuna "continually pushes himself to learn more. He has mastered every department and has always given 110%."

Mr. Acuna participated in a senseless crime at a young age. But for many years since then, he has demonstrated his commitment to rehabilitation and desire to become a productive citizen. Therefore, I believe Mr. Acuna has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Patrick Acuna to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

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This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name Acuna		FIRST Name Patrick		MIDDLE Name Angel	
Date of Birth 1973	Place of Birth San Gabriel, Ca	Social Security Number [REDACTED]	Prison Number K21418		

Current Residence

Address 480 Alta Road		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. 3-11-222L
City San Diego	State California	Zip code 92179

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01
 Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome

Commutation of current sentence
 Compassionate Release

Pardon based upon innocence
 Other

Why are you requesting clemency? *I would like the opportunity for Parol and to demonstrate I have learned the lessons to be learned and that I am worthy of release to show I can be a productive member of Society.*

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense
187(A)Murder,211PCSecond degree Robbery.Special allegation per section 12022.5(A) (1)PC both counts;190.2(A)(17)PC as to count 1.

Date of offense 12/21/1992	Date of conviction 07/25/1996	Arresting agency LA Sheriff Department	County of conviction Los Angeles
Superior court case number BA073993	Your trial attorney's name and address M.Miller,Apd 320 W.Temple St.#35 LA CA 90012	Sentence Life with out parole plus one year	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? N/A

Did you appeal your case? Yes No
If yes, appellate case number and status of case
State of California Second Appellant court case # B105279. Denied 07/03/1997.

Prior Convictions: List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
No prior Adult History			

Current Attorney Information

Are you currently represented by an attorney? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number. **N/A**

First and last name:

Telephone number:

Address:

Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2

Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number.

First and last name:

N/A

Telephone number:

Address:

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:
N/A
Your current physician's name:
Physician's address:
Physician's telephone number:
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
What was the result?
N/A

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01

Give a brief account of your offense.
Please see attached letter A.
Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.
Please see attached letter B, certifications of education, work and extended self help/recovery programs.
Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)
01/07/1996 mutual combat;06/28/1997 Staff assault;06/28/1997 Refused UA;06/09/2002 and
07/22/2002 Excessive contact with wife in visiting;12/23/2003 Refused UA;07/24/2004 Delay of staff.
When were you discharged from probation or parole?
N/A
Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.
N/A
Why you are requesting a pardon?
Please see attached letter C

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

N/A

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

N/A

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

N/A

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

N/A

Was this evidence presented at trial?

N/A

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

N/A

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

Please see attached letter C.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

Yes, Second Appellant court case # B105279. Denied on 07/03/1997.

**III
NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of
Los Angeles *with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.*

(Name of county)

(Applicant's signature)

(Date)

IV

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

(Applicant's signature)

(Date signed)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

This Notice is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 4804

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Los Angeles County of Conviction

Please take notice that I, Patrick Angel Acuna, was
Full Name - First, Middle and Last

convicted of the crime of 211/187 PC,
Give offense and Penal Code section

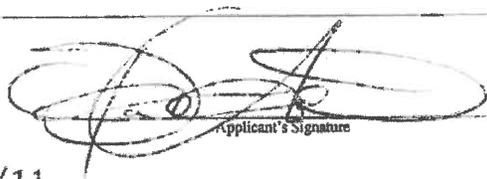
committed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California,
County of Conviction

convicted on 07/25/96 and sentenced to Life Without Parole
Date of conviction Sentence

I will submit an application to the Governor of the State of California requesting a

- Pardon based upon rehabilitation
- Commutation of current sentence
- Pardon based upon innocence
- Compassionate release
- Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
- Other
If other, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN

Patrick A. Acuna
Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED



02/14/11
Month, Day, Year

480 Alta Road (11-222-L)
Applicant's Street Address

San Diego, California 92179-9003
Applicant's City, State, Zip Code

This Section to be Completed By District Attorney Only

State of California

County of _____ } SS.

I, _____ District Attorney of the County of _____
of _____, State of California, do hereby
acknowledge receipt of notice from _____ that
Name of Applicant
he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon.

[Signed] _____
District Attorney of the County of _____

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

City of California, County of Los Angeles

I, TERRIGENE L. Allen being first duly sworn, deposes, and says:
Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

I am a citizen of the United States, am over the age of 18 years, and am not a party to the above-entitled proceeding. I am a resident of the County of SAN Diego, State of California.
County of Residence

My residence business residence address is 8671 Tommy Drive
Street Address
SAN Diego CA 92119
City, State ZIP Code

On the 16th day of March 2011, I served the attached Notice to each person listed below:
Day of the Month Month, Year

District Attorney Steve Cooley 210 West Temple Street, Suite 1800 Los Angeles
Full Name - First Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable Street Address County 90012-3211

Full Name - First Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable Street Address County

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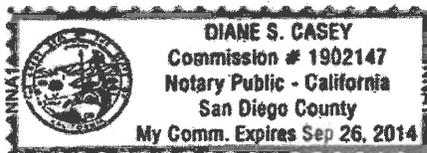
by placing a copy of this Notice in a sealed envelope and mailing it first class, postage pre-paid to each person as listed above. There is a delivery service by United States mail at each of the places so addressed, or there is a regular communication by mail between the place of mailing and each of the places so addressed.

x [Signature] 3/16/2011

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of March, 2011.
Day of the Month Month, Year

Diane S. Casey [Signature]
Full Name of Notary Public - TYPED or PRINTED Notary Public - SIGNATURE

In and for the City of EL PASO, County of SAN DIEGO, California.



ATTACHMENT LETTER-A

187 (A) PC (Murder)
211 PC (Second Degree Robbery)
Special Allegation per §12022.5(A)/12022(A)(1) PC
190.2(A)(17) PC

On: 12/21/92, Mr. Seung Kim (Age: 40) was murdered during the robbery of his store, The Milk Mart; located at [REDACTED] Street, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Kim was shot and killed during the commission of a robbery while he heroically defended his store. I stood outside while my co-defendant entered the Milk Mart; my role was to serve as a lookout. After Mr. Kim had been wounded my co-defendant and I fled on foot to an awaiting vehical.

Although I did not call for help nor did I come forward to report this crime, I was cooperative with the authorities upon arrest. I had no idea that anyone was going to die and, if I had, I would have never participated. I deeply regret the senseless murder of Mr. Kim.

ATTACHMENT LETTER-B

During my incarceration I have accomplished much despite never expecting to be released.

Restitution Utilizing my prison wages, I have made donations to various charitable organizations: The Koreatown Youth & Community Center (located in Los Angeles); St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and, Grassroots International. Also, I've donated time/beadwork to Beads For Babies (Craftwork that is distributed to hospitalized children) and Soaring Eagles (A community outreach center that teaches Native American dance to inner-city youth).

Self-Help I have participated in a number of self-help programs and Inmate activity groups geared toward rehabilitation: Anger Management; Victim Awareness; Conflict Resolution; Changing Within as Executive Vice-president and Secretary of the organization (AIDS youth in a prison setting). Currently, I participate in Criminals & Gangmembers Anonymous as a member of the Ethics Committee; I am a member and Executive Secretary of The Men's Advisory Council (An elected body that serves as liaison between the Inmate population and the prison Administration); and, I am a long-standing member of the Native American Spiritual Circle, of which I serve as an Executive Body member and as Lodge Leader (Inmate Minister).

Education While incarcerated I've earned a High School Equivalency and an Associates Degree [w/ Honors] in Social and Behavioral Sciences. I've since used my education by acting as a volunteer tutor to GED students.

Employment I have held continuous employment since 04/04/98. For the last four years I have worked for the Prison Industry Authority (PIA), Laundry factory #61. While with the Laundry I have become a certified Customer Service Specialist and mastered many positions; most notably, Lead Clerk, Chemical Technician, Maintenance Leadperson, and Lead Safety Committee Representative [Safety Reviewer].

Attachment Letter C.

WHY I DESERVE CLEMENCY:

A Commutation to Life with the possibility of parole.

As a Life Without Parole (LWOP) inmate I have no incentive to make positive change or any sort of amends. The Board of Prison Terms (BPT) and all they require: i.e., GED, Self-help, Remorse, Clean-time, etc., is of no consequence to me. Neither do I face BPT nor am I required to give account for my Life-crime. Yet, despite lacking the hope of freedom, I have made the decision to better myself by earnestly seeking rehabilitation.

A man, Mr. Seung Kim--Husband, Father & Provider--was selfishly murdered in an act of petty greed. He bleed to death on the cold floor of his market four days before Christmas. There is nothing I can do, no amount of certificates, awards or laudatory letters can ever allow me to be so arrogant as to foster the notion that I "deserve" anything beyond my current station. Out of respect for Mr. Kim, The Kim family and the community I victimized I can never be so bold as to make the presumption of deservedness.

I have come to peace with the young delinquent I once was-- a confused and insecure teenager who stood in front of the First Street Milk Mart on a chilly December night. As I stood look out, not some five feet away, on the other side of a thin wall that was heavily plastered with Budweiser and Coors advertisements Mr. Kim was shot and killed. Even though I did not pull the trigger I recognize and fully accept my role without minimizing personal culpability.

I have trudged the long road of recovery without guide or incentive to become a good man. I have pulled together the fragments of a fractured adolescence and forged them into a work of substance, of value and of integrity. I entered the belly of

the beast as a child and have emerged a decent human being whose life is rooted by understanding and spiritual principles.

I have become a light of hope to my peers; a living example that they, too, can make wholesome choices and redeem themselves. I have risen above my past, transcended my environment and defied the status quo. I am a new man; one of good character and moral conduct.

I deeply regret the senseless murder of Mr. Kim. I would have never been a participant that night had I known that anyone was to die as a result of my actions. I am ashamed as I think of his wife and children; staggered by the thought of the multitude of victims that I've created through a failure to respect personal property--I beg pardon of them all.

As I devote myself to a life of amends, it is my sincere hope that Mr. Kim can see me now--know the Patrick Angel Acuna of today--and forgive me . . . I believe he can; I believe him kind; and, I believe he has.

Although my recovery is never-ending, I have reformed. That is why I deserve clemency.

I am rehabilitation.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Eric Alvarado

In March 2002, 17-year-old Eric Alvarado participated in a shootout with a rival gang. An 8-year-old bystander was shot and injured during the confrontation. On August 27, 2003, the Monterey County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Alvarado to 15 years to life for attempted murder plus a 25-to-life firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life in prison.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Alvarado described the significant changes he has made in his life since participating in this crime. He wrote, "Since my incarceration, I have used the time to address the immature and destructive 17-year-old gang member mentality I once had." Mr. Alvarado continued, "I believe that I have grown into a mature adult that understands the impact of his destructive choice and that has made the choice to add value to others by being a servant towards them."

Mr. Alvarado is now 34 years old and has been incarcerated for 15 years. During that time, he has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence, and has only been disciplined twice for misconduct. Instead, Mr. Alvarado has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He earned his GED and is currently enrolled in college classes. He has participated in and facilitated numerous self-help programs including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, and Getting Out by Going In. Mr. Alvarado has received excellent work ratings from his supervisors, including for his current assignment as a caregiver for ill and disabled inmates. In 2018, a nursing assistant praised Mr. Alvarado's work ethic and wrote, "While assisting disabled inmates he is understanding, patient, and kind. It is my observation that Alvarado has dedicated himself to turning his life around and giving back to others."

Mr. Alvarado is also a member of a juvenile deterrent program that provides prison tours and counseling for at-risk youth. The coordinator for the program wrote in 2018, "Mr. Alvarado personally gave testimony to the irresponsible choices, distorted beliefs, and harmful behaviors that led to his incarceration, as well as the impact his actions had on his victims, and society. More importantly he shared with these youths his current reflections on these actions, and his remorse. Mr. Alvarado should be commended for his work with these youths and for his commitment to community service." Additionally, Mr. Alvarado has prepared a solid plan for his release – he will live in transitional housing; find a job that uses his current skills as a medical caretaker, and continue to pursue his education.

Although he faced a lengthy sentence at a young age, Mr. Alvarado has shown a serious commitment to self-improvement and serving others during his time in prison. He has demonstrated that he is no longer the same teenager who committed this senseless crime. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Alvarado has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Eric Alvarado to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Eric Alvarado Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1984 Inmate ID: V-07518

Address: P.O. BOX 689 Facility: C.T.F. Central

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
Vehicle Theft, 10851 CVC, Felony	8/22/00	Monterey	30 days JH
Violation of Probation 777 WEI	2/8/01	Monterey	15 days JH
Trespassing, 602(L)PC	9/6/01	Monterey	4 days JH

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On March 11 2002, Luis V. and I were walking on Alamo way when 3 Norteñas gang members from approximately 70 yards behind us started calling us derogatory names. We continued walking but then we turned into a apartment complex, and waited to confront these individuals. They drew closer, and in the midst of a verbal confrontation, I pulled a

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am seeking mercy and grace for the opportunity to present myself in front of the Board of Parole Hearings before 2027. I am requesting a commutation because I am no longer the irresponsible and immature 17 year old juvenile delinquent that I once was to my community, my neighbors, and my family. Today I have developed

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Since my incarceration, I have used the time to address the immature and destructive 17 year old gang member mentality I once had. Regretably, during my time of incarceration I have received two CDCR 115 rule violations. The first was in 2009 for "misuse of state property." Here I used a sheet as a curtain. The second was issued in 2014 for "theft.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Eric Alvarado, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of Monterey with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

June 3, 2018
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

Question

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38 revolver, pointed it at Daniel M., and pulled the trigger, but the gun failed to discharge. At that moment, Daniel M., Jose S., and Andrew M. fled the area. Luis V. and I left to his apartment.

Time had passed while me and Luis V. were on the porch of his second floor apartment; a white car with 5 individuals in it arrived and called us. Daniel S. got off the vehicle and told us what had occurred to them driving home. He stated that they encountered a group of nortenos near a bike path, when the group started flashing gang signs and Jose S. flashed a shotgun. The driver, Edurado S., quickly turned the vehicle around and headed toward Luis V's apartment.

After Daniel S. told us what just occurred to them, we told Benito and Angel (Daniel S. and Luis V's brother) to get off the vehicle; whereupon Luis V. and I armed with a 22. rifle and the 38. revolver, got in the vehicle.

We headed directly toward the bike path. As we got near, Edurado S. did a U-turn and parked with the engine running. Everyone, Guillermo V., Daniel S., Luis V., and I, got off the vehicle and walked toward the bike path. When we got on the bike path, we encountered 3 young boys walking in our direction. Daniel S. told them to leave the area. A few seconds later, not spotting the group of nortenos he encountered earlier that day 50 to 60 feet away from us, Daniel S. rose his hands and stated "We are here." At that moment, Luis V. and I, pulled our guns out, a 22. rifle and 38 revolver, and started shooting in the direction of the nortenos. Jose S. returned fire with his

shotgun After Luis V. and I disassembled all our bullets, we (Guillermo Daniel S., Luis V. and I) ran back towards the getaway car with Eduardo S. waiting with the engine running. We got in and headed towards Luis V.'s friend George C. In the process of heading there, we became aware that Guillermo V. received a wound to his knee in the crossfire. When we arrived to George C.'s house, we disposed of the guns and treated Guillermo V.'s wound

The result of the barrage was that Fernando C. an 8-year old boy was struck on his lower back as he and his friends ran away in fear at the sound of gunshots

Consequently, I was sentenced to a 40 to life sentence, consistent of one count of street terrorism and seven counts of deliberate, premeditated attempted murder with the related P.C. 12022.53(a) weapon use enhancements found true

Question

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into a mature and responsible 33 year old adult.

Question

#4

of state property." I had in my cell a shampoo bottle of tan paint for the purpose of painting my assigned cell. However, I did not allow this to stop my progress. I continued to take advantage of the available opportunities toward my rehabilitation, and gained valuable insight into becoming a mature person with a responsible outlook of life.

As an immature youth, I violently terrorized and disrupted the lives of seven people and each of their families, causing them an awful, traumatizing and unwarranted experience. I also caused unbearable life-threatening pain to an innocent and vulnerable young bystander; 8 year-old Fernando C., bringing forth anguish and emotional distress, not only to him and his family, but to each of my intended victims and their families.

My actions caused those I victimized countless hours of sleep, financial hardship due to absence from work and medical bills. I caused them to experience insecurity and fear within their hearts and minds.

My senseless crimes terrorized the community by jeopardizing their lives and taking away their sense of security to live without fear in their homes and neighborhoods from the threat of gang violence.

I have continued on my path of rehabilitation by acquiring my G.E.D. Certificate in Christian Leadership (a four year college level

studies class) from The U. of T. Institute (T.U.M.I.) and

I am currently three credits away from earning an Associate of Arts

degree

Furthermore, I responsibly serve my incarcerated community in

my job assignment as an American Disability Assistant (A.D.A.) in the

Infirmity. A job that affords me the privilege of assisting, comforting

and caring for who are disabled, sick and terminally ill. In my five years

working there, I have learned a valuable life lesson: life is about adding

value to others through servanthood

Another way I serve is through "We Care", an at-risk youth deterrent

program whose mission is to reach and prevent the next generation from making

irresponsible choices that have severe consequences. We provide the youth with a

unique tour; explaining to them what life in prison consists of and we share

the choices we made that brought us here in hopes of deterring them from

the paths we were on.

Lastly I am a facilitator of Criminal and Gangs Anonymous

(C.G.A.), a group that challenges the criminal lifestyle with its distorts

beliefs by offering a responsible view to life.

I believe that I have grown into a responsible

mature adult that understands the impact of his destructive

choice and that has made the choice to add value to others by

being a servant toward them. I am not that 17 year old delinquent

that was a risk and threat to his community, but a man that

seeks to contribute to his community well being, understanding

that life is all about relationships and adding value toward

one another through it. Therefore for the above reasons I humbly

believe I should be granted commutation. Thank you and God bless you.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Deryl Armstrong

In 1979, Mr. Armstrong shot and killed Samuel Beskin while attempting to rob his pharmacy. On October 5, 1979, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Armstrong to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Armstrong is now 63 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 40 years. In his application for clemency Mr. Armstrong wrote, "I fully accept responsibility for my actions and I acknowledge the catastrophic suffering I have caused [the victim's] family and community." Mr. Armstrong continued, "My path to rehabilitation has not been an easy one. Now at the age of 62 years old, I recognize and accept I have made poor choices. . . . I admit and understand my wrongdoing and I want to atone for the damage I have done."

Mr. Armstrong said that he made a decision to "put forth some qualitative effort to improve [his] life." To this end, he has abstained from violence, gangs, and drugs. He currently resides on the Progressive Programming Facility and wrote, "I have found incredible strength in sobriety and the Progressive Programming Facility has the structure and communal mindset to empower me to stay on the right path." A supervisor commended Mr. Armstrong for his consistent cooperation, positive attitude, and respect towards staff, writing "[Mr. Armstrong] has communicated and demonstrated rehabilitative progress by displaying mature character, reflecting self-control and a positive direction in his life." Mr. Armstrong has also participated in self-help programs, including Alternatives to Violence, Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Sensitivity, and Criminal Thinking Patterns. He earned his GED and completed vocational training in office services and building maintenance.

Additionally, Mr. Armstrong's application has been reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has taken his rehabilitation seriously and has made strides towards becoming a better person for the community. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Armstrong has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, ~~EDMUND G. BROWN JR.~~, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Deryl Armstrong to a total of 39 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: DEAN L RENE ARMSTRONG Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 54 Inmate ID: C-10321
Address: P.O. Box 4430, Box A-5232, Lancaster CA 93529 Facility: A-5-232

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
P.C. 187	FEB 1979	TORRENCE	Life Without
P.C. 211	FEB 1979	TORRENCE	Life Without -

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

A attempted Robbery was made & I was shot 3 times by the owner of the business. When he snatched the gun out of my hand it discharge & struck the owner & he died & I lived.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have been locked up for 3 years & I would like to be given a opportunity to be free.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I fully accept my responsibility for my actions and I acknowledge the catastrophic suffering I have cause his family, friends & community. I also acknowledge the pain my own family & friend have endured because of my decisions.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NO

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STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

Daryl Rene Armstrong declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of TORRENCE with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

D. Armstrong
Applicant's Signature

4-30-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Denzel R. Armstrong,
was convicted of the crime of 187 P.C. - Attempted 211 P.C.
committed in Torrance County, California, on the date of Feb 1979.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Denzel Armstrong
Applicant's Signature

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

5-1-17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Wolff HD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Denzel R. Armstrong
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Wolff

Date 5/16/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

My path to Rehabilitation has not been an easy one. Now at the age of 62 years old, I recognize & accept I have made poor choices throughout a majority of the last 38 years. I admit & understand my wrongdoing. I want to atone for the damage I have cause.

I have found incredible strength in sobriety & the Progressive Programming facility has the structure and communal mindset to empower me to stay on the right path. I maintain a positive attitude and I do my best to keep everything in it's proper perspective. I choose to abstain from violence, gangs, racism and causing harm to others and myself.

I was involved in Lifers with Optimistic Progress (LWOP) as a Lifeline for youthful offenders & we provided them with a orientation program on Respect & Conduct behavioral development. I have also received my Med And I'm starting construction college to become a counselor.

Anything that I can do to help foster the intellect and spirit and emotional growth of our fellow youth is my way of giving back. Those of us who have & maintain a particular vision, must continue to reach out to others against all odds.

After 38 years of being locked up my life has now become a service to others.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Blanca Avalos

In January 2010, Blanca Avalos and a few others drove to a home to commit a robbery. Rafael Vicente answered the door and was ordered to sit on his couch at gunpoint. When Mr. Vicente's wife, Nerida Sanchez, and their daughter came home, Ms. Sanchez was ordered at gunpoint to sit on the couch while someone covered their daughter's head with a shirt. Ms. Avalos and her co-defendants took a safe containing money and jewelry, then fled. On January 7, 2011, the Stanislaus County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Avalos to seven years and four months for robbery, plus an additional 13 years and four months for firearm enhancements.

Ms. Avalos has now served almost 9 years and has dramatically turned her life around during that time. In her commutation application, Ms. Avalos wrote, "I have spent my time rehabilitating myself by taking self-help groups, updating my work skills, education, language skills, spiritual programs, social skills and participating in community improvement." She told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that she applied for a commutation because she "believes she has grown immensely from her incarceration and self-help programs, and wants a second chance at life. She believes she is a better person and can help motivate others to fulfill a better life."

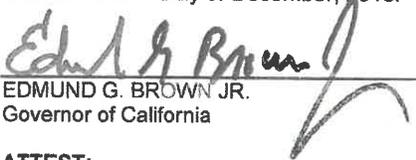
In prison, Ms. Avalos has shown a genuine commitment to her rehabilitation. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. She received two Certificates of Achievement in Relevant Issues and Ethics for Coaches and Effective and Responsible Role Play. She is also enrolled in classes to obtain her GED. Ms. Avalos participated in self-help programs, including Anger Management, Beyond Violence, and Substance Abuse, and participates in charitable events. Since 2015, Ms. Avalos has been a resident of the Latham Honor Unit. In 2016, a correctional officer commended her for "her commitment to self-rehabilitation, as well as her positive participation in community improvement." Also in 2016, Ms. Avalos was commended by a work supervisor for being a "diligent worker" who "has integrity and displays a great work ethic."

It is clear that Ms. Avalos has distinguished herself by her exemplary conduct in prison and has shown a continuous effort to improve herself through programming. For these reasons, I believe Ms. Avalos is ready to be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Blanca Avalos to release her on parole.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Blanca P. Avalos Date of Birth: [REDACTED] / 1980 Inmate ID: WA9269

Address: 16756 Chino-Corona Rd. Corona CA. 92880 Facility: C-I-W

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
<u>see attached</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

h) List of all the offences, County of conviction, sentences and date of offences :

PC 212.5 (a) Robbery First degree 6 years

PC 459. Burglary First degree 1 year 4 months

12022.53 (b) Enhancement (Use of fire Arm.)
10 years

12022.5 (a) Enhancement (Use of fire Arm.)
3 years 4 months.

Date of the offenses: 01/09/2010

County of convictions: Stanislaus

2)

I am serving 20 years 8 months for First-degree Robbery, First-degree Burglary and Two-gun Enhancements. The crime occurred in January 9th, 2010 however, there was a lot of errors made in court. My public defendant at that time did not give me the opportunity to speak for my self in court, nor my witnesses had the opportunity to testify on my behalf. The surveillance video they had as evidence was never reviewed by a surveillance specialist, date on video it's wrong, it read January 8th, 2010 once again crime occurred January 9th, 2010.

(see attach video documents.)
On the police report witnessed had said the suspects were all men. During my arrest a fire arm was never found, however I was charged with gun enhancements.

3)

Even though I did not commit this crime, I have been incarcerated 8 years 4 months. I have spent my time rehabilitating my self by taking self help groups, updating my work skills, education, language skills, spiritual programs, social skills and participating in community improvement.

(see attachments.)

4)

Even though I was wrongfully convicted I didn't get angry, I chose to see it as an opportunity to grow, become a better person and make better choices in life. I've learned a lot of coping skills by taking self help groups, learning from my sponsors and my peers, I've been disciplinary free all these time and I just want the opportunity to go home with my son and my mother that is sick.

Unfortunately my father passed away in May 22, 2017. I didn't have the chance to see him again, if opportunity to go home I will be the one to take care of my mother and son.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Richard Bach

In 1984, Richard Bach's friend approached him about a plan to kill his mother and stepfather, Sandra Capogreco and Wayne Donahue. On May 15, 1984, Mr. Bach and his friend went into the family home through an unlocked door. While Mr. Bach started stealing property from the house, his friend went upstairs and shot his mother and stepfather, killing them. On April 12, 1985, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Bach to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus two years for grand theft.

Mr. Bach has now been incarcerated for over 34 years. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I am no longer the immature, misguided and disrespectful person I was back in 1984. . . . The massive amount of grief that I have caused by my actions cannot be undone for them nor myself." Mr. Bach showed genuine remorse for his actions, and described his dedication to becoming a better person since participating in this crime.

Mr. Bach is now 60 years old and has shown a long-term commitment to rehabilitation. During more than three decades of incarceration, he has only been disciplined five times, and has never been involved in gang activity or violence in prison. He earned his GED and a vocational certification, and has participated in self-help programs including Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, and Epictetus Club. Mr. Bach has maintained an impressive work record and developed many skills through his work assignments. He routinely receives excellent ratings from his supervisors. One staff member praised Mr. Bach's work ethic and wrote, "Inmate Bach was a highly-dependable, hard-working library clerk. . . . I could depend on him for handling his job and informing me of any job issues that he could not resolve himself. He also served as a great role model for other inmate library clerks." Mr. Bach was also a founding member of Veterans Empowered To Serve, a volunteer group that raised money for community organizations. Mr. Bach has a solid plan in place in the event of his release – he will live in a transitional housing or veterans housing program, and seek a job in one of the vocational trades he has worked in for years.

There is no question that Mr. Bach participated in an extremely serious crime as a young man. But since then, he has demonstrated a lasting commitment to turning away from violence and turning his life around. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that he can make his case to Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Richard Bach to a total of 34 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Richard L. Bach Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1958 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: PO Box 4000 / 020-16-5L S LANA CSP VACAVILLE CA. 95696

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
NONE			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

ON MAY 15, 1984 (5/15/84), I COMMITTED THE CRIME OF TAKING THE LIVES OF SANDRA CAPOGRECO AND WYANE DONHUE. THIS WAS DONE WHILE THEY SLEPT IN THEIR BED AT 108 HARTNELL PLACE. I ALSO REMOVED ITEMS FROM THE RESIDENCE IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THEY WERE KILLED WHILE A THEFT OF THEIR HOUSE HAPPENED. (SEE ATTACHED PAGES)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I AM ASKING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A COMMUTATION OF MY JUST SENTENCE FROM (LVOP) LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE, TO HOPEFULLY A LESSER LIFE TERM. AT THIS TIME I DO NOT FEEL THAT A PARDON WOULD BE A JUST CORRECTION. I DESERVE TO BE IN PRISON FOR A PRESCRIBED AMOUNT OF TIME. (SEE ATTACHED PAGES)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

AT THIS PRESENT TIME, I BELIEVE THAT ALL OF US WHO ARE SERVING TIME SHOULD WORK, IF NOT FOR ANY OTHER REASON THAN TO LEARN A GOOD WORK ETHIC. (SEE ATTACHED PAGES)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I DID NOT ENLIST ASSISTANCE FROM ANYONE IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS FORM.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Richard LEE Beck declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of SACRAMENTO with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Richard L. Beck

Applicant's Signature

3-30-18

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

② I committed these cowardly acts with the assistance of Sandra's son, [REDACTED]. This does not excuse me from my culpability in these actions. I had no right to commit such an act upon these people nor their families.

③ I am no longer the immature, misguided and disrespectful person I was back in 1984.

In the time that I have spent within the CDCR, one of the things I enjoy, is teaching others the knowledge I have acquired. If they listen, they will find a better way, and more positive thinking. Some of the skills I have taught myself and others, includes knowing when to shut my pie-hole. Take a breath and try to think things through before acting. Also, I have learned, a little bit of mindfulness goes along way, as to one keeping a job and shows others a work-ethic that will be of benefit to them in so many ways. A person may grow up and learn to help others at the same time. When you help others learn something new, you also help yourself spiritually and physically.

Learning to apply myself through active thought and actionable work is a much better way to walk the path of a person who is not only helping to be engaged by others, but enjoys the interaction of stimulating ones own gray-matter as opposed to bumping my gums just to hear my teeth chatter.

The massive amount of grief that I have caused by my actions cannot be undone for them nor myself. I have lived my life attempting to be a better person, than the one whom defiles the beautiful thing that is life. I have never forgotten the rotten soulless deed that I committed, as this still haunts my dreams, and will do so for the rest of my natural life.

I woefully regret my participation in this dishonorable act. Coupled with the loss of raising my own family, this weighs very heavily upon my being, as I am not able to protect my daughters from all the bad things and people in their lives. This is as a result of my deadbeat actions, that both of my daughters grew up without a stable father figure within the household. I cheated myself and my family out of the respect that comes from being a productive member of society...

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AND AT THE PRESENT TIME, DUE TO THE CURRENT RULES REGARDING EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE C.D.C.R. I.E: P.I.A. AND CAL. P.I.A, ANYBODY WHOM HAS A SENTENCE OF (LWP) IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO WORK WITHIN P.I.A.. EVEN THOUGH I CURRENTLY HAVE (18 YEARS) EXPERIENCE WORKING FOR P.I.A. UNDER THE OLD RULES UP TO 2012.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION REGARDING THIS MATTER.

Sincerely

Richard LEE Bach D06464
P.O. Box 4000 / D 24-16-5L
CSP SOLANO
VACAVILLE, CA. 95696

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Geraldo Bascomb

In January 2000, Geraldo Bascomb and his crime partner forcefully entered the apartment of James Moser to commit a robbery. While Mr. Bascomb ransacked Mr. Moser's home for drugs and valuables, his crime partner shot and killed Mr. Moser. On January 19, 2006, the San Bernardino Superior Court sentenced Mr. Bascomb to 25 years to life for murder and two years to life for assault with a firearm – a total of 27 years to life.

Mr. Bascomb was 21 years old when he committed this crime and has now been incarcerated for over 15 years. During an interview with a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Mr. Bascomb took full responsibility for his crime, expressed sincere remorse, and discussed his road to positive rehabilitation. Mr. Bascomb stated, "My goal is to leave people and places I meet better than I found them." He has adopted the following mantra: "Things will be fine in due time; stand tall through it all."

To his credit, Mr. Bascomb has only incurred two rules violations during his entire prison term. A chaplain wrote the following about Mr. Bascomb's behavior in prison: "Mr. Bascomb has always led by example, and in doing so, he brings a unique practical leadership skills and professional integrity. When coupled with his spiritual maturity and willingness to make sacrifices, [he] sets an outstanding standard of personal conduct that aids in fostering a safe, peaceful, and healthy spiritual environment where individuals may grow and thrive in their spiritual walk." In addition to his work in the chapel, Mr. Bascomb has been the lead commercial painter at his prison since 2017. He has furthered his education by earning his Business Literacy Certificate from Palo Verde College, as well as a vocational training certificate in office services. Mr. Bascomb has also participated in self-help classes, including Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Victim Awareness, Alternatives to Violence, and Getting Out by Going In. Upon his release he plans to work with victims in the community, find employment, and support his wife and family.

Mr. Bascomb committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Bascomb has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of G3raldo Basc3mb to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.



I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name BASCOMB		FIRST Name GERALDO		MIDDLE Name CROLL	
Date of Birth 78	Place of Birth BELLFLOWER CALIFORNIA	Social Security Number [REDACTED]	Prison Number # F13633		

Current Residence

Address IRONWOOD STATE PRISON P.O. BOX 2199		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. C5-201	
City BLYTHE	State CALIFORNIA	Zip code 92226	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Commutation of current sentence | <input type="radio"/> Pardon based upon innocence |
| <input type="radio"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome | <input type="radio"/> Compassionate Release | <input type="radio"/> Other |

Why are you requesting clemency?

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense MURDER + ASSAULT			
Date of offense JANUARY 28TH 2000	Date of conviction OCTOBER 21ST 2005	Arresting agency URLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT	County of conviction SAN BERNARDINO
Superior court case number FMV-028738	Your trial attorney's name and address JAMES BROWN 10788 CIVIL CENTER DRIVE RANCHO CUCAMONIA, CA 91730	Sentence 27 YEARS TO LIFE	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? NONE

Did you appeal your case? Yes No

If yes, appellate case number and status of case
APPEAL # ED39784 / CASE WAS DENIED APPEAL RELIEF

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II.

REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY

Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
Complete this section if you are presently in prison and you are currently due a gradual condition

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:

Your current physician's name:

Physician's address:

Physician's telephone number:

Have you applied to the Department of Corrections or the Board of Prison Terms for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? Yes No

What was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION
Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a certificate of rehabilitation under Penal Code section 485201.

Give a brief account of your offense.

Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.

Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)

When were you discharged from probation or parole?

Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.

Why are you requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE
Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based on innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

COMMITTEE PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME
Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based on battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMITTEE ON SENTENCE
Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and are requesting a change to a more reasonable sentence above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

I RECEIVED A LIFE SENTENCE EVEN THOUGH MY ACCOMPLICE ACCIDENTLY
PULLED THE TRIGGER AND SHOT A MAN DURING A STRUGGLE. THIS IS MY FIRST
CONVICTION AND I HAVE ALREADY BENEFITTED FROM THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. 2

Have you sought relief from the courts? (G.O.D. • A.A. • N.A. • ANGER MANAGEMENT • VOLATION • COLLEGE)

I ALSO SOUGHT RELIEF FROM THE COURTS, BUT I WAS DENIED.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Daniel Batchelder

On February 24, 2012, Daniel Batchelder was driving with Francisco Limon. When Mr. Batchelder pulled up next to a car occupied by Ever Ubaldio Cruz and Jaime Mejia, Mr. Limon pulled out a gun and fired into Mr. Cruz' car, striking Mr. Cruz in the neck, killing him. On June 24, 2013, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Batchelder to five years for attempted murder plus an additional 10-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Batchelder was 19 years old when he committed this offense. Upon reception into state prison, he immediately disassociated from gangs. He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that his allegiances had been misplaced and that ultimately it is his family, and not gang members, that deserves his loyalties. He reflected, "Look at where I am, look at where [the gang] brought me."

Once he got to prison, Mr. Batchelder immediately looked to take advantage of opportunities to better himself. He worked hard in adult basic education until he was able to earn his high school diploma. Then, he enrolled in college courses. Mr. Batchelder has been disciplined just once and has never been involved with alcohol or drugs in prison. He fully participated in rehabilitative programs such as Anger Management, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Victim Awareness, Domestic Violence, Celebrate Recovery, Timeless, and Narcotics Anonymous. One program sponsor for the Victim Awareness Offender Program noted that during discussions, Mr. Batchelder "shared personal experiences and openly accepted feedback from the other group members."

The senseless killing of Mr. Cruz was a grave crime. I am moved by Mr. Batchelder's proven desire to turn his life around and his expressions of remorse. He has demonstrated growth in prison by resisting the substantial pressure to participate in gangs, violence, and drugs. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Batchelder has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Daniel Batchelder so he is eligible for parole consideration by January 1, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Daniel Batchelder Date of Birth: [redacted] 92 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: Pleasant Valley State Prison P.O. Box 9500 Coalinga, CA 93210

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 664/187(A)	2-24-12	SAN JOAQUIN	5 years
PC 12022.53(B)(E)(1)	2-24-12	SAN JOAQUIN	10 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see Attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I have done this on my own.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Daniel Batchelder, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of San Joaquin with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

1-29-17
Date

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

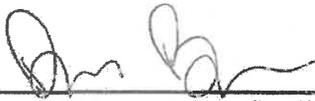
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Joaquin County: Please take notice that I, Daniel Batchelder,
was convicted of the crime of PC 664/187(A), PC 12022.53(B)(E)(1),
committed in San Joaquin County, California, on the date of 2-24-2012.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: AP7176.



Applicant's Signature

1-29-17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

2. I am requesting a commutation for the above offences. I only pled guilty to the Attempted Murder which was the passenger who did not get shot. I was not aware of the crime that was going to take place that day and two men that were there in my car testified and said that I (Daniel Batchelder) was never aware of the crime that was going to take place. I was giving those men a ride when I was at work, I was a delivery man for a Chinese food restaurant and they were all sitting behind me in the back seat and one of the men behind me shot once at another man in the car next to us at a stoplight and killed the driver.

3. I am requesting a commutation because I was never aware of the crime I am now incarcerated for was going to take place when it happened. Since I have been incarcerated I have been doing well to change my life around for the better and rehabilitating myself and taking advantage of all that is positively offered to me. Such as rehabilitative programs, schooling, college, and working.

I have attached many chronos and milestones I have recieved so far while being incarcerated.

4. I feel I should be granted a Commutation because with my time of being incarcerated I have been doing really well and I'm still continuing to rehabilitate myself. I am no longer involved with any gangs but I am now a drop out. I have recently graduated high school and completed 6 classes and currently awaiting my high school diploma. I'm also now a student of Coastline Community College and going for my business degree. I graduated Victims awareness rehabilitative group/class, and I have many Criminal gang members anonymous group Chronos as well as Narcotics Anonymous Chronos. I have a really great hard working job as a Canteen Clerk. Doing this time of incarceration has allowed me to take advantage of all these programs, groups, and schooling that will benefit my life when I am out of prison, also preparing me to succeed, and I know I will because I have taken the first step of doing all these things while being incarcerated. So I know when I am out of prison I have properly prepared myself.

5. I have done this on my own.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Charles Batiste

On November 10, 1989, Charles Batiste and his co-defendant walked by Beatrix Sullivan's house and later returned to commit a burglary. When Mr. Batiste saw Ms. Sullivan, he struck her in the head with a piece of wood, causing her to fall, then struck her two more times in the head, killing her. On October 9, 1990, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Batiste to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Batiste is currently 53 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly three decades. During an interview with a Board investigator, Mr. Batiste explained that "he is remorseful and has grown as an individual, he is more respectful of others." He added that he "could not justify the crimes he committed and is seeking a commutation for a 'second chance at life.'" Mr. Batiste explained that he can "be a good citizen and wants to give back to his community and would like to make amends for what he has done to prove to himself that he can be a productive member of society."

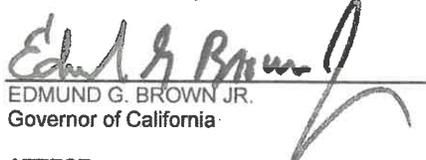
Despite his lengthy incarceration, Mr. Batiste has left his life of violence behind, receiving his last rules violation over 20 years ago. Mr. Batiste received exceptional ratings from work supervisors while working as a teacher's aide, clerk, and porter. He has taken self-help programs including, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Peace Makers, Men for Honor, and Bible Study. In 2017, Mr. Batiste was commended by a Men for Honor sponsor for his successful completion of the personal development class where he was "an attentive student who engaged with the rest of the class to make positive comments and insightful observations." In 2015, a correctional counselor commended Mr. Batiste for his participation in the Progressive Programming Facility noting that Mr. Batiste's "behavior is indicative of a positive orientation."

I do not discount the seriousness of this crime, but it is clear that Mr. Batiste has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct in prison and his separation from violent behavior. I believe Mr. Batiste has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so they can determine whether he is ready to be released from prison.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Charles Batiste to a total of 29 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Charles Batiste Jr. Date of Birth: [redacted] 65 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: # E-74027 FAC A2-219 CSP-LAC P.O. Box 8457 LANCASTER CALIF 93539-0457

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
NA	NA	NA	

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was convicted of the crime(s) of Calif Penal code 187; 211; 459 in Long Beach Calif.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): I am requesting a commutation of sentence as because I accept my personal responsibility for my actions in the tragedy. The term of life without the possibility of parole is constitutionally disproportionate in relation to the factors of my case for a first term commitment with no prior criminal record.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary): I should be granted a commutation of my sentence as #1 I am currently 51 years of age, #2 I am remorseful for my actions, #3 I am a first term, #4 my rehabilitative record demonstrates continual progress, #5 the (COCR) through its validated (CSRA) identified me as "Low Risk" to Public Safety & Less likely to reoffend once released.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No money paid or given. Prepared by Petitioner.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Charles BATISTE JR declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Charles Batiste Jr

Applicant's Signature

28 MAY 2017

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Charles Batiste,
was convicted of the crime of Calif Penal Code 187, 211,
committed in Long Beach County, California, on the date of 9 OCT 1990.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: E-74027.

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Charles Batiste 12 April 2017
Applicant's Signature Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Wynn #10, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Charles Batiste,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Wynn

Date 4/27/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Joseph Bell

In July 1995, Marcus Blueford and Joseph Bell went to Raul Dulanias' apartment to use rock cocaine. Mr. Blueford and Mr. Dulanias began arguing and a fight ensued. Law enforcement found Mr. Dulanias in his apartment, bound with duct tape around his head and neck. He died of asphyxiation. On November 8, 1996, the San Francisco County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Bell to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

The jury foreman from the trial wrote: "We believed from the testimony that the two defendants and the victim were engaged in conversation, visiting with each other on a social basis and that some type of argument or disagreement occurred leading to the death of the victim. This is why we found both defendants not guilty of burglary . . . if such a time comes when the law changes I would like this letter to reach some parole board in order to assist Marcus Blueford and Joe Bell in changing the possible outcome of their future; not having to spend the rest of their life in prison."

Mr. Bell has now been incarcerated for over 24 years. In 2008, Mr. Bell founded a program for at-risk youth called Education, Diversion, and Goals to Endeavor (EDGE). This program was designed to "steer at risk youth away from criminal activity and violence by guiding them into a positive direction and encouraging them to make dramatic life-altering changes in their thinking." A correctional lieutenant praised Mr. Bell for founding this program, writing, "Bell is the founder of EDGE and should be commended for his development of the program and has permission to start EDGE at another prison, if feasible."

In addition to his work with juvenile offenders and at-risk youth, Mr. Bell has earned his A.A. degree from Lassen College. He has worked as a literacy tutor and teacher's aide for two years. A librarian commended Bell for his "awesome" work in the library as a clerk. His "calm demeanor helped resolve any potential issues with inmates."

Mr. Bell has also participated in self-help courses such as Relapse Prevention and Creative Conflict Resolution. Mr. Bell's psychologist wrote the following regarding his rehabilitation, "I have offered to write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Bell because I believe he exemplifies an inmate who has used his time in prison wisely to become a very valuable and worthwhile person. I strongly believe that he would be an asset to any community into which he might parole." If released, Mr. Bell has the support of his wife, mother, and host of family members.

Mr. Bell committed a serious and violent crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his concerted efforts toward rehabilitation in prison, including creating a program to deter at-risk youth from entering prison. As a result, I believe that Mr. Bell has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Joseph Bell to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Recvd. 9-18-15

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Joseph Bell Jr. Date of Birth: [redacted] 68 Inmate ID: K-30059

Address: CSP-SOLANO, P.O. Box 4000 Vacaville, Ca. 95696 Facility: 7-235

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
Not applicable			
Not applicable			
Not applicable			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was convicted along with a codefendant for robbery/murder while "engaged in conversation, visiting with each other on a social basis and some type of argument or disagreement occurred leading to the death of the victim"; Raul P. Dulanas. (please see attached Jury Foreman letter)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation of time because I have been incarcerated for 20 years and have applied CDCR's rehabilitative programs to my life and would ask that it be taken into consideration that this is my first and only conviction.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

While incarcerated I have helped over 300 at-risk youth, earned a college degree and Microsoft Office Specialist certification and if given the opportunity, I know I could be an asset to at-risk communities in steer our troubled youth away from a life of crime. (see attached, founder of E.D.G.E. program reduced crime)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

**STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

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I, Joseph Bell Jr., declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)

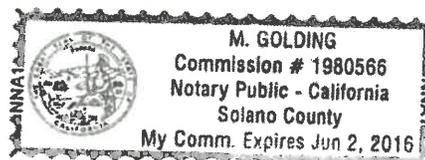
California that I have served the District Attorney of San Francisco with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Joseph Bell Jr.
Applicant's Signature

September 15, 2015
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)



M. Golding, notary public

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Francisco County:

Please take notice that I Joseph Bell Jr., ²⁰¹ was convicted of the crime of murder/robbery, committed in San Francisco County, California on the date of July 13, 1995. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Joseph Bell Jr.
Applicant's Signature

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September 4, 2015
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, George Gascon, District Attorney of the County of San Francisco do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Joseph Bell, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Based on the attached letter, I oppose this application for clemency.

Signed [Signature]

Date 7-8-16

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capital, Sacramento, CA 95814

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Sean Benge

In 2004, Sean Benge's uncle was having an affair with a woman who was married to Steven Brown. Mr. Benge's uncle repeatedly asked that Mr. Benge hurt Mr. Brown on his behalf. On January 4, 2005, Mr. Benge went to Mr. Brown's home, fought with him, and shot and killed him. On March 13, 2009, the Stanislaus County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Benge to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Benge applied for a commutation based on his good record in prison and his rehabilitation. In his clemency application, he wrote, "I have been locked up for 13 years and have never been in trouble. I have been going to self-help groups and feel like I am ready to do more positive things with my life." Mr. Benge hoped to be given a sentence that would allow him to earn higher wages in prison and pay his restitution. Indeed, Mr. Benge has never been disciplined for any misconduct during more than a decade of incarceration. He has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence in prison. He earned his GED and has maintained a positive work record, earning excellent ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Benge's correctional counselor described him as someone who focused on his work and stayed out of trouble, and characterized him as a good candidate for a commutation of sentence.

Many people sentenced to life without the possibility of parole give up hope and lose themselves in drugs, gangs, and violence. Faced with such a sentence, Mr. Benge has instead shown a commitment to rehabilitating himself. I understand that this crime was devastating to Mr. Brown's family, and that they continue to experience a profound sense of loss. However, I cannot overlook Mr. Benge's hard work in turning his life around in prison. I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that, years from now, the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Sean Benge to a total of 25 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Sean Bengel Date of Birth: [redacted]-78 Inmate ID: G66844

Address: PO BOX 92, Chowchilla, CA 93610 Facility: Valley State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
P.C. 187	Jan 2005	Stanislaus	LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I went to a guys house to beat him up. I took a gun for safety and I ended up shooting him dead. I got Life Without the chance for Parole.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I would like to get a sentence reduction down to 25-Life. I still have another 25 to life after that for a gun enhancement. It would still be almost impossible to get out, but I would be able to get a job in prison easier. With a PTA job I would be able to pay my state ordered restitution.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have been locked up for 13 years and have never been in trouble. I have been going to self-help groups and feel like I am ready to do more positive things with my life.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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I, Sean R Benge, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Stanislaus with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Sean R Benge
Applicant's Signature

1-21-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Stanislaus County: Please take notice that I, Sean Benge,

was convicted of the crime of P.C. 187 Murder 1st Degree,

committed in Stanislaus County, California, on the date of 11-13-08.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Sean R Benge

Applicant's Signature

1-11-17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, BIRGIT FLADGER, District Attorney of the County of STANISLAUS,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from SEAN BENGE,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

[Signature]

Date

1-28-17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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Notice of Intention to Apply for Commutation of Sentence

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jessie Biggs

Jessie Biggs' friend offered him money to kill her husband, Monty Anderson, because she was being abused. In December 1981, Mr. Biggs shot Mr. Anderson in the neck, killing him. On June 3, 1983, the Yuba County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Biggs to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus a three year firearm enhancement.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Biggs accepted full responsibility for killing his victim and for the lives destroyed in the commission of this crime. Mr. Biggs admitted to having made "bad mistakes" as a youth, but also expressed his desire to become a productive member of society. He said, "I have spent many years in prison rebuilding myself in every way I can."

Mr. Biggs' behavior in prison reflects his remorse and subsequent rehabilitation. Over the span of 36 years, Mr. Biggs has incurred only three rules violations. He has maintained employment and satisfactory work ratings for over 17 years. He has also participated in self-help classes: including Alcoholics Anonymous, Breaking Barriers, and Partnership for Reentry. He facilitates Victim Awareness classes, and writes letters to young people about his life experiences.

Correctional staff has noted Mr. Biggs' rehabilitation—six correctional officers commended Mr. Biggs for his positive attitude, dependability, positive rapport with fellow prisoners, and excellent attendance. His work supervisor wrote, "Biggs has shown positive programming and sets a good example to his fellow co-workers." A correctional chaplain also wrote in support of commutation. Of Mr. Biggs rehabilitation, the chaplain wrote, "For about 30 years now, Biggs has faithfully attended Bible-based meeting . . . his years of continued, sincere progress and a complete personality change are exemplary and I truly believe permanent." Mr. Biggs also has the support of his wife of 25 years.

Additionally, Mr. Biggs' application has been reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Biggs.

Mr. Biggs committed senseless crime, but it is clear that he has spent his years in prison reflecting on his crime and taking positive steps toward rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Biggs has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

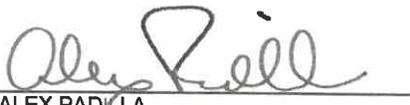
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jessie Biggs to a total of 36 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
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Dear Governor Brown,

I hope and pray that you read this letter. I made terrible choices when I was young. True, all youngsters make mistakes, but I made some very bad ones. I started smoking cigarettes when I was 9 years old, I started smoking pot when I was 13, and started using a needle when I was 15 years old. I was passed around from one family member and foster homes after another. I felt unloved and unlovable. I was in and out of C.Y.A. and prisons. On December 14th, 1981, I took a man's life. I was arrested February 11th, 1982, at 26 years of age. For the first time in my life, I accept full responsibility for my actions. As a young teenager and a young adult, I hated the world for my bad life, and blamed everybody else for my problems. I am very sorry for the harm I caused others. Through my faith, self-help groups, and alot of soul searching, I have learned to be a better person, to think before I act. I know that if ever given a chance, I would be an honest, productive citizen of society. I have matured and grown into a responsible man. I have been married to my current wife for 25 years, and she loves me and wants me to come home. I will be 62 years old on April 7th, 2017. Sometime in 2014, I filed a petition to your office to have my life without parole sentence changed to life with the possibility of parole. I never heard from your office. I have been clean and sober for 30 years, and I have no desire to use drugs or to drink alcohol again. The groups I have taken, A.A., Breaking Barriers, and Victims Awareness have helped me have the tools I need to be a good person. I avoid people who use drugs and drink alcohol, because I don't want them as my circle of friends. Please give me a chance to appear before the parole board to prove that I am a changed man. I am not bitter and resentful for being a prisoner, I put myself in here. I respect the man I have become. There is a big difference in thinking and being 26 years old, than thinking and being a 62 year old. I am so much different and much more mature. I am very sorry for all the harm I have caused others.

I humbly ask that your consider removing my life without to a possibility. That way, I can at least have a chance to prove to society that I am a changed man and forever will be. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Jesse Ray Biggs

Jesse Ray Biggs

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jesse RAY Biggs Date of Birth: 55 Inmate ID: C-67525

Address: MULE CREEK STATE PRISON Facility: E YARD, LEVEL 2

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<u>See ATTACHED #1</u>			
<u>See</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See ATTACHED #2

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See ATTACHED #3

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See ATTACHED #4

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NONE

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, JESSE RAY BIGGS, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name) ~~YUBA~~
have served the District Attorney of the County of YUBA with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jesse Ray Biggs
Applicant's Signature

August 21st 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Penal 17

Case 2055-14

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of YUBA County: Please take notice that I, JESSE RAY BIGGS,

was convicted of the crime of MURDER, with special circumstance, for financial gain,

committed in YUBA County, California, on the date of DEC, 14th, 1981

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I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

AUG 28 2017
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Jesse Ray Biggs
Applicant's Signature

8-20-2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Patrick J. McGrath, District Attorney of the County of Yuba,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Jesse Ray Biggs,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date August 24, 2017

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

(ATTACHMENT #2

On DECEMBER 14th, 1981, I took the life of MONTY ANDERSON. I showed him no mercy, yet I ask for me mercy myself. I did not wake up that morning knowing I was going to murder MR. ANDERSON, however, my choices that day led up to his murder. I spent the day drinking whiskey because I could not deal with my emotions in a healthy way. Alcohol became my coping skill.

While I was drinking I kept ruminating about what CAROLINE ANDERSON, MR. ANDERSONS wife had told me about Mr. Anderson, that he was abusive to her and the children, had put a gun to her head, and threatened to kill her and the children. These thoughts continued to go through my mind all day with the request from Mrs. Anderson to kill Mr. Anderson. The more angry I got, the more I felt I did not have any other options, I began to corner myself in my own mind. I started to rationalize killing Mr. Anderson until I went to thier house and finally shot him in cold blood. I then tried to cover up this murder so that I could avoid being held responsible. I lied, refused to cooperate with the authorities and denied responsibility.

I killed Mr. Anderson in cold blood with no regard for his life, how it would impact his family, friends neighbors, or community.

I committed this senseless murder for \$500.00, but the real reason I committed this murder was because I was an angry, damaged human. The underlying issues that I was not aware of at this time are the real reasons I was able to take Mr. Andersons life. These issues no longer control me or influence my decisions or behaviors.

(ATTACHMENT # 3)

I am requesting a commutation of my sentence so that I may have the opportunity to appear before the board of parole hearings to possibly show that I may be a reasonable candidate for parole.

I am requesting this because I want the opportunity to prove that I am no longer that person, that I have grown and changed and that I am no longer a threat or risk to society.

(ATTACHMENT#4)

I believe that I should be granted parole because I have completely changed who I AM SINCE I took Mr. Andersons life. I have spent many years in prison rebuilding myself in every way I can.

Among the things that have changed about me is that I have become empathic towards others. My life is spent loving people through the word of God, his word has become my guiding light, my principles and values are built on his word. This has opened my eyes to the pain and suffering I have caused others with my choices and actions and this realization is shameful and heart breaking.

Through self-help and my faith I have learned many things about myself and why I was capable and willing to kill Mr. Anderson for money. This has led me to committ myself to God and living my life in his image. This has allowed or required me to evaluate my beliefs in an honest way and that has led me to an entirely new way of thinking , new beliefs, new habits, new friends, new ways to communicate and new ways to deal with the stressors and challenges of life. This new way of living my life truly began in 1987 when I started making fundamehtal changes that have led me to be who and what I am now, which is a good, kind, compassionate, empathic, loving, patient person that values not only my life, but the lives, rights, and beliefs of others. This has required a lot time, hard work and honesty, but it has been well worth it.

I am seeking only the opportunity to show the board of parole hearings panel that I have changed, that the young man I was in 1981 is no longer the man I am today. I want to show that I have dealt with the underlying issues thatm that caused me to take Mr. Andersons life.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

John Butterfield

In May 1981, John Butterfield, Larry Boone, Timothy Walder, and Jamie Lauer kidnapped and robbed Robert Kimberly. Mr. Kimberly was beaten and stabbed but fortunately survived. Mr. Butterfield and his crime partners then went to Raymond Martin's home where Mr. Butterfield and his crime partners stabbed Mr. Martin multiple times, killing him. The group then ransacked the house. On July 30, 1982, the Los Angeles Superior Court sentenced Mr. Butterfield to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Butterfield seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, Mr. Butterfield reported that he has had a large amount of time to reflect on his life and the impact of his actions. He wrote, "I have worked one on one, in great depth with professional mental health counselors and addiction specialist." He continued, "The severity of my crimes and disregard for others is a thing that haunts me, yet also pushes me to improve myself and grow from the naïve, selfish child I was into an adult that an average person wouldn't have to worry about living next to."

During the more than three decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Butterfield has indeed been dedicated to transforming his life. He has been drug and alcohol-free for over 29 years. He has been violence-free for over 30 years. Mr. Butterfield earned a GED and is working towards an A.A. degree. He has also taken advantage of multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Al Anon, and Breaking Barriers.

Based on his exemplary conduct in prison and his commitment to his sobriety and self-improvement, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Butterfield's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of John Butterfield to a total of 37 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Butterfield John T JR. Date of Birth: 1961 Inmate ID: C-51496

Address: P.O. Box 409086 Ione CA. Facility: Mule Creek State Prison MCIC

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<i>NO PRIOR CONVICTIONS</i>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation of my sentence for a series of crimes that were committed during one evening. Though separate in event, they are still inter-related in conviction.
Please see attached, page 2.a.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

My request for a commutation from life without parole to life with is in hopes that I may appear before a parole board, and be judged on what I have done in prison.
Please see attached, page 3.a

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

The reason I'm requesting consideration is, what I did occurred when I was 19, naive and didn't have the foresight to fully understand the true consequences of my actions to my victims.
Please see attached, page 4.a

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NO ASSISTANCE.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Butterfield John T JR, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

John T Butterfield
Applicant's Signature

8-26-2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County: Please take notice that I, John T Butterfield Jr.

was convicted of the crime of 187 A MURDER/Robbery CASE No. A148449

committed in Palmdale LOS ANGELES County, California, on the date of May 23 1981

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

John T Butterfield
Applicant's Signature

8-14-2018
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steve Frankice, District Attorney of the County of LA

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from JOHN BUTTERFIELD

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

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LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Signed [Signature]

Date 8-27-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Application for commutation of sentence.

"Briefly describe the circumstances of the crimes for which you are requesting a commutation"

On the night of May 22, 1981, myself and three co-defendants went on a crime spree resulting in the kidnap, robbery and attempted murder of Mr Robert Kimberly and the subsequent murder and robbery of Mr. Ray Martin.

The robbery/kidnap was a result of going to Mr Kimberly's hotel room to sell him his D. The 5 of us myself, my co-defendants, and Mr. Kimberly then agreed to go to his friends house to "party".

Along the way we stopped to buy beer to take with us.

While we were in the liquore store it was noticed by Mr Boone (co-defendant) that Mr Kimberly had a substantial amount of money on him. This caused Boone to tell me "We're robbing this guy, you drive" We all get back in to the car on the pretext of continuing to our destination

As we drive Boone pulls out a pellet gun and starts in with the usual robbery type dialogue. I'm told to drive to a water tower someplace out in the Mojave desert. When we arrive the car doors come open, Mr Kimberly sprints out in the desert quickly followed by Boone and Walder.

After about 15 minutes they return, congratulating each other and informing me and Mr LAVER that "Hey's Dead", lets get out of here

later that same evening we meet Mr Ray Martin at a different liquore store and he invites us over to his and his roommate place to have a few beers and talk about a motorcycle deal his room-mate had made with me that there was "bad" feelings behind, held by both sides.

The final outcome, after much heated discussion, was Mr Martin getting hit in the back of the head with a hammer, kicked in the face by me and stabbed by Mr. Walder. The house was ransacked, guns and other items were taken and Mr. Martin was left on the floor to die.

It is my fault Ray Martin died. I had said to Boone and Walder

when Mr. Martin left the room for some reason

"Screw it, let's just kill him"

This statement has not come to light before. I feel I need to say it now in order to show responsibility for what I did, and what my roll really was in Ray Martin's murder.

I've tried to keep this as brief as possible which makes it all seem very simple and cold blooded, which it was. There is no other way to look at that night and those events.

3. a

Application for commutation of sentence

"Explain why you are requesting a commutation."

Butterfield C-51496

I realize nothing in my power will bring Mr Ray Martin back to his life and loved ones, nor ease the mental and physical suffering of Mr Bob Kimberly.

This being said, I can only hope that in some way I can make amends for my crimes.

Thirty Seven years ago was a long time. I have regretted my actions and outlook on life then, every day of my sentence. I'm older and wiser now.

Application for commutation of sentence

"Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation"

During my years of incarceration I have had large amounts of time to myself, my life and my actions. I have worked with several self-help groups over the years. Also I have worked one on one, in great depth with professional mental health counselors and addiction specialist through the mental health programs made available to me.

The majority of my incarceration was spent under the impression that life without merit life without, commutations where unheard of. This being the case I spent my time working for the state and growing for personal reasons. I received a G.E.O early in my sentence, an AA degree in general education through Hartnell Jr college, then a vast amount of practical knowledge in the area of industrial maintenance through working with free staff in jobs requiring a great amount of trust by them towards me.

The severity of my crimes and disregard for others is a thing, that haunts me, yet also pushes me to improve myself and grow from the the naive self-fish child I was into an adult that an average person wouldn't have to worry about living next to.

In summation, this application only scratches the surface of who I am today, as I wanted to keep things brief. It is my belief that if there was a chance for the parole board to review my case and CDCR file, they would find me suitable for parole

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Roy Camenisch

On July 17, 1981, Roy Camenisch and Robert Mistriel, planned to rob Edwin Buck. That evening, Mr. Camenisch followed Mr. Buck and Mr. Mistriel in his car. Mr. Camenisch walked up to the car, and he and Mr. Mistriel stabbed and beat Mr. Buck, killing him. The two men then drove Mr. Buck's car and body back to his house, where they incinerated them. On May 17, 1983, the Kern County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Camenisch to life without the possibility of parole, plus a one-year firearm enhancement.

In his interview with a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Mr. Camenisch said, "There are no words that I can put on paper or say [to the family] to express how sorry I am . . . that this happened . . . that I took their family member's life . . . because words are just words. There are no words I can tell them to ease their feelings of loss. If I could go back in time to change what happened, I would. I think about this every day." In his application, he wrote, "Since I have been in prison, I have not repeated any of the actions (crimes) that caused me to be sent to prison. I have taught myself how to manage and deal with my anger through meditation. Now, I take the time to think about my actions, as well as what the consequences may be in the end."

Mr. Camenisch was 18 years old when he committed this crime. He is now 56 and has served almost four decades in prison – all of his adult life. Remarkably, Mr. Camenisch has not had any misconduct in 25 years. Mr. Camenisch has lived in the Progressive Program Facility since 2011. He has worked as a barber for many years and held positions in the California Prison Industry Authority laundry department, earning a certificate of expertise in commercial dryers. Mr. Camenisch has routinely received above average work ratings. He is currently participating in the self-help classes Getting Out by Going In and Insight.

Mr. Camenisch participated in a senseless and tragic crime. In the years since, he has demonstrated remorse for his actions and has used his 37 years of incarceration to reflect on the sorrow this crime caused the victim and the victim's family. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Camenisch has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Roy Camenisch to a total of 37 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ROY M. CAMENISCH Date of Birth: [REDACTED] '62 Inmate ID: C-666614

Address: Pelican Bay State Prison, P.O. Box 7500, Crescent City, Cal 95532-7000 Facility: (PBSP) "D"

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
NO FELONY ARRESTS PRIOR TO JULY 22 ND 1981			
SEE ATTACHMENT WITH ORIGINALLY BOOKED AND CHARGED WITH ON JULY 22 ND 1981			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

A discussion between myself, and my co-defendant about the beating of AN individual, AND the taking of his personal property. Which later, when things went sideways and out of control, lead to the death of the individual (Edwin Buck). And sometime after that occurred, the taking of his personal property did occur.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I'm a 55 year old "First Term" who has currently served nearly 3 1/2 years of a Life Without Term. Also, I do not have any felony arrests prior to the date indicated above, either as an adult or as a juvenile.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Since I have been in prison, I have not repeated any of the actions (crimes) that caused me to be sent to prison. I have taught myself how to manage, and deal with my anger through meditation. Now, I take the time to think about my actions, as well as what the consequences maybe in the end. Which I never

(Continued on page 3)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

NONE

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Roy Matthias Camenisch, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the District Attorney of KERN with notice of my intent to apply for a commutation.
(Print Full Name)
(Name of County*)

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Roy M. Camenisch
Applicant's Signature

3/12/18
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

Note: Notice of INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE
CEMENCY WAS MAILED TO: DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF
KERN COUNTY ON 3/8/18
1215 TRUXTON AVE, 4TH FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. 93301

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

To the District Attorney of KERN County:

Please take notice that I Roy M. Camenisch, was convicted of the crime of MURDER 1ST, committed in KERN County, California on the date of 7/17/81. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Roy M. Camenisch
Applicant's Signature

3/8/18
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Mark E. Pafford, ^{Chief} District Attorney of the County of Kern do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Roy M. Camenisch, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date 3/12/18

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

Originally Booked and Charged with on July 22ND 1981
for the following:

1 Count of Murder	July 17 th 1981	Life Without Parole
1 Count of Robbery	July 17 th 1981	
1 Count of Burglary	July 17 th 1981	
1 Count of Arson (Structure)	July 17 th 1981	(Dropped)
1 Count of Arson (Vehicle)	July 17 th 1981	(Dropped)
1 Count of Grand Theft Auto	July 17 th 1981	(Dropped)

I was my understanding the charges of Robbery and
Burglary were apart of the sentence of Life Without Parole.

4 Continued:

did before, because I was young and did not use my head to think, I just reacted. Not anymore, because I have learned there is always going to be consequences for what I do! Whether good or bad. I have also stayed away from the criminal element of prison gangs and drug trafficking. I have no gang ties or affiliations in, or outside of prison. I have also taught myself a viable trade that I can actually use on the streets, should I receive a commutation, and released back into society. The trade I am referring to is that of a barber. I am trying to find out if I can receive a certificate to show that.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Michael Caputo

In 1983, Michael Caputo and his crime partners, Bernard Gordon and Patrick Gordon, planned to rob an armored truck driver. After entering a department store, Mr. Caputo and Bernard Gordon stopped William Wiley, an armored truck driver, as he exited the store. Mr. Caputo shot Mr. Wiley, killing him. On July 27, 1988, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Caputo to life without the possibility of parole, plus a two year firearm enhancement.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Caputo wrote, "I am not the same selfish, greedy, and immature man I was 33 years ago. My priorities and values have changed. I believe I am mature enough now to be a useful, contributing member of society. . . . I know I can and will parole successfully because I never want to come back to prison."

Mr. Caputo is now 59 years old and has served 35 years in prison. Despite serving all of these years without the possibility of parole, Mr. Caputo has had only one rules violation. He has lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative opportunities, for five years. Mr. Caputo earned his paralegal certificate and two vocations. In addition to learning new skills and maintaining steady employment, Mr. Caputo has participated in self-help classes, including Alternatives to Violence, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Men for Honor.

Mr. Caputo has 19 years of work history and has routinely received satisfactory to exceptional work ratings from his supervisors. In 2013, a correctional officer wrote that Mr. Caputo had an "easy-going" demeanor and was pleasant to be around. The officer added "I feel that Caputo can have a definitive positive impact on any environment he comes in contact with."

Mr. Caputo committed a senseless crime, but it is clear he is not the same person he was when he first came to prison. His rehabilitation and exemplary behavior in prison leads me to believe he has earned the opportunity to present his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Michael Caputo to a total of 35 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Michael E Caputo Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 59 Inmate ID: D90944

Address: 44750 60th street west Facility: CSP-Los Angeles County

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<i>SEE ATTACHMENT #1</i>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHMENT #1

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHMENT #1

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

SEE ATTACHMENT #1 & 2

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No one paid or given gifts.

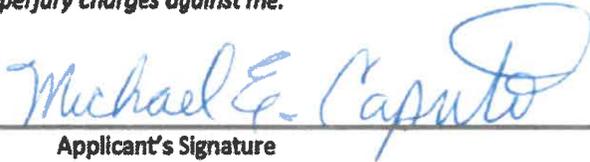
STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Michael E. Caputo, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of San Joaquin County with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

07/17/2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of SAN JOAQUIN County: Please take notice that I, MICHAEL E. CAPUTO, was convicted of the crime of MURDER, ROBBERY, USE OF A FIREARM. committed in SAN JOAQUIN County, California, on the date of DEC. 19, 1983.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: D-90944.

Michael E. Caputo Applicant's Signature Date 4/1/17

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Toni Verber Salazar, District Attorney of the County of San Joaquin, do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Michael Caputo that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Signed [Signature]
Date 4/10/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

ATTACHMENT #1

Michael E. Caputo: D.O.B. 7/24/59 CDCR#D90944

CSP-L.A.C. FAC."A" (2-234)

- | <u>Offense</u> | <u>Date of Offense</u> | <u>County of Conviction</u> | <u>Sentence</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Misc. DUI | 3/1983 | Liberty County, GA | Fine |
| Misc. DUI | Late 1983 | San Bernardino, CA | Five Weekends & Fine |
2. On 12-18-83, in front of holiday shoppers, I and my co-defendant simultaneously shot William Camp Wiley, a Loomis Armored Car Courier, four times, killing him prior to taking his handgun and money bag containing approximately \$60,000—then exited the store. This occurred in the city of Stockton, San Joaquin County, California. On July 27, 1988 I was sentenced for P.C. 187, P.C. 211, and 12022.5—receiving Life-Without-the-Possibility of Parole, plus five years (stayed) plus two years for Firearm Use.
3. I am not the same selfish, greedy, and immature man I was 33 years ago. My priorities and values have changed. I believe I am mature enough now to be a useful, contributing member of society. Being with my brother (Eugene Caputo) and his family (wife and two grown sons) and sharing in their lives is paramount to me. They will help me with emotional and financial support, as well as provide me a safe environment to live in. I never want to be locked up again—away from the people I love. I will follow all laws, rules, regulations, and suggestions to accomplish that. I also want to continue to explore my Catholic faith and attend A.A./N.A. meetings—whatever it takes and whatever is required of me.
4. I have served over 33 years of incarceration without serious 115's or 128's. I have numerous laudatory chronos for above average work performance in every job

Attachment #2

assignment I have had since 1990. I had above average grades in Silk-Screening and Carpentry vocational courses. I have donated silk-screen projects that were sold for charities and donated funds for various charities over the years. In addition, I have been in AA/NA programs for almost four years. (Please note all laudatory chronos in C-File) Moreover, I have been a participating member of this Progressive Programming Facility (PPF) yard for more than 6 years. Finally, I am currently participating in the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative, along with regularly attending Catholic services.

I know I can and will parole successfully because I never want to come back to prison. I will do whatever it takes to become a member of society again.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael E. Caputo

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Casey Carroll

In March 1992, during the commission of an attempted robbery, Casey Carroll and David Fitts shot Charles Dimmitt and Steven Watkins. Mr. Dimmitt was killed, and Mr. Watkins was struck twice but survived. On September 21, 1995, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Carroll to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a five-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Carroll was 19 when he committed this crime. He is now 45 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 25 years. During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Carroll said that at an early age, he learned to resolve conflict with violence. He also recalled that gangs were a part of his environment since elementary school. Mr. Carroll readily admitted being submerged in the gang lifestyle, including selling drugs and stealing. In his application for clemency, Mr. Carroll emphasized his rehabilitation. He wrote that he had to "look deep within myself, and honestly examine and identify everything that is ungodly, unlawful, unloving, unforgiving, and selfish; and begin to replace that junk." Mr. Carroll also spoke of his desire to make amends.

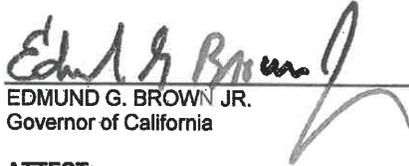
During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Carroll sought to become a better person. He turned away from gangs and stayed clear of drugs. Mr. Carroll completed the necessary conflict resolution curriculum to become a "peacemaker" within the prison. He reports that he has learned that most conflicts are about failed communication and narrow perspectives—insight that he regularly shares with the younger inmates who he mentors. Mr. Carroll has also completed courses in American Sign Language and serves as an interpreter during chapel services. A captain recently commended him "for his support and participation in the study and advancement of American Sign Language." Mr. Carroll is taking courses at a liberal arts college, and is separately seeking a degree in bible counseling from a seminary college. He has also been trained as an inmate peer educator. Mr. Carroll has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Reformer's Unanimous, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Marriage and Family. Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Carroll earned the privilege of residing on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard.

Mr. Carroll's gang lifestyle undoubtedly created numerous victims, including Mr. Dimmitt and his family, but it is clear that he is now dedicated to reforming his life and serving his community. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Carroll has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Casey Carroll to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Office of the Governor
 State of California
 State Capitol
 Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
 To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name CARROLL		FIRST Name CASEY	MIDDLE Name ORLANDO	
Date of Birth [REDACTED]-1973	Place of Birth	Social Security Number [REDACTED]	Prison Number J-80706	

Current Residence

Address CALIPATRIA STATE PRISON P.O. BOX 5006		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. A-2-124
City CALIPATRIA	State CALIFORNIA	Zip code 92233

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

- Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01
 Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
- Commutation of current sentence
 Compassionate Release
- Pardon based upon innocence
 Other

Why are you requesting clemency?

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense 187(A) PC FEL. 664-211PC FEL-ATTEMPT ROBBERY'S. 664-187 PC.			
Date of offense MARCH 7, 1992	Date of conviction AUGUST 10, 1995	Arresting agency WILSHIRE DEP.	County of conviction LOS ANGELES
Superior court case number BA08591	Your trial attorney's name and address DONALD PRIEGO 12720 NORWALK BL#109 NORWALK, CA. 90650	Sentence LWOP +5yrs,	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? None
Did you appeal your case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, appellate case number and status of case B096444 AFFIRMED			

Prior Convictions: List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

Current Attorney Information

Are you currently represented by an attorney? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number.

First and last name:

Telephone number:

Address:

Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2

Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number.

First and last name:

Telephone number:

Address:

II
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:
Your current physician's name:
Physician's address:
Physician's telephone number:
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Give a brief account of your offense. Please See Attached Memorandum
Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration. on Memo'
Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you) on Memo'
When were you discharged from probation or parole? still incarcerated
Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release. still incarcerated
Why you are requesting a pardon? See Attached Memorandum

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

There's no new evidence, please Attached Memorandum

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Same as above

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

Same as above

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

Please see attached memorandum.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

YES

III
NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of

LOS ANGELES

(Name of county)

with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.

(Applicant's signature)

(Date)

IV

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

(Applicant's signature)

(Date signed)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

This Notice is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 4804

To the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County of Conviction

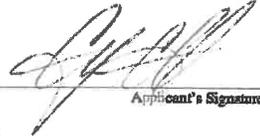
Please take notice that I, CASEY ORLANDO CARROLL, was
convicted of the crime of 187(A)PC FEL-MUR. 664-211FEL-ATT, ROBBERY'S.,
committed in the County of LOS ANGELES, State of California,
convicted on AUG. 10, 1995 and sentenced to Life Without Parole +5years

I will submit an application to the Governor of the State of California requesting a

- Pardon based upon rehabilitation
- Commutation of current sentence
- Pardon based upon innocence
- Compassionate release
- Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome

Other
If other, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN

CASEY ORLANDO CARROLL
Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED



9/17/2012
Month, Day, Year

Calipatria State Prison P.O. BOX 5006 A-2-124
Applicant's Street Address

Calipatria, California. 92233
Applicant's City, State, Zip Code

This Section to be Completed By District Attorney Only

State of California

County of _____ } SS.

I, _____ District Attorney of the County of
of _____, State of California, do hereby
acknowledge receipt of notice from _____ that
he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon.

[Signed] _____
District Attorney of the County of _____

MEMORANDUM

REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY---PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE, AND REHABILITATION:

Based On Innocence.

First off, I would like to sincerely thank you for your time, Attention, and Concern in reviewing My request for Clemency (Pardon)...

For the entire 19-years I've been incarcerated since the date of My arrest August 27, 1993; I have Asserted My Innocence, through the Detectives interagations; The Preliminary-Hearings; The Pre-Trial; and during the two Trials that took place before the conviction. There was even several plea bargain deals offered by The District Attorney prior to the conviction; There was a deal for 18-years with half, and a deal for 9-years with half time, and consulting with My Mother for a couple of days about the 9-year deal, her advice, "You're Innocent; don't take no deals, let them find the person who's truly responsible for the demise of Mr. Demmitt, and the attempted murder of Mr. Steve Watkins," which happened during the commission of two attempt robberies, on March 7, 1992 2:00 AM on a Saturday.

And so I still uphold my Assertion of Innocence, even through the years of Appeals and Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, that assertion remains; Because I can honestly say before Almighty God that I was at home with several Alibi-Witnesses: My Mother Marion Allen, Sister Natasha Carroll, and some friends of mines, Mr. Sef J. Noble; Mr. Robbert Eric Malone; Mr. Tazaino Harris; and Ex-GirlFriend Ms. Rhonda Johnson. Only four of them were called to testify on my behalf including one defense-Witness Mr. Clifton Anderson who's testimony was needed but never used during Trial, along with Mr. Sef J. Noble, and Ms. Rhonda Johnson, who appeared at both Trials ready to testify on My behalf to the time and date of Alibi. The only ~~Alibi~~ testimony was permitted to be used during the Trial was My Mother's and Sister's, due to My Trial-Attorney Mr. Donald R. Prigo who insisted that we didn't need Mr. Noble's, Ms. Johnson's, and Mr. Anderson's testimony because the case was weak...

Truthfully speaking after 19-years of incarceration, and spending 50% of that soul searching, making mistakes and bad decisions, and learning from every decision rather bad or good, I come to find within myself concerning the life style that I chose to live as a gang member, and all of the criminal activities I've involved myself in and never gotten arrested for; Although Innocent of the Dimmitt and Watkins Case #BA092591, what I know now and had I known back then, I would've took the 18-year deal with half time, not because I've been found guilty and spent over 18-years incarcerated serving a life without sentence; But because I've come to learn through My Biblical Studies that God's word (The Holy Scriptures) are true in what it says, from Genesis to Revelations; But speaking of this specific verse of Scripture, Galatians 6:7, which says "Do not be deceived God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows that he will also reap." See, although I'm innocent of the charges I've been convicted of, and though I've never done anything of the magnitude pertaining to the Dimmitt and Watkins case, I was still committing Felonious crimes that I've gotten away with, some would call it karma, others poetic justice, but myself and those who believe the Bible from cover to cover, we say or call it reaping and sowing, (or reaping what you sow); A spiritual principle that is very active in the natural (i.e. physical) realm, I am a firm believer, and will Teach People about this principle all the days of My life on this People planet, as well as sharing the Gospel of

Jesus Christ.

Based On Rehabilitation.

Now after being convicted of a crime I had nothing to do with; I became angry and slightly bitter towards Authority, and over the years of Rehabilitating myself thoroughly through lots of soul searching, I've learned to forgive the People who I considered to be the blame for My current circumstance; 1. The Detectives who interrogated Me, and who I repeatedly told that I was Innocent, and that they had the wrong person, and they still charged Me even after my Alibi was confirmed. 2. Both District Attorneys who prosecuted Me, the first DA in the first Trial that was declared a mistrial after ten day deliberation and a deadlocked jury 3-not guilty and 4-guilty... The second DA and Trial I was found guilty, by a jury of my peers, and then there's that victim/eye-witness who lied on Me during Trial making Me out to be one of the assailants who shot him, and killed Mr. Dimmitt; I have forgiven every last one of them People,

I guess one may say or query; why do they need forgiveness for? They were only doing their jobs. Well seeing it from the eyes of a truly innocent Man (My Eyes), then maybe you'll understand why I was angry, and needed to forgive them before unforgiveness consumes Me with anger and hatred toward Authority and Eye-Witnesses, in which I no longer have, thank God; See I can't Love God, and My Neighbors, and Enemies with that mentality, attitude, and strong Emotion governing my life. And so I needed to find forgiveness in My heart toward anyone who did Me wrong, or I felt did Me wrong, so I could become a better person as God was and still is Training Me to be, He has been Rehabilitating Me, and using my Family and Friends to help with the process. It is the Grace of God that carries Me through the frustrating times, and makes it a lot easier to stay optimistic concerning My over due liberation, and helps Me to trust His word even more.

Not only have I dedicated My life to God, Biblical Studies, and applying it to every day life; But I've gotten involved with the Church here at Calipatria State Prison A-Yard, heeding to the call that has on my life: Evangelize, Preach, the Gospel, Pastor those whom I disciple; as well as Counseling and praying with Inmates on the Yard, of course this is a team effort with other Brothers who has heeded the same call on their lives all for the glory of God. And if and when needed I do what I can to help maintain the peace among inmates on the yard, and encourage them to see the hope set before them which is in Christ Jesus. I found by helping others, I'm helping Myself in ways needed for the service of The Lord God, and Mankind, in here and out there in Society.

The steps of Rehabilitation, and becoming Rehabilitated becomes an easy process when understanding the necessary steps to take.

1. Responsibility for My actions no matter what they are, even though I'm Actually Innocent of the crime I was convicted for, I still broke other Laws, that life style I lived opened the doors to be falsely accused and convicted, (Reaping what I've sowed), either way I was sick and in need of help from The Divine Sorce Who provides remedies of deliverance and healing.

2. Look deep within Myself, and honestly examine and identify everything that is ungodly, unlawful, unloving, unforgiving, and selfish; and begin to replace that junk with where the word of God is concerned and apply it, making it applicable to every day life, one day at a time.

For example: Operation in practice, (a). Ungodliness, is replaced with Mark 12:29-31 "Love the Lord God with all of your heart, with all of your soul, with all of your mind, and with all of your strength, and Love your Neighbor as your self." Matthew 5:44-45 "And Love your Enemies, Bless those who curse You; Do good to those who ~~hate you~~, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you; That you may be Sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and the good, He sends rain on the Just and the unjust." This is the Agape Love (unmerited, Unconditional Love) I'm taught to live by, and extend to others, as well as teach to others. It's not easy, by far is it, but I'm dedicated to live that Agape Love life until I'm removed from this people planet...

(b). Unlawfulness, I replace it with Romans 13:1-2 which says, "Let all or every Soul be subjected to the governing Authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resist the authority resist the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves..." (c). Unkindness, a unlovingness, (hatred), is replace with Kindness, and Unconditional Love, according to 1-Corinthians 13:4-8; and Galatians 5:22-23, which says, "Love suffers long (i.e. Patient), and is kind; Love does not envy; Love does not parade itself; is not puffed up; Does not behave rudely, does not seek it's own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; Does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, Love never fails." "The Fruit of The Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control, against such there is now law." (d). Selfishness, is replaced with Service of God, and Humanity, and meeting the needs of others, Basically considering others before myself, learning to give freely, (Galatians 6:9-10; Luke 6:39; 2-Corinthians 9:9-12)....

(e). Receive Correction, And Do more listening than talking, (i.e. "being quick to hear and slow to speak," James 1:19)... (f). Watch the words that come out of My mouth, think before I speak, because I'm blunt speaker (talker), I say things sometimes with out considering others feelings, I've learned to phrase my words a little more digestible for lack of a better word. But over all I've learned to be a People person, who really cares about others, and wish that all would be saved by the Love, Grace, Mercy of God through Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior... (g). And last but not least, I have took a Biblical College course see Exhibits of Character References, Informational/Laudatory Chronos, Academic Transcript, and Certificate of Completion... And I would like to get to this TRAINING CENTER for lifers, I believe it would be helpful to my return back into Society (either way I know with the help of God I will make a smooth transition back into Society.

All I need is your approval to prove not only to myself but to my Loved ones, You, the Board of Prison Terms, and Society, that Casey Orlando Carroll can and will make it out there successfully, being a Law abiding Tax paying Citizen.

EXPLANATION OF WHY I'M REQUESTING CLEMENCY/PARDON:

Plans, Actions, and Goals,

One of the reasons why I'm requesting Clemency-Pardon is, I've been incarcerated for 19-years from the date of my arrest August 27, 1993, for a crime I had absolutely nothing to do with, I am Innocent of the charges I've been convicted of, and I say that before Almighty God, that is the truth and nothing but the truth...

Two My Family needs Me out there, in many ways, to help raise My Nephews while they grow into manhood because there's no positive role-model (Male Role-Model) around to guide them, and help them make wise decisions in life. And through my years of experiencing the negative life style, and learning how to be a responsible man, through the teachings of The Holy Bible, and other methods of learning, I know I could assist them based on My experiences, example, and advise, as I spend quality time with them daily aside from whatever Job I'll be working at, until My Small Business plans kick in.

My entire Family has been estranged and distant from one another since My incarceration and the passing of My Grand-Mother who went to be with The Lord. I believe within My heart that I can restore My Family-Ties in the service of Almighty God who will enable Me to do so... He (God) has given Me a Ministry (Fight For Your Family Ministries) to Preach the Gospel, and extend The Love of Christ to all Communities, and with a strong desire and conviction to reach out to the Youth of the inner-cities with the Good News of Hope, and Mentoring skills that I've developed while being incarcerated; I know that I have the ability to be an excellent Mentor, and Motivational Speaker, I've had lots of hands on practice with positive results in here, I'm one of five Pastors on this prison yard, I Preach in the Chapel among a crowd of Inmates, My (Brothers in Christ) and to who aren't Christian believers.

The Lord uses Me to talk with or to Gang Members sharing His Word, and the Love of Christ Jesus, because I was once a gang member Myself, and the respect of relating to their struggle and mind state is there, and they're receptive to the message because I've been there and I know the source of hope for a better life, and how to reach them where they're at with that message with 65% positive result, I've seen it with my own eyes inside this environment, to the glory of God. I'm not saying I will always be successful; What I'm saying is since I'm one of the ones who contribute to this Youthful chaotic generation who live their lives as gang members through malignity, debauchery, hedonism, a life devoted to pleasure as we know it, and not being afraid to face the consequences of that gangster life style, rather it be by death, or imprisonment, unless they have an epiphany, that may come through a near death experience or a number of misfortunes take place in their lives one after another, or someone such as myself who is willing to go into the trenches of the inner-city streets to try and make a difference in someone's life, leading them to the right resources that would help them make that change.

I know People who know people that's willing to provide jobs gang members who are trying to or want to turn their life around to better themselves.

There is absolutely no programs concerning academic (Schooling) for Inmates sentenced to Life, or Life without the possibility of parole, so I had to take it upon myself to get all the necessary tools to teach my-

self certain skills that I have a passion for, and Creative Writing is one; Over the years I have developed a talent for writing Novels, and Movie Scripts by studying literary books on writing such as: 1. Handbook for Writers in Prison, by American, Pen-; 2. Save The Cat! The last book on Screen Writing that you'll ever need, by Blake Snyder; 3. Manuscript for writers-One, by Merriam Webster; Merriam Webster's Manual for Writers and Editors; 4. How to write for Television, by Madeline Dimaggio; 5. Play Wrihts on Play Writing, by Cole; 6. The TV Writers Work Book, by Ellen Sandler; 7. Reading like a Writer, by Francine Prose; the were other Books on writing too but I forgot the names and the Authors, I gave them away to the People I was Teaching how to perfect the craft of Creative writing, and there where numerous writer's Digest I also studied from due to My two years subscription.

I've also developed a skill of business plan, and starting up my own Small Businesses, by studying books like The "E" Myth, by Michael E. Gerber; Black Enterprise Magazines, and other Entrepreneur books and magazines, I've learned a lot and still need some Schooling on some things concerning business, I know some business owners who has taking Me under their wing, teaching Me all there is to know about business, as well as learning from material that I have from the Small Business Development Center.

So I do have a plans to Succeed once release from Prison, and to mention that I have taking a Biblical College Course From the Family Radio School of The Bible, see Academic Transcripts, and Certificate of completion attached. There's also several Business plans that I will get started upon release; I've written one Book, mentioned in the missive to the Governor, and I'm writing another one, as we speak, I do hope, and plan to succeed in all that I put My heart, Mind, quality time to, driven by the desire and passion that is far embedded in Me. There's no debt in My mind that I will make a smooth transition back into Society, through my determination, and assistance from the Training + Center, and Family and Friends who's supported Me all these years spiritually, Mentally, Emotionally, and financially.

With everything said I pray that you will consider and grant Me Clemency (i.e. Pardon) through good faith that I will not let anyone down, but prove to all that I am a changed Man, and I will Succeed outside of these Prison Walls, as a Tax Paying LAW Abiding United States Citizen. May God Bless You all in whom this concerns.

Date September 17 2012

Respectfully and Sincerely



CASEY A. CARROLL

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Daniel Carter

In December 1996, Daniel Carter and Andrew Tillman saw Alonzo Escobar, Vicki Sanchez, and Francis Rios, three pedestrians who they suspected were members of a rival gang. Mr. Carter shot at the group, hitting Ms. Sanchez in the hip, causing a massive hemorrhage. Ms. Sanchez died later at the hospital. On August 9, 1999, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Carter to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 4-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Carter is now 42 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 22 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Carter wrote that he "would like an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings to show [his] growth, maturity, and rehabilitation and have a chance to be a productive citizen in society." During an interview with a Board investigator, Mr. Carter explained that he "is no longer a 20-year-old misguided kid" and he "has tried to rehabilitate himself and believes he can make a difference in society."

Indeed, over the last 22 years, Mr. Carter has committed himself to rehabilitation, despite serving a sentence that offered no hope of a life outside of prison. He earned a Legal Assistant degree and completed a vocation in Office Services and Related Technologies. Mr. Carter participated in self-help programs, including Men for Honor, Victim Sensitivity, and Friends Outside Parenting Education Program. Mr. Carter has participated in the Progressive Programming Facility since 2012. In 2017, he was commended by a correctional supervisor for his performance in the dining hall. The officer noted that Mr. Carter has "demonstrated exceptional skill, reliability and knowledge while working," adding that his "positive attitude toward fellow inmate workers, supervisory staff, and assigned tasking has been exceptional." He further noted that Mr. Carter "is strongly recommended for any program to advance his professional development and ultimately his discharge to society as a productive citizen." In 2013, Mr. Carter was commended by a correctional lieutenant who recognized Mr. Carter's humanitarian efforts in volunteering with the American Red Cross, Typhoon Relief. He noted, "By giving to others in need demonstrates the compassion and good will within a person in the darkest of circumstances," adding that Mr. Carter's participation is "consistent with the aims and goals of the Progressive Programming Facility."

This is a very serious crime, but it is clear that Mr. Carter has distinguished himself by his dedication to his self-improvement and his separation from gang activities of any kind. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Daniel Carter to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: DANIEL M. CARTER Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 76 Inmate ID: P52520
Address: 480 ALTA RD. S.D. CA. 92179 Facility: R. J. DONOVAN

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
FIRST DEGREE MURDER w/ SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE.	12-12-96	RIVERSIDE	LIFE w/o PAROLE

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I WAS INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH RESULTED IN A INNOCENT HUMAN BEING GETTING KILLED.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I'M REQUESTING A COMMUTATION FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BPH TO SHOW MY GROWTH, MATURITY AND REHABILITATION AND HAVE A CHANCE TO BE A PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN IN SOCIETY.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I SHOULD BE GRANTED A COMMUTATION DUE TO MY BEING 80 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF MY OFFENSE, AN IMMATURE MAN-CHILD. THOUGH (SEE ATTACH)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

THIS APPLICATION IS PREPARED AND COMPOSED BY MYSELF NO ONE ASSISTED ME.

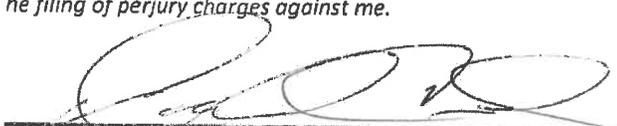
STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, DANIEL MARCUS CARTER declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of RIVERSIDE with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon.
(Name of County*)

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

3-25-18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

CONTINUED QUESTION #4

IMMATURE, I NEVER HAD SERIOUS
RUN-INS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT.
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO JUVENILE
HALL, CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY,
COUNTY JAILS, NOR PRISON, BEFORE
MY PRESENT INCARCERATION.
ALSO GOVERNOR BROWN, I AM
NOT THE MAN-CHILD I WAS
BACK THEN. I AM NOW AN
ADULT; A MATURE, SPIRITUAL,
FOCUSED, PRODUCTIVE MAN
CAPABLE OF ACCOMPLISHING
THE POSITIVE GOALS I'VE SET
BEFORE MYSELF.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

John Cebreros

In January 1981, John Cebreros and his friend forcefully entered Dale Boender and Janice Allen's apartment. Mr. Boender and Ms. Allen were bound, blindfolded, and struck on the head with a blunt object. Ms. Allen died from her injuries and Mr. Boender was severely injured. On March 3, 1982, the Kern County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Cebreros to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Cebreros has been incarcerated for nearly 38 years. During this time, he has rejected gangs and violence and maintained a close to spotless behavioral record, receiving only two rules violations for almost four decades. In addition to his exceptional behavior, Mr. Cebreros has lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative opportunities, since 2010. His dedication to self-help spans over a decade, with especially strong commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.

Mr. Cebreros has maintained consistent employment, with his most recent position in the California Prison Industry Authority Laundry lasting over 14 years. As a lead man in the Prison Industry Authority, Mr. Cebreros has received exceptional work ratings. Indeed, a superintendent praised Mr. Cebreros' many years of work, writing, "Cebreros' quarterly performance reports consistently reflect positive behavior, maintaining an exemplary attitude and work ethic. As a result Cebreros has been entrusted with the clean-side 'Lead Man' position. Cebreros also shows that he is self-reliant and takes initiative to complete tasks that are required in the plant." Mr. Cebreros has the support of his wife, children, and grandchildren. Should he be released, he would like to work to help support his family and attend a trade school.

Mr. Cebreros participated in a brutal and senseless crime, however, his exemplary conduct in prison shows he has left violence behind. Based on his lengthy incarceration, exemplary behavior, and commitment to rehabilitation, Mr. Cebreros has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Prolonged Hearings so that it can determine if he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of John Cebrenros to a total of 38 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

C-44223

Name: John CEBREROS JR. Date of Birth: 1952 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: C.S.P.-L.A.C., 44750 60th STREET WEST, LANCASTER, CA 93536

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 187 MURDER 1ST	1-23-1981	KERN	LWD
PC 187 MURDER 2nd ATTEMPT	1-23-1981	KERN	
PC 211 ROBBERY	1-23-1981	KERN	
PC 459 BURGLARY 1ST	1-23-1981	KERN	

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I WAS CONVICTED UNDER THE MURDER FELONY RULE OF MURDER 1ST WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF JANICE ALLEN AND OF ATTEMPTED MURDER 2nd OF DALE BOENDER IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY ROBBERY AND BURGLARY 1ST.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I AM REQUESTING A PARDON OR COMMUTATION, BECAUSE I HAVE NEVER MURDERED, OR ATTEMPTED TO MURDER, ROBBED, OR BURGLARIZED ANYONE INTENTIONALLY OR UNINTENTIONALLY. AS A UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MILITARY VETERAN WHO SERVED HIS COUNTRY FOR FOUR (4) YEARS, WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED, I BELIEVE I SHOULD BE GRANTED A CHANCE TO BE A PRODUCTIVE ASSET TO MY FAMILY AND SOCIETY.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I AM NOT THAT YOUNG MAN WHO COMPLETED A FOUR (4) YEAR TOUR OF DUTY IN THE UNITED STATES AIR AS A 81250 LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST, WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED AND THOUGHT HE KNEW WHAT LIFE WAS ALL ABOUT, AND WHAT WAS RIGHT AND WRONG. I KNOW NOW THAT I WAS NAIVE; (SEE ATTACHED PAGE)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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I, John CEBREROS JR., declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of KERN with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

John Ceberos Jr.
Applicant's Signature

12-21-2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of KERN County: Please take notice that I, John CEBREROS JR., was convicted of the crime of MURDER 1ST PC197, MURDER 2nd ATTEMPT PC197, ROBBERY, BURGLARY, committed in BAKERSFIELD, KERN County, California, on the date of 1-23-1981.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: C-44223.

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John Cebros Jr.
Applicant's Signature
12-21-2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, MAEK Pafford Chief Clerk, District Attorney of the County of Kern, do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from John CEBREROS JR. that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed MAEK
Date 1/2/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

John CEBREROS JR.
C-44223

(ATTACHED PAGE TO LINE 4.)

AND EASILY MISLEAD BY MY PATRIOTIC AMERICAN MEXICAN BRAVADO AND MACHISMO, AND THOUGHT HE KNEW WHAT WAS RIGHT AND WRONG. WITH 38 YEARS OF INCARCERATION (KERN COUNTY AND PRISON TIME) I'VE COME TO REALIZE OVER THE YEARS WHAT LIFE IS REALLY ABOUT AND WHAT IT MEANS AS I MATURED INTO AN OLDER MAN WITH A STRONG CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING, BELIEF, LIFE, AND FAMILY. I WAS 27 YEARS OLD IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS INCARCERATION, I AM NOW 65 YEARS OLD. I HAVE SERVED MY TIME IN PRISON 98% DISCIPLINARY FREE, WITH TWO (2) 115's, AND SIX (6) 129-A CHRONO'S OF INSTRUCTION, AND HAVE MAINTAINED A GOOD JOB PERFORMANCE RECORD ALL THESE YEARS, AND CONTINUE TO DO SO AS OF THIS DATE.

I KNOW AND BELIEVE I WOULD BE A PRODUCTIVE ASSET TO MY FAMILY AND SOCIETY AS AN OLDER WISER MAN WITH THE ABILITY TO COUNSEL AND GUIDE MY OWN CHILDREN, GRAND CHILDREN, AND THE MISLEAD YOUTH MY CHRISTIAN LIFE, BELIEF AND INVOLVEMENT WOULD BLESS ME TO MEET.

SINCERELY AND RESPECTFULLY

John CEBREROS JR.

John Cebros Jr.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Janine Chandler

In 2002, Janine Chandler's abusive husband, Gregory Chandler, brought his girlfriend Tiffany Donaville home with him. Ms. Chandler shot both Mr. Chandler and Ms. Donaville, who died from her injuries. On March 30, 2006, the Contra Costa County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Chandler to 25 years to life for murder plus an additional 25 years to life firearm enhancement – a total term of 50 years to life in prison.

Before committing this crime, Ms. Chandler endured years of abuse at the hands of her husband. She told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that Mr. Chandler routinely beat her, raped her, choked her, and threatened to kill her. Ms. Chandler said that she never confided in others about her husband's abuse, and that he intentionally tried to hit her where the bruises wouldn't be visible to others. The Board investigator also spoke with Mr. Chandler, who confirmed that he was controlling and abusive throughout their marriage. Ms. Chandler reported that throughout the night of this crime, Mr. Chandler screamed at her, left her threatening messages, and slammed doors in the apartment. She was hiding from him all day in a spare bedroom. When Ms. Chandler awoke and heard other voices in the apartment, she thought it was her opportunity to escape. A psychologist who evaluated Ms. Chandler in 2005 concluded that she was the victim of intimate partner battery at the time of the crime. The psychologist wrote, "Ms. Chandler was afraid that Mr. Chandler could assault her at any time. Given that the abusive incidents would erupt without any notice, Ms. Chandler felt powerless to control her own safety." The Board investigator concluded, "Evidence suggests Chandler shot her husband because she had decided to leave him on the day of the crime and was in complete fear of what he would do to her if she left."

Ms. Chandler is now 46 years old and has been incarcerated for over 16 years. In that time, she has shown a deep commitment to rehabilitation and transforming her life. She participated in numerous self-help programs including Domestic Violence, Survivors of Incest and Rape Anonymous, Healthy Relationships, and Creative Conflict Resolution. Ms. Chandler has maintained an excellent work record. She earned several vocational certifications and regularly receives positive ratings from her supervisors, who characterize her as respectful, dedicated, and helpful in training her peers. Ms. Chandler has also been involved in charity and community events, donating blankets for a veteran's hospital and helping coordinate a day of peace in the prison. Ms. Chandler's family has pledged to provide her with housing and financial support in the event of her release, and she has a job waiting for her at a construction company.

Ms. Chandler committed a tragic crime after suffering years of relentless abuse at the hands of her husband. She has demonstrated sincere remorse for her actions, and has worked hard to turn her life around and educate herself and others about the dangers of domestic violence. For all of these reasons, I believe Ms. Chandler has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Janine Chandler to a total of 17 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HONORABLE EDMUND G. BROWN**

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

JANINE S. CHANDLER

JANINE S. CHANDLER
X17395
Central California Women's Facility
P.O. Box 150g
Chowchilla, CA 93610



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Chandler, Janine Date of Birth: [redacted] / 71 Inmate ID: X17395

Address: 23370 Road 22 / P.O. Box 1508 513-08-04L Facility: Central California Women's Facility

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
none			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

see attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):



NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Contra Costa County: Please take notice that I, Janine S. Chandler,
was convicted of the crime of 1st degree murder, and 1st degree attempted murder,
committed in Contra Costa County, California, on the date of September 02, 2002.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Janine S. Chandler
Applicant's signature Date 7/27/18

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Diana Becton, District Attorney of the County of Contra Costa,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Janine Chandler,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

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Signed Diana Becton
Date 8/10/2018

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation:

I was convicted of first degree murder of Tiffany Donaville and first degree attempted murder of my husband Gregory Chandler. I did not know the name of the person I killed until it was told to me by Corporal Delavan, when he informed me of her death.

On September 2, 2002, after an extensive period of hiding from my violent husband Gregory Chandler (victim #2), I emerged from our second bedroom intent only on leaving the apartment and him. I carried a two bullet derringer pistol for my protection. I got to the front door, which was barred with a chair. I saw Gregory and an unknown female in our small kitchen, right next to the front door. An argument ensued between the three of us and I was afraid of both of them. In my attempt to protect myself and flee to safety, I shot them both.

After this, Gregory punched me in the head and we both heard a loud crack. He howled in pain and started to bleed more profusely, while Tiffany was moaning in the kitchen. I begged that he call for help. Then I retrieved a towel for him and begged again for him to check on Tiffany. When the police arrived, I told them there was someone on the kitchen floor.

It pains me deeply to know that my terror of the situation caused another person to lose her life. I know that I have had such an adverse effect on Tiffany and her family, as well as Greg's. I did not know Tiffany, and yet her life ended by my hand. I have spent a long time thinking of ways I could have changed the scenario in order to save her life and ensure that her daughter has a mother. I can relate to her family's loss and distress. To have someone violently taken from you cuts deep. My intent was to survive, not to kill someone else, or involve someone else in my violent marriage.

If I had the opportunity to speak with Tiffany's daughter, I would convey to her that I wish I had been the person who died, so she could have her mother.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

I was in an abusive relationship with Gregory Chandler for two and a half years. The first six months were fine, but then things changed. He started stalking me, questioning me about my activities, controlling my errands and who I could see. He would demand that I do tasks or chores for him without regard for my own needs. He coerced me into alternate sexual practices. He physically hurt me and injured me in many ways. He would physically restrain me, hold me until I was bruised, choke me, hit me, and throw me down. Over time, it got progressively worse. These drastic changes to my life created a bubble from which I could not escape. This abuse created a deep fear in me. That is why I was carrying a gun that day, to prevent him from attacking me.

Since my arrest, I have gained a better understanding about domestic violence. I have learned how domestic violence and sexual abusers use "priming and shaming" to get what they want. As a child, I was sexually abused by two different males. After feeling shamed and blameful for that abuse, it was easy to do the same in my marriage. Not wanting to send Greg back to prison has ultimately caused me to be imprisoned. I had not ever been in a situation similar to my marriage. Now I know what *my*

warning signs are, how to extract myself, and what to do afterwards. Through my classes on domestic violence, anger management, and conflict resolution, as well as receiving emotional support, I know what things I can, and cannot do to de-escalate situations like mine.

I am requesting a commutation of sentence so that I could possibly return to society while I still have the ability to contribute. I would appreciate being able to demonstrate to other battered women what I've learned and accomplished in order to deter them from my circumstance.

4. Provide a brief statement why you should be granted a commutation.

I believe that my sentence should be commuted because I did not intentionally set out to kill Tiffany Donaville or Gregory Chandler, only to survive what I believed would be my own untimely death. My arrest and conviction have resulted from an extreme set of circumstances that I believe could not be repeated. Previous to my marriage, I only had traffic tickets. I had then, and continue to be, a volunteer in my community and a responsible member of society. I would return to those same tasks and endeavors.

I have worked to improve myself through a myriad of classes and self-education. In prison, I have faced biases—sexual, gender and religious—that have only strengthened my resolve to be better personally and a help to bridge the gaps with my peers and others in all three instances. I have completed, participated in or accomplished many classes, responsibilities and activities as shown by the exhibits attached to this petition.

I believe I will be able physically to continue in my previous vocation of welding, pipefitting and plumbing until I am about 52 years old. (I am 46 now.) I could be gainfully employed in that manner or through the job offers (included here) that I have received from people who knew me before my arrest. I have also discussed, with people on the outside, my being an instrument in developing a parole/transitional program for Muslim women, as our particular needs are not being met at this time. I would also like to give support, physically and mentally, to my sister who cares for our grandmother (now 86 with dementia). I am desperate to be an aid to her in any way possible, as she has been so supportive of me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janine Chandler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom of the page.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Monica Chavez

From November 1997 to January 1998, Ms. Chavez acted as a driver while her boyfriend Gilbert Rubio participated in a series of armed robberies. On January 11, 1998, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Rubio, and Alex Vega entered the home of George Blackwell. While Mr. Vega searched the house for valuables, Mr. Rubio bound Mr. Blackwell and forced him to divulge his pin number and write him a check for \$2,000. Mr. Rubio directed Mr. Vega and Ms. Chavez to go cash the check. He then shot Mr. Blackwell, killing him. On March 30, 2000, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Chavez to life without the possibility of parole for the murder committed by Mr. Rubio plus 13 years for two firearm enhancements and nine counts of robbery.

At the time of the crime, Ms. Chavez had been the victim of years of abuse by Mr. Rubio. A Board of Parole Hearings investigation concluded that Ms. Chavez was suffering from intimate partner battery at the time of the crimes, and her experiences with domestic violence impacted her actions at the time of the offenses. In 2018, Ms. Chavez's defense attorney submitted a letter in support of commutation, noting that Mr. Vega and Mr. Rubio threatened Ms. Chavez's life during trial and that the Court denied his request to use battered women's syndrome as a defense. Mr. Rubio's defense attorney was interviewed and stated that Mr. Rubio was "probably the most cruel, violent, brutal person" she ever represented. She stated, "if any case was ever appropriate for the consideration of intimate partner battering consideration, it was Chavez's case." Mr. Rubio's attorney stated that she believed Ms. Chavez was abused and held captive by Mr. Rubio, and that she had no doubt Ms. Chavez feared for her safety and that of her family.

Ms. Chavez is now 61 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. Chavez expressed her desire to live as an example to other survivors of domestic violence and wrote, "I have a lot to contribute to society. My work ethic is solid, as well my ability to manage my behavior and make better choices for myself. My unfortunate upbringing can be an effective deterrent, preventing other abused women from making the same choices I made. I believe, with all my heart, that a second chance will prove my worth."

During more than two decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Ms. Chavez has been dedicated to transforming her life. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct. She completed vocational training in facilities maintenance. Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Chavez has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with her regularly. Ms. Chavez received above average work ratings. In 2018, a correctional officer commended Ms. Chavez "for her positive growth over the last 18 years." The officer wrote, "I witnessed Inmate Chavez display respect and a pleasant demeanor towards staff and other inmates," and "noticed her continued efforts toward positive programming." The officer praised Ms. Chavez's work on the cleaning crew, calling her a "valuable employee with a good work ethic." The officer concluded by writing, "Inmate Chavez should be commended for maintaining a positive attitude and high respect for staff and others." A supervisor wrote in 2011 regarding her work as yard crew that Ms. Chavez was a "very hard worker," who "keeps the yard looking good."

Mr. Blackwell's family has expressed opposition to Ms. Chavez's release. While the profound impact of this crime cannot be erased, I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence. I believe Ms. Chavez has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Monica Chavez to a total of 21 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
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Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
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Secretary of State

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Monica Mary Chavez Date of Birth: [redacted] / 57 Inmate ID: W84443
 Address: CCWF B-505-03-4L, P.O. Box 1508 Facility: CCWF
CHOWCHILLA, CA. 93610-1508

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
<u>Charges are enclosed in the copy of court of appeal</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Mr George Blackwell was killed. Although I was not present at the time of his death and because of an unhealthy relationship with the great fear of girl's retaliation, my poor choices were instrumental in Mr Blackwell's death.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): For 20 yrs I have been an excellent inmate. I have never received a single 128 or 115. I have a solid work history (see attach A) and have made every effort to pay off my restitution. I am extremely work oriented and very easy to get along with. I've worked very hard at learning how to deal with my fears and stresses. I believe I would make a more than useful citizen outside of CCWF.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): I believe I should be granted a commutation because I have a lot to contribute to society. My work ethic is solid as well my ability to manage my behavior and make better choices for myself. My unfortunate upbringing can be an effective deterrent preventing other abused women from making the same choices I made. I believe, with all my heart, that a second chance will prove my worth.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County:

Please take notice that I MONICA MARY CHAVEZ was convicted of the crime of SEE ATTACHED document, committed in Los Angeles County, California on the date of Jan. 12, 1998. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Monica M. Chavez
Applicant's Signature

April 21, 2018
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, STEVEN FRANKLIN District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Monica Chavez, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Date

[Signature]
4-30-18

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sir

I am a child of abuse, physical and sexual abuse by some family members. 1968, age 11, raped by a stranger in my own bedroom. Age 14, raped by a gang of boys, thrown off a cliff and left to die. 1994, shot in the back by my son's friend - and on it went. I was the perfect wife, picked by my abusive husband of 16 years. I lived being afraid. One day, I got brave and for the sake of my kids, I ran. Then I met my co-defendant, Gilbert.

About a year after I left my husband, I met Gilbert. He was everything my husband wasn't. He was kind, respectful, soft spoken and had a very nice and neat appearance. Unlike my husband, Gil didn't drink, smoke, cuss or do drugs. He treated me well. I looked at him as my protector. But things changed. Gil went to prison. When he came out, he had changed so much: shaved head, long mustache, lots of tattoos, bad attitude and extremely paranoid. I had heard that he was on medication for these issues. He became possessive, controlling, started to scream at me, put me down, accuse me of having affairs with strangers. Months before the crime, he started threatening me with his gun. He would follow me everywhere, even to my job. Then he moved me to his mom's house and staged a burglary where all my things were the only thing stolen. It got so bad, I learned if I didn't want to get hurt, I just did what I was told. One day while he was gone, my dad came and got me and found us a place to live... but he eventually found me.

He had found my car. I was cleaning the windows when I looked up and saw him standing there with a sneer on his face. My heart fell. I was so scared and panic stricken but still went to the door. He called me out, took me by the hand and we walked back into the house. He moved in and refused to leave my side. When I went to work, he would stay in the room next to the one I was cleaning. I prayed no one would come and speak to me in fear he would shoot them and me. I worked at a high school in Downey as a custodian. I had an accident in September 1997. I fell off a ten foot ladder injuring my back, neck and legs. I was to be released back to work in January, 1998. By this time he was so far gone, out of his mind. He was talking to himself, seeing things that weren't there and imagining he saw me with other men. He accused me of having affairs with them, even when I tried to deny it, he would explode and start hitting, kicking and throwing me against the wall. He would constantly put the gun to my head and cocking it. He wouldn't let me sleep, making me drive him all around all night long. He wouldn't even let me stay home with my grandchildren. He would make me stay with him in motels or at his mom's house.

While at his mom's house, Gil's sister found my papers showing my \$50,000 life insurance policy I had through the school district I worked for. It noted that it would be doubled if I died in an accident or was killed. They were in the process of losing the house so she told Gil he better hurry up and take care of business. So, that was his big plan, to kill me and save his mom's house. On 1-12-98, he came up with a plan. He decided to kill me and the victim at the victim's house. Gilbert and his friend, Alex, decided they were going to take us upstairs, strip us, put us in his bed and cut our throats. But Gil got greedy and demanded \$2,000.00. He had the victim, George, write a check out to me and had his friend, Alex, take me to the bank to cash the check. While we were gone George panicked and tried to run. Gil shot him. The shot was so loud he panicked thinking the neighbors might have heard; he left the scene. On the way out he hid the gun, his hat and jacket in some nearby bushes. Someone saw him and called the police. The police spotted him, found the gun, hat and jacket, and did arrest him. In the meantime, his partner Alex, brought me back because I couldn't cash the check. He saw all the police and panicked, ordered me to head back to their house. That's when he said "Gilbert must have killed him!" So he wanted to leave. He then ordered me to drop him off. He then confessed to me that he and Gil were going to kill us. He said he didn't want to do it, but he was afraid of Gil too. He needed money to run so he still wanted to try and get some money from the

victim, George's, debit card but the pin number wouldn't work. So he made me drop him off. In the meantime, I was scared to death Gil was looking for me. My daughter and dad saw the news and in a panic, thinking I had been killed, my dad called the homicide department asking for help. I talked to the detectives and told them everything! To my shock, I was arrested too. I was sentenced to life without parole plus 13 years. I believe these past 20 years I have learned to manage my fears, found the courage to move forward and to forgive myself for not stopping Gil. I've been working here in prison for almost 18 years. I worked 13 years on yard crew. I did landscaping in "D" yard. Turned it into a beautiful yard. Then I was a porter for a couple of years. Then I found the most wonderful and fulfilling job here for HFM/PIA janitorial. I've been training to work at the hospital. When I complete this course I will be certified! CCWF has offered to help me find work when and if I do get out of prison. Last year, our prison's hospital / Medical Center here at CCWF was voted the cleanest in all the state. WE ARE #1! I'm very proud of that. I've worked here for the last three years. I work the crisis unit. I support myself, I don't have family support unfortunately. I work hard and long so I can pay off my restitution. It was originally \$10,000.00 but I've worked it down to \$3,250.00.

This has been important to me, something I feel I need to do. I do read and study self-help books to improve myself. I've run an excellent program. In 20 years, I have NEVER received a single 128 or 115! I get along well with people and don't have problems with anyone. I work well with others and am getting all of my chronos together. I would really appreciate it if I could get the chance to leave this prison, you would never be sorry. I do know I still have a lot to give out there. I can see myself helping other young women in abusive circumstances, letting them know how to recognize the signs; give them the courage to leave before it's too late. I sure wish I'd been brave enough to have taken a chance and got that kind of help when I was younger...

Thank you for your consideration
Monica Chavez

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Cesar Cisneros, Jr.

In 2010, 19-year-old Cesar Cisneros pulled up next to a car driven by Jonathan Disario and Rosendo Flores. Mr. Cisneros got out of his car, pulled out a gun, and fired multiple shots, injuring both Mr. Disario and Mr. Flores. On February 17, 2012, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Cisneros to 7 years to life for attempted murder plus a 20-year firearm enhancement – a total term of 27 years to life in prison.

In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Cisneros explained that he has devoted himself to understanding how he came to commit this crime. He expressed sincere remorse for his actions, saying, "It's a regret I have to live with every day. It hurts me to know that I was capable of doing something like that." Mr. Cisneros continued, "I understand what I did was wrong. I'm doing everything that's in my power to change my life, to transform it."

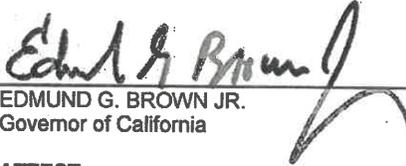
Since coming to prison, Mr. Cisneros has shown an admirable commitment to his rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct during nearly a decade of incarceration. Mr. Cisneros earned his GED and participated in self-help classes including Christian Brotherhood and Anger Control. He has been active in his church community, and is currently enrolled in The Urban Ministry Institute of Prison Fellowship. Mr. Cisneros has also earned the respect of the staff members who see him every day. In 2018, a correctional officer praised Mr. Cisneros for his work ethic and wrote, "[D]uring my observations of him, he has always shown himself to be respectful toward other inmates and staff alike.... Cisneros' positive programming should be applauded as he continues to a better path to be rehabilitated." In 2017, a college coordinator thanked Mr. Cisneros for volunteering for the music program, and wrote, "Inmate Cisneros has always shown himself as a hard worker, and has been respectful to staff and inmates. Inmate Cisneros is commended for his willingness to volunteer as a band member and his willingness to help facilitate the different functions on Facility C." Mr. Cisneros has a strong support system in place in the event of his release – his wife, parents, and other family members have offered him housing, financial support, help finding a job, and other support as he transitions back into the community.

Mr. Cisneros committed a reckless crime when he was a young man, but he has shown in the years since that he has matured into a positive person who is eager to contribute to his community. I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Cesar Cisneros, Jr. to a total of 10 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Cesar Y. Cisneros Jr. Date of Birth: [redacted] 1990 Inmate ID: AK9065

Address: P.O. Box 2199 Blythe, CA 92226-2199 Facility: Ironwood State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include attempted premeditated murder, assault with a firearm, and unlawful carrying of a loaded firearm.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached letter brief.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached letter brief.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached letter brief.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

[Redacted area]

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Riverside County: Please take notice that I, Cesar Y. Cisneros Jr.,

was convicted of the crime of attempted premeditated murder, assault with a firearm, and unlawful carrying of a loaded firearm,

committed in Riverside County, California, on the date of 01/05/2010.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.



Applicant's Signature

6/25/2012

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of Riverside,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Cesar Y. Cisneros Jr.,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Cesar Y. Cisneros Jr., declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Riverside with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

6/25/2018

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.
State Capitol
Attention: Legal Affairs
Sacramento, CA 95814

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing to humbly request a commutation of my sentence or, in the alternative, that I may appear before the Board of Parole Hearings before my Minimum Eligible Parole Date in 2032.

II. The circumstances of the crimes for which I am requesting a commutation:

On January 5, 2010, when I was 19 years old, I took a harmful action that I deeply regret. Out of fear for my life and the life of my then-fiancé and now-wife Maggie, I shot and injured Jonathan Disario and Rosendo Flores.

Mr. Disario was a member of a violent street gang, and he had intimidated, harassed, and attacked my family, my friends, and me over the previous three years. Specifically, he and his friends had beaten me with a baseball bat, shot two of my friends in front of my family's house, and threatened to kill me. So, when he began chasing Maggie and me while we were driving, I panicked. I tried to get away, but I got caught at a red light with traffic crossing the intersection. I thought Mr. Disario was going to shoot us then and there, so I reacted. I fired several shots at his car, hitting Mr. Disario in the arm and his passenger, Mr. Flores, in the leg.

Two months later, I turned myself into the authorities. I was convicted of attempted premeditated murder, assault with a firearm, and unlawful carrying of a loaded firearm. As a result, I was sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole with a 20-year firearm enhancement.

Currently, I have a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pending before the United States District Court for the Central District of California. It contains more detail about the circumstances of the crimes for which I am requesting a commutation and a constitutional challenge to my conviction for ineffective assistance of counsel.

III. Why I am requesting a commutation:

Over the past eight years in jail and prison, I have had the opportunity to reflect upon the choices that I made when I was young and the events that took place on January 5, 2010—choices such as why I was carrying a loaded firearm, why I resorted to violence, why I didn't go to the police, and what I need to do in the present to ensure this behavior is never repeated. In short, I realized that throughout my youth (teenage years) I began to develop warped and

dysfunctional beliefs of what it meant to be a man, and what it means to care for and protect my family.

I developed a thwarted, self-sufficient mentality which led to a poor sense of judgment, a mentality which had not been taught to me by my parents. I thought that arming myself, rather than going to the police, was a way to protect myself. I realize that part of me maturing as a man is accountability and responsibility for my choices and actions, despite the circumstances. I hurt two people and, and not a day goes by that I do not regret my actions and the harm that I caused Mr. Disario, Mr. Flores, and their families. If I were privileged with the opportunity to speak with them, I would humbly ask for their forgiveness.

During my incarceration, I have done everything within my ability to better myself. I have been dedicated to living an honest and just life through self-awareness and self-control, and I believe that I have matured into a responsible adult. Now, I hope that I may one day redeem the time that I have lost; establish a career as a mechanic; become a father to children with my wife; and share my experience with others who are in difficult situations, to help them turn towards God and away from destructive behavior. Unfortunately, I cannot achieve these goals while I am behind bars, and I am not eligible for parole for another 14 years.

Consequently, I am writing to humbly request a commutation of my sentence or, in the alternative, that I may be granted a parole hearing. Due to my academic, personal, and spiritual development and the unwavering love and support of my family and friends, I am confident that I have what it takes to make a successful reentry into society. In addition, I am prepared to give a thorough account of my actions and of the transformation I have undergone during my incarceration. If I were under the same circumstances today, my response would be entirely different. Never again would I resort to violence to resolve a dispute; instead, I would seek the advice of my family and friends, and I would go to the police.

Lastly, my sentence was automatically "enhanced" by 20 years upon the jury's finding that I had used a firearm in the commission of a felony.¹ In February 2017, however, the Legislature passed--and you signed into law--a bill that that grants courts the discretion to strike or dismiss a firearm enhancement in the interest of justice.² Therefore, if I were sentenced today, I might not have received my additional 20-year term. Thus, I also respectfully submit my request to you in the interest of fairness and equal protection under the law.

¹ See Law of December 31, 2017, Cal. Penal Code § 12022.53(c) ("Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person who, in the commission of a felony specified in subdivision (a), personally and intentionally discharges a firearm, shall be punished by an additional and consecutive term of imprisonment in the state prison for 20 years."); Law of December 31, 2017, Cal. Penal Code § 12022.53(h) ("Notwithstanding Section 1385 or any other provision of law, the court shall not strike an allegation under this section or a finding bringing a person within the provisions of this section.").

² S.B. 620, Leg., 2017-18 Sess. (Cal. 2017) (available at http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB620); see also Cal. Penal Code § 12022.53(h) ("The court may, in the interest of justice pursuant to Section 1385 and at the time of sentencing, strike or dismiss an enhancement otherwise required to be imposed by this section. The authority provided by this subdivision applies to any resentencing that may occur pursuant to any other law.").

IV. Why I believe I should be granted a commutation:

As mentioned above, I have used my eight years of incarceration to work on my weaknesses and to prepare myself to successfully reenter society.

To begin, I have been dedicated to my education. When I committed the acts for which I was convicted, I had not yet finished high school. Now, I have passed my General Educational Development Test (GED), and I am only five courses away from completing my Associate of Arts degree in Business Technology. When I took the GED in 2011, I scored in the 95th-percentile of test-takers on the science and reading portions of the exam. Since then, I have maintained a 3.63 cumulative grade point average while earning 43 credits towards my associate's degree through the Palo Verde College Inmate Program.

Additionally, I have worked on my self-awareness and self-control. In August 2011, I successfully completed the Desert Edge Adult School's independent study program on Thinking Skills for Anger Control, and throughout my time at Ironwood State Prison, I have maintained a disciplinary-free record. Every day, I strive to be a model prisoner by taking my job assignments seriously, volunteering to take on additional tasks, and treating members of the staff and other inmates with respect. To this end, I am very grateful to have received letters in support of my application from VEP/College Coordinator Baptiste, Ms. Willcutt, VEP/College Coordinator Dorame, and Officer Pimental, each of whom explicitly commended my strong work ethic and my desire to help.

My proudest accomplishment, however, is my commitment to my Christian faith, which has played a pivotal role in my personal transformation. In prison, I have been devoted to learning more about my faith and applying it to my daily life. I have successfully completed nine courses taught by the Exodus Bible Correspondence School and two Koinonia courses, which used the Bible and Christian fellowship to teach me character and moral values. In addition, as a member of the worship team at Ironwood, I attend the weekly chapel service, and I play guitar and sing in the English and Spanish choirs.

During my incarceration, my faith has given me purpose and a sense of responsibility to myself and my community. Through the "Fight the Good Fight of Faith" portion of The Urban Ministry Institute's Prison Fellowship Discipleship Program, I have been trained to become a minister of the faith, and I have been recognized for my service and dedication to the prison ministry. Ultimately, I hope to use my instruction in Christian ministry to share my story with young men who find themselves in challenging circumstances.

Finally, if I were to be released on parole, I would be surrounded by family and friends who love and support me. Most importantly, my wife Maggie has been by my side at every step of this difficult journey--from our engagement, to our traumatic experience on January 5, 2010, to our marriage on July 10, 2017. I cannot imagine a more understanding and patient partner to help me transition back into society, especially because Maggie works as a professional caretaker for

the elderly and for a young boy with autism. In addition, I am so grateful to have received letters of support from my wife, Maggie, my mother, Marilyn; my father, Cesar; my sister, Jessica; my brother, Danny; my father-in-law, Juan Jose; my mother-in-law, Thelma; my sisters-in-law Cindy, Vanessa, and Yesenia; my brother-in-law, Antonio; my cousins, Marlene and Clarissa, my aunt, Maria; my uncle, Sergio; my former attorney, Ms. Benjamini; and our local pastors, Raul and Adam. I am completely overwhelmed by their compassion and generosity. They have offered me places to stay and to help me secure permanent housing; they've offered to help me get my driver's license, to let me borrow their cars, and to help me purchase a car of my own; they've offered to employ me in the short-term, and to help me find permanent employment. I know that the reentry process would not be easy; but I also know that I would always have someone to turn to in a time of need.

In brief, I am confident that my academic, personal, and spiritual development would provide a solid foundation upon which I can build and rebuild my life in society. And I am blessed to have the financial, emotional, and spiritual support of my family and friends. Just as I currently strive to be model prisoner, if I were to be released on parole, I would strive to be a model citizen. As I hope is made clear by my application and my letters of support, I am driven to improving myself and the lives of those around me.

Thank you so much your time and consideration, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Cesar Y. Cisneros Jr.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Lamarr Cooks

On October 27, 1991, Lamarr Cooks and Darryl Richard approached Fernando Hernandez and Lillian Martinez while they were walking on the street. Mr. Cooks grabbed Ms. Martinez's purse then pushed her. Mr. Hernandez tried to prevent Ms. Martinez from falling when Mr. Cooks shot him in the face, killing him. Mr. Cooks and Mr. Richard fled with Ms. Martinez's purse, which contained cash, a gold chain, and a bracelet. On July 28, 1993, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Cooks to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Cooks has been incarcerated for over 27 years and has dramatically turned his life around during that time. In his commutation application, Mr. Cooks explained the effect of not having a role model and mentor to steer him away from negative peers. He wrote, "I will continue to be that mentor and role model to my family and those that find themselves going down a negative path." He told a Board investigator that he applied for a commutation because he "wants to show the different person he is now compared to the person he was when he committed this crime," adding that he would like to "share his experiences so other individuals will not take the same path that he did."

Mr. Cooks was only 18 years old when he committed this crime, but has made substantial efforts to rehabilitate himself as well as help others around him. He has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Insight, and Success After Prison. He earned his GED and completed a vocation in Office Services. In 2018, a correctional officer who has known Mr. Cooks for 12 years wrote that Mr. Cooks "has established himself as a highly respected mentor among his peers. I have witnessed his conduct as he leads by example, and he is showing others how to positively transform their lives, into positive, productive members of the community." In 2017, Mr. Cooks was commended by a correctional officer for "his behavior and positive choices," writing, "if the opportunity to return to society were ever given, I believe that inmate Cooks would be a model citizen." In 2017, a correctional officer who has known Mr. Cooks for 15 years commended him for working well with inmates and staff and for being "dependable, respectful and also reliable." Since 2009, Mr. Cooks has participated in the Progressive Programming Facility. He has also taken American Sign Language classes, worked as an Adult Basic Education tutor, and participated in the Prison Letters 4 Struggling Youth program.

Mr. Cooks committed a serious and violent crime against two victims he did not know. However, he has shown remorse and a genuine commitment to his rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Lamarr Cooks to a total of 27 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Lamar Cooks Date of Birth: [redacted] 73 Inmate ID: H-88770
Address: P.O. Box 4430 (A2-2404) Facility: CSP-Lancaster, CA.

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Content: NONE

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See exhibit "A"

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See exhibit "B"

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See exhibit "C"

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NONE

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Lamarr Cooks declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Lamarr Cooks
Applicant's Signature

7-16-18
Date

N/A

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Lamarr Cooks,
was convicted of the crime of murder (187) - robbery (211),
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 7-28-1993.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Lamarr Cooks
Applicant's Signature

6-24-2018
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steven Frankel, District Attorney of the County of LA,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Lamarr Cooks,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]
Date 7-10-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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Exhibit "A"

As Mr. Fernando Hernandez and Ms. Lillian Martinez walked together down the street, my co-defendant and I approached the two. With my illegal gun in hand pointing at Mr. Hernandez, I demanded their money. I grabbed Ms. Martinez purse which then I fatally shot and killed Mr. Fernando Hernandez.

Exhibit "B"

I am requesting a commutation because even though I deserved the sentence I was given, over the years I've demonstrated rehabilitation from thinking, acting and condoning criminal behavior.

I am no longer a child making foolish decisions as a child. I am now a 45 year old man who has learned what rules and laws mean, and to have consideration for others property. I've come to realize my faults, wrong morals, and guidelines I created and adopted as a youth.

I am no longer part of a gang and totally against gang behavior. I am also against drug and alcohol abuse. I will never own, or be in possession of a fire arm and taking the law into my own hands.

I now understand the impact of my life crime and the devastation of it. This will not be forgotten. I took a life of happiness from Mr. Fernando Hernandez; stripping away all his dreams and goals in life. I took Mr. Fernando Hernandez from his parents, family and friends. They will never again enjoy his smile, his presence or his contribution towards them.

I am ashamed, embarrassed, and regret my actions of killing Mr. Fernando Hernandez and victimizing Ms. Lillian Martinez. Mr. Hernandez in no way deserve to have his life taken in such a tragic way.

Through God, and CDCR'S self-help classes, I've learned who I am and what I will be in life no matter what ordeals come my way in life.

To reinsure my poor choices, and criminal behavior will never resurface again, the many self-help classes I attended, and completed has helped me to also recognize, that, the way I was living were outside the norms of society; something that is not tolerated. These classes has also given me new morals to live by such as; compassion, kindness, humility, integrity, love and respect. I now know what remorse and empathy is.

I will always work on myself in my life change, and will continue to make every effort to better myself and those around me.

THANK YOU.

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EXHIBIT "C"

It would be wrong for me to say I should be granted or even deserve a commutation considering the horric crime of murder I committed. It would only be through Mercy and Grace that the Governor would consider granting me a Commutation of Sentence.

July 16, 2018

Dear Mr. Governor Brown;

I am enclosing family photos along with my Commutation Packet for your viewing. These are family members who have supported me throughout the duration of my time, and will continue to support while given the chance to be paroled.

Thank You.

Sincerely,
Lamarr Cooks
#H-88770

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Manuel Cuevas

On April 13, 2004, Manuel Cuevas shot and killed his cousin Rene Cuevas, who had impregnated Manuel's wife and who Manuel believed was still sleeping with his wife. On January 13, 2005, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Cuevas to 15 years to life for murder and 10 years for use of a dangerous weapon – a total term of 25 years to life.

Mr. Cuevas has now been incarcerated for almost 15 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Cuevas wrote, "I know how I've lived in ignorance and that I've made and done a grave harm. Irreversible – which it will always be in my mind and heart." During almost 15 years in prison, Mr. Cuevas has been dedicated to his rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. Mr. Cuevas has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Fathers Behind Bars, Coping Skills, Self-Esteem, and Alternatives to Violence.

Mr. Cuevas also receives above average work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2017, a correctional officer commended Mr. Cuevas for his "exceptional behavior" and wrote, "It is noted that Inmate Cuevas requires minimal supervision to ensure orderly operations. [He] abides by the rules and regulations of the department, is courteous towards others, and displays positive judgment and behavior." In 2013, an Adult Basic Education instructor commended Mr. Cuevas for his behavior and attitude in class. Mr. Cuevas participated in a victims awareness event and made donations to charity. Mr. Cuevas also has substantial family support in the event of his release.

While Mr. Cuevas committed a very serious crime, he has abstained from violence and demonstrated his commitment to his rehabilitation over the course of his incarceration. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Cuevas has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Manuel Cuevas to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Reneas Manuel Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-1964 Inmate ID: V-65561
Address: C.T.F. P.O. Box 705 Soledad, CA. 93960 Facility: W.A. 347L

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
# 36249 - 187 ² "	13-April-2004	Hayward	25 L
	1992	S. Francisco	N/A

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Offense: I 1992, merchandise was purchased from an warehouse in Los Angeles, CA. As the driver drove in documents to my brother. He made sure everything was in order, the proceeded to lock the padlock we began to load, I heard an argument →

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I know I have done much harm to society and to families known and unknown, so unwillingly. Oh how I pray and wish I could return and retake my steps once again. This could still allow Mr. Renee Cuevas to be →

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

No body deserve's liberty without some form of consequences or challenge's Seeing how the magnitude of the impact affect's not only the victim I impact's both our families in the short and long term. while incarcerated in High Desert →

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

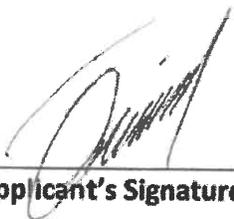
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Alameda County:

Please take notice that I Cuevas Manuel, was convicted of the crime of PC-187²" and 12022.52, committed in Hayward County, California on the date of 04-13-2004. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.


Applicant's Signature

5-26-2018
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____ do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

2.- Briefly describe the circumstance of the crime...

from inside the warehouse, between my brother. The chooffer. Then the argument turned into a fight. As I saw The chooffer beating my brother with a stick. I proceeded to pull out a firearm out of an briefcase. That was near. The Chooffer took off as he called. The Police. I was taken to The police station & paid a fine. A few day's later I was declared innocent of all charge's.

2.- Briefly describe the circumstance of the crime...

2.- **Offense:** It was April 13TH. 2004 when Rene Zarate approached me with a knife in hand. My reaction in the circumstances I found myself in with a fear as I never before felt. Made me reach for a gun which was under a mattress near the head part of the bed. I found nowhere to go, so I jumped onto the bed trying to head toward's the door. I fired a shot to hopefully try and scare him. As I was running from him during the chase, the movement of my hand wasn't really aiming toward him. I shot and when I see him fall, I attempted to help him. All to no avail! I couldn't do nothing for him. It became a little confusing to me. I was impacted by this experience and unable to forget and forgive my self, Not knowing what to do cause it all seemed so unbelievable to me. I went to a brother of mine who helped me out. I called 911 and waited for the police to arrive. Little by little my mind began clearing up realing the magnitude of what I had done.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

→ around enjoying some happy days with his family. And this would have never taken place, on April 13, 2004. This is all a hope. Even though this may be an impossible thing, how I wish it were so possible for both of us to be with our families. As I've looked over and again how my attitude in this situation could have been different. I could have been more socially active and with my family. I seek this of God and request that an opportunity be considered? My life is placed in your hands, so to say. The change can be seen mainly by those of my family who know me well. My request is to demonstrate, this to them in hopes to be there for them morally, spiritually as well as economically too. For this reason I request of you this commutation?

Respectfully yours.

4.- Provide a brief statement explaining why you...

→ Prison, level IV I went thru Alternative to Violence Project (AVP) began on 8-14-2006 for 20 hours in three days. This program was filled with different ethnic backgrounds. As certain rules were set, little communication took place. As the program proceeded, we were all asked to grab a ball or a doll. As we grabbed this out of a box, we were asked to throw these items at each other. Until there were 20 pieces laying on the floor. We, at the end of this began to laugh, And this was the beginning of a companionship which was not expected. Who could've known we didn't have to be enemies. We then sat down, each one with our backs to each other. This without knowing who we told our story to. This was a preparation so when we faced each other for a bout 10 minutes, sharing more of our story we began with our childhood. The next step was to encourage one another to continue with our story. To Finalize the program, we were one group or I should say, We felt as though we were a part of a society, looking for a change. Something happened within the group that took me back to my infancy. Pondering the memories when I was a good kid. I was marginalized by society who

watched me grow. For unknown reasons I grew up speaking with a speech impairment. To where, I stuttered, and everyone made fun of me and tried to fight with me. I had teachers who also released their anger upon me when I didn't understand what they taught. I was finally sent to a special educational school, with those who had similar disabilities. This was a Grand Benefit for me. My parents are the ones who deserve all the credit. There were still moments to where boys my age bullied me, repeated every word I needed to learn how to defend myself. I grew in a city in Mexico, D.F. where life was not just for society itself. Especially, since there exists so much violence there, one learns to not call the Police, due to the fact that fears is placed within us by them. The era in which I grew up, I witnessed when Officials pulled over cars just rob citizens of their property. Once when I was headed home from elementary school, when again, I witnessed 30-35 students with their hands up against the wall. As I cautiously ~~to~~ walked home trying not to be seen. I was ordered. To come near and as I did. The Official began hitting me with the handle of the gun and insulting me. I by instinct ran for my life

as I never before ran. Reaching home, my brothers saw I was scared. Asked me "what happened?" I told them every thing, and they all laughed at me. Telling me, "not to worry about it!" I was only eight years old and I was frightened of the police. The fear grew worst, that without reason they would pull us over and Rob us of our watches and our sunglasses too. There were two occasions when the police assisted me when I called them.

I know how I've lived in ignorance and that I've made and done a grave harm. Irreversible - which it will always be in my mind and heart. And this will stay in those person's I have injured. I am hopeful that maybe one day will come to where I am forgiven by my victim's - Family? Even though, I know this is not an easy thing to be forgotten. I was told by my wife, that her sister wanted to speak to me. As I spoke to her, I heard the excitement in her voice. As she reminisist on times that were good in our Family. Out of nowhere, she began to cry mixed with sorrow and pain.

Stating to me, "why Manuel, why?" We could have helped you! why didn't you ask for help? you destroyed everything Manuel. As I listened, I became Mute. Not knowing what to say, I was filled with guilt, an unknown feeling of deep pain. Filled me and void. not knowing what to do. I didn't want to cry cause my peer's were all around me. Pride got the best of me and I didn't want them to see me cry. When I was in the cell, I understood the immenseness of the crime that this would affect many people and this would continue to do so.

I wish to share with you a story.

which is similar to the life of an ignorant person. There was once a logger who ~~dec~~ decided to cut down a tree. As he looked up, he saw a nest in the branches. He decided to take the only egg and lay it with a nest of chicken's. After some day's the chick's hatched out. the egg's. The Eagle included. As the eagle grew with the chicken's scratching and pecking the ground. As time passed, the eagle chick looked up to the sky and asked the

mother hen. Mother, what is that in the sky?
The Mother hen responded to him. "That is an eagle, it is a bird of prey, it is a powerful bird that can soar high above the clouds." The eagle continued to peck at the ground.

This eagle lived a life as a chicken, cause nobody told it what it was capable of doing. So this eagle's life was that of a chicken and in ignorance and not for what it was created for.

I lived in ignorance, this is how I felt, and understood that society has it's own set authority to assist and find solutions to problems to allow us not to fear the authority figures. I hope's that solution's can be found in communicating with one another? Hoping that with honesty solution's will come to pass. Leaving one's Pride and Machismo behind, understanding that these bring upon us destruction of oneself and that of the society, aswell.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

David Dougall

David Dougall and his crime partner committed a string of robberies. During the last robbery, Mr. Dougall demanded that Jose Luis Montes give him his car keys. Mr. Dougall shot and killed Mr. Montes after he tried to flee. On June 18, 1997, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Dougall to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus three years for robbery and a five year firearm enhancement – a total term of life without the possibility of parole, plus 8 years.

Mr. Dougall was 18 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for close to 23 years. In his application for commutation, Mr. Dougall wrote, "I've spent the last 21 years making amends for my mistakes . . . I have committed myself to social, academic, and psychological rehabilitation."

Mr. Dougall's rehabilitation has been extraordinary. Mr. Dougall has lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative opportunities, for five years. He has also participated in self-help courses, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Houses of Healing, and Men of Honor. In addition, Mr. Dougall earned an A.A. degree in biblical studies, and is currently enrolled in college courses at Coastline College. He also earned his GED and a certificate in counseling, as well two vocations. Mr. Dougall has been a dog trainer in Paws for Life since 2016, and a team leader since 2017. In July 2016, when Los Angeles County was in the middle of the Santa Clarita Sand Fire, Mr. Dougall helped to evacuate 50 deaf dogs. An assistant warden commended Mr. Dougall for "ensuring the welfare of these dogs" while "working 12-hour days in extreme heat."

Mr. Dougall's remarkable transformation has been noted by correctional staff. A correctional officer praised Mr. Dougall for having "a very optimistic view in everything he does. I have personally witnessed the tremendous strides Dougall has made to better himself. He has realistically evaluated the restraints and limitations of prison life and decided to be personally responsible for using available opportunities for improvement. It is my opinion that if released, Dougall would adapt to society and when confronted with any negative situation he would choose the correct path." Another correctional officer commended Mr. Dougall for his attitude and ethics, writing, "Dougall regularly demonstrated a positive attitude and strong set of work ethics. . . . Given Dougall's commitment to changing his life for the better, it is this writer's opinion if given the opportunity, that Dougall would have a seamless transition back into society and make a meaningful contribution as a responsible member of his community." Finally, a correctional officer wrote, "Dougall has always been polite, respectful, and carried himself in a manner that is conducive to the goals of the Progressive Programming Facility. . . . He also carries himself in a mature and stable fashion, setting an example for other inmates to follow. Every inmate incarcerated in [the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation] has decisions to make on a daily basis. It is clear the decisions being made by Dougall are of good nature and geared toward his own self-rehabilitation."

Although facing a prison term with no hope for release, Mr. Dougall has distinguished himself by maintaining a positive attitude and advancing his education. For these reasons, Mr. Dougall has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Dougall to a total of 23 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

David Dougall-K64074

CSP-LAC- A5-138

P.O. Box 4430

Lancaster, CA 93536

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is David Dougall and I humbly appreciate you taking the time to read through my letter. I am submitting this letter in hopes of getting a hearing. I am currently serving Life Without the Possibility of Parole (LWOP) and I have been incarcerated for over 21 years.

This letter is not a plea to express innocence or disregard my crimes. I am sitting in our prison system today because of the many choices I made as a teenager who lacked respect for authority but also lacked in adult supervision and leadership. My path to prison, as odd as it may sound, has actually led me to a more positive path in my character and my motivation. If I had not come to prison, I believe that I may not have made it to see my 25th birthday; I would have died either by drugs or by the amounts of gangs that surrounded me in my youth. Prison has helped me to see how senseless my actions were and to take responsibility for the pain I have caused both my family and the Montes family. Every day that passes by, I am aware of what I did and the huge loss I have caused their family. I cannot undo the harm I have caused the Montes

family, but my daily prayers include pleas for their forgiveness.

Nearly two decades ago (almost my 19th birthday), my journey in prison began with some very different choices. Those choices could have easily taken me down the path of destruction and prison politics. However, early on I made the decision to make positive changes in my life regardless if I was locked up. Like many of the youth from my neighborhood, I had the shame of coming to prison with a Life Without the Possibility of Parole sentence. I could have given up, but those people who have showed me grace throughout the years in prison, would not allow me to do so.

As a young boy, I did not do well in primary school. Although I could not read or write, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) system kept passing me to the next highest grade. Every teacher would pass me on to the next without a second thought of the negative effects I would later face in school. I was in middle school when I was diagnosed as being dyslexic. I have faced overwhelming obstacles and could have readily admitted defeat, but I learn to have faith in myself, I learn to look to those who loved me for strength. Through their constant words of encouragement, I was able to see beyond my self-inflicted limitations and strive to develop the positive qualities they saw in me. It is because of their constant encouragement that I was able to find the courage and determination to teach myself how to read and write while being in prison.

With the same determination I made a goal to finish

high school. Although I could not get a diploma, I successfully achieved my goal by passing the General Educational Development test (GED) in 2013. I also achieve my second goal by earning my Associate's Degree in Biblical Counseling, earlier this year (2017). I've also enrolled myself at Coastline Community College, I'm studying and taking classes for a degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences as well as Arts and Humanities. I have taken several other classes, (N.A., Parenting, Conflict Resolution, House of Healing, Re-Entry Workshop, Insight, Prep Turning Point, Great Truths of the Bible, Anger Management, Stress Reduction, and Victim Awareness) that have been offered while I have been in prison. I have taken these classes not only to better myself, but also to be able to help others on the same path as myself. I hope to one day be able to use my story and what I've learned over the passed 21 years to help at risk youth and prevent them from making poor choices. Currently I am also part of the Paws for Life Service Training Program where we train rescue dogs to be service dogs for Vets with PTSD. I've been doing this program over two years now and it's the first time since being in prison that I have had the ability to care for something other than myself. It is an amazing feeling to be contributing to society.

Despite my circumstances, I have kept a positive attitude and made positive choices and changes for myself as well as those around me. I am asking (if you can believe in a man once again) that you please accept this petition for

consideration. I am seeking this opportunity to make amends to the family I have wrong as well as be able to have a chance to be a positive contributor to society. If you were to accept my petition for a sentence modification I would have the privilege of standing before a Parole Board and prove that my actions support my rehabilitation.

Your time and consideration of this petition is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

David Dargatzis

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: David M. Dougall Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 77 Social Security Number: K64074

Address: P.O. Box 4430 Lancaster, CA 93539

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Penal Code § 187 (A)	Jan 3, 1996	Los Angeles	LWOP
Penal Code § 664/211	Jan 3, 1996	Los Angeles	LWOP
Penal Code § 211	Dec 31, 1995	Los Angeles	4 yrs

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Murder 1st (Use F' arm) LWOP; Robbery 2nd (PC 2022 (a)) (Stayed)
Robbery 2nd (Armed w/ firearm) (Consecutive (Full term) to AA/00)
P.C. 212.5 (a) (1) - (P.C. 2022 (a) (2)) P. 190.2 (a) (1) Special Circumstances

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I've been incarcerated for over 21 years, literally half of my life. I've spent the last 21 years making amends for my social mistakes. During the course of my incarceration I have committed myself to social, academic and psychological rehabilitation. I have made continuous progress with my life which is verifiable through my post-conviction prison record. (See attached supporting document)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I, David M. Dougall, petitioner willfully accepted responsibility for my action which led to my incarceration. I also willfully announce my remorse and contriteness for my actions committed against the Montes family. I apologize to the citizenry of the State of California for the social disruption that I caused within our society.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, David M. Dargatzis declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

David Dargatzis
Applicant's Signature

August 29, 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, David M. Dougall,

was convicted of the crime of 1 degree murder,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of Jan 3, 1996.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. *Inmate Number:* K64074.

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David Dougall
Applicant's Signature

August 29, 2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Wolff AD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from David Dougall,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Wolff

Date 9/14/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Mario Duran

On January 28, 1988, Mario Duran, Carlos Ortega, and Jose Fuentes entered the house of Luis Rios-Martinez in order to burglarize it. Mr. Martinez's housekeeper Herlinda Organista, his wife Brenda Palacios, and his mother Paula Rios were home at the time. The men demanded money and threatened the women before searching the house for other valuables. When Mr. Martinez interrupted them during the burglary, Mr. Duran shot and killed him. On March 11, 1994, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Duran to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a two year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Duran has now been incarcerated for 26 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Duran acknowledged the senseless nature of the crime and the pain he has caused the Rios-Martinez family. He wrote, "My callous and coward[ly] actions caused Mr. Rios-Martinez's family and friends immense pain, grief and loss, and forever changed their lives, for which I am profoundly sorry, as well for negatively impacting the community and society." He told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that there is no way he can take back what happened, but he has worked on himself and believes that he is a different person now.

During over two and a half decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Duran has demonstrated his commitment to his rehabilitation. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct, over 24 years ago. Mr. Duran resided on an honor yard for many years. He completed vocational training in laundry, industrial health and safety, and silk screening. He is currently taking college classes. Mr. Duran has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Victim Sensitivity, the Long Term Offenders Program, Alcoholics Anonymous, Guiding Rage Into Power, and Men for Honor. Mr. Duran acted as a facilitator for the Getting Out by Going In program and trained to become a peer educator in the Peer Medical Education Program.

Mr. Duran's positive programming and behavior garnered him excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2016, a superintendent with the California Prison Industry Authority wrote that during Mr. Duran's ten years of work in the laundry facility, he "has worked at various positions making every effort to learn all aspects of the industry." A work supervisor commended Mr. Duran in 2015 for being "highly proficient in the operation of multiple industrial laundry machines." A self-help sponsor wrote in 2015 that Mr. Duran "was an excellent student, who regularly participated in class discussion, had perfect attendance, and was an asset to the class."

Mr. Duran has the support of his family in the event of his release. Mr. Duran's ex-wife wrote in support of clemency and noted that throughout his 26 years of incarceration, he has continued to mentor their children from prison. In a letter supporting clemency for his father, Mr. Duran's son wrote, "My father was instrumental in my graduating high school and installing good moral values in my life." He continued, "My father always told me he didn't want me to walk in the same destructive path he took, as he has learned from his bad choices, and now deeply regrets the harm and pain he caused in his past."

Mr. Duran committed a senseless crime at a young age. But in the many years since then, he has made a serious commitment to turning his life around. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Duran has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Mario Duran to a total of 26 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR
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PEOPLE v. DURAN, Case No. C-99575

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: MARIO ANTONIO DURAN Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 67 Inmate ID: J-13116
Address: CSP-LOS ANGELES COUNTY Facility: PROGRESSIVE PROGRAMMING
44750 60TH STREET WEST, LANCASTER CA 93536 FACILITY (PPF) FAC-"A"

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s)	Date of offense(s)	County of conviction(s)	Sentence(s)
Receiving Stolen Property	Aug 27, 1986	Los Angeles CA	24 Months Prob & Fine
Disturbing The Peace	Feb 08, 1987	Los Angeles CA	12 Mnths Prob/1 Day Jail
Domestic Assault	Oct 03, 1992	Arlington VA	12 Mnths Prob & Counseling

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Felony-Murder while in the commission of first degree burglary and robbery of an inhabited dwelling house, enhance by the personal use of firearm. On 01/28/88, applicant and four companions committed these despicable offenses for which applicant and Carlos ORTEGA have been arrested and prosecuted. The other three parties have not been arrested.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On 01/10/94, after the guilty verdict, a 25-to-life offer was made by the people in exchange for my statement of what happened during the offenses for the purpose of effective law enforcement, in furthering the investigation. The offer lapsed, but I have later shown remorse and knowing that an "I'm sorry" is not enough for my victims, on 04/25/01, I have given a lengthy, fair and true account of the facts of the crimes which in part

led to the arrest and prosecution of ORTEGA (Det Mack's letter dated 11/28/00 is attached).

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I was 20 years of age when I senselessly and recklessly committed my life crime of robbery which ended in a tragic murder and the loss of an innocent man's life (Mr. RIOS-MARTINEZ), and thereby greatly impacting his family to the extent I will never know. My callus and

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5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Mario Antonio Duran, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of ORANGE with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

April 4, 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE
ATTACHMENT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Sec 4
MARIO ANTONIO DURAN J-13116
APRIL 04, 2017

coward actions caused Mr. Rios-Martinez family and friends immense pain, grief and loss, and forever changed their lives, for which I am profoundly sorry, as well for negatively impacting the community and society. Post-2000, I have shown remorse and a sincere desire to give a true account of my role, and that of the my companions (Fuentez, Palacios, Avendano-Palacios & Ortega), in the crimes, to assist to further the investigation. My assisting the police (Huntington Beach Police Department, Det Mack) helped locate Carlos ORTEGA, suspect wanted in connection with the felony-murder offenses, and his arrest was effected May 21, 2002. I have continued to offer any honest assistance with the case, because it is the right thing to do for the victims and society. My full, fair and truthful cooperation with the police was not considered when the sentence of LWOP was pronounced and direct appeal denied, as it has occurred post sentence and direct appeal.

I now have great respect toward law enforcement, and I will never participate in any criminal activity. I have matured, grown responsibly and remained disciplinary-free during my 23-plus-years of incarceration in CDCR with the important availability of education, self-help and social awareness groups. I have always programmed accordingly while in custody, and I have positively participated in the Honor Yard and Progressive Programming Facility (PPF) since the end of 2000, at CSP-LAC, as my C-File reflects. This positive environment has provided the tools and contributed to my positive growth and deep understanding of the kind of senseless person I was at age 20 with my distorted and evil thinking, and how necessary my continuous positive change is so I can respect others' life, safety, freedom, well-being and property. I pray for the healing of my victims, Rios-Martinez family, friends and community.

I am an El Salvadorian national and I have sought the support of an El Salvadorian Association, ASAPLE, headed by Ms. Elisa JURADO, who with El Salvadorian consulates in California and inmate families, together work to ensure the chances of success of inmates who will be released and integrated back to the community and society in our native country. My sister Ms. Aurelia Miranda has turned in support letters on my behalf to the CDCR External Communications Office, Mr. Rivas.

My appeals are exhausted. Due to the felony-murder rule, LWOP was the only sentence the court could give me. Under my circumstances, I believe that a commutation, reduction-of-sentence is appropriate. I greatly appreciate your consideration.


Mario Antonio Duran J-13116
Applicant's Signature

April 4, 2017
Dated



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

CALIFORNIA 92648

Tel: (714) 960-8811

RONALD E. LOWENBERG
Chief of Police

November 28, 2000

Mario Duran J13116
CSP-LAC (D4-222)
44750 60th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93536-7619

RE: People v. Duran, Superior Court No. C99575
H.B.P.D. DR# 88-02378

Mr. Duran:

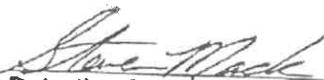
I have received your letter dated October 24, 2000. I am very interested in hearing what you have to say in regards to the other involved parties. I am just as interested today as I was when I spoke to you in 1993.

This case is still open pending the identity and arrest of all involved. I am more than willing to come and listen to what you have to say. You have to understand there must be corroborating evidence to substantiate what you tell me. I cannot simply rely on your statement. However, absolute honesty is a must. You cannot omit anything or add any untrue circumstances.

You must, as you state in your letter, "give a complete account of the facts surrounding the incident, and fully cooperate with law enforcement officials, truthfully, completely, and fairly." My willingness to listen to you in no way suggests your receiving any benefits, consideration, or promises of leniency. I will, however, attempt to prove or disprove all statements you give.

Should you still be willing to assist in this investigation, please contact me. You may call me collect at (714) 536-5507. My normal workdays and hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If access to a phone is unavailable, then you can write me at the address you have.

Sincerely,


Detective Steven Mack

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jose Esquero

On December 28, 1996, patrol officers stopped a vehicle driven by Mr. Esquero. During a search of the car, officers retrieved a chrome revolver and a foil wrapper containing several pieces of rock cocaine. On January 31, 2000, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Esquero to 25 years to life for felon in possession of a firearm and 2 years for two prior prison terms – a total term of 27 years to life. Mr. Esquero is eligible for a parole hearing in 2020.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Esquero explained how he has modified his thinking since coming to prison, and how prison has changed him for the better. Mr. Esquero stated, "I am far different from the person I was twenty-one years ago. I have renounced all gang affiliations. . . . I am a lot older now and have matured a great deal in prison. I have made amends with myself and reconciled with God, and I now see the error of my wrong ways. I have made the effort of rehabilitation and have completed many group therapy sessions." Mr. Esquero told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, "I am a changed man from when I came into prison. I think I can contribute to society and be a father to my sons, who need me. I want to be a father and be out there for my mother before she dies. I just want to work and live the rest of my years on a positive note."

Mr. Esquero is now 56 years old and has served over 22 years in prison. Over the last two decades, Mr. Esquero has avoided gangs and demonstrated a commitment to rehabilitation. He has been disciplined only four times, and only once for physical violence, over 20 years ago. Mr. Esquero participated in self-help groups, including Anger Management, Emotional Awareness, Stress Management, and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. He also successfully completed truck driver training. Mr. Esquero has earned the respect of staff. In 2017, a correctional officer wrote that he found Mr. Esquero's work performance to be "exceptional," and noted that he completes his work with no complaints. The officer wrote regarding Mr. Esquero, "He has displayed great skill through every work detail assigned to him. He has maintained a good working relationship with staff and inmates." The officer noted that Mr. Esquero is a "valuable asset," whose "effort and ability has been recognized as exceptional." The officer concluded that Mr. Esquero "should be commended for his work performance as well as his ethics. It has been a pleasure to have supervised Inmate Esquero."

In addition, Mr. Esquero's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Esquero. For all these reasons, I believe that Mr. Esquero has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jose Esquero to a total of 22 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jose L. Esquero Date of Birth: ██████62 Inmate ID: K-62566
 Address: California Training Facility - North Facility: B-Yard

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
PC 12021 Sub(A)(1)	1997	Los Angeles	27 to Life
PC 207 Kidnap	1987	Los Angeles	8 years
PC 211	1980	Los Angeles	7 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County:

Please take notice that I Jose L. Esquero, was convicted of the crime of
PC 12021 (Gun Possession), committed in Los Angeles County, California
on the date of May 9, 1997. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of
California.

Jose L. Esquero
Applicant's Signature

OCT. 2, 2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____ do
hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____, that he/she intends to
apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation.

The circumstances of my crimes are non-violent. I am serving a three strike sentence of twenty-seven years to life for possession of weapon (gun). In my 1997 trial I tried explaining to the judge that the gun found in my car belonged to the passenger. At this time I have realized the three strikes law was harsh back then. Nevertheless, it was unreasonable to convict me and give me a life sentence when the passenger, whom the gun belonged to, was let go.

My second crime used against me as a strike was a prior conviction from 1987. It was a kidnap (Penal Code 207). Considering the circumstances, it was non-violent. I was given a low base term of three years for the so-called kidnap, with five years added for an enhancement of a juvenile prior (P.C. 211 armed robbery). According to Prop. 21, this is an invalid strike and should not have been used when I was sentenced for this current term. As far as the kidnap, I never robbed the man. I had asked for a ride, and I did not physically harm him, nor touch him at all. A simulated verbal threat was made, and by law, this no longer constitutes a felony.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

I have been incarcerated twenty-one years now, and I feel I have served enough time for a possession offense. I am a changed man, far different from the person I was twenty-one years ago. I have renounced all gang affiliations. I have not been a disciplinary problem while incarcerated, showing that I can follow rules and obey the laws when released.

Being a layman of the law when I was convicted, I failed to recognize then what I know now. My rights were violated by the attorney who represented me at trial. I was a victim of an age old case of travesty of justice. [see copy of State Bar findings attached.] The state Bar stated, " I was deprived of effective assistance of counsel in 1997."

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

I am a lot older now and have matured a great deal in prison. I have been incarcerated a long time, and that time has allowed me to reflect on all my past mistakes. I have made amends with myself and reconciled with God, and I now see the error of my wrong ways. I have made the effort of rehabilitation and have completed many group therapy sessions. [see attached Laudatory Chronos]. Recently, while working in the prison visiting room, I was awarded a good work conduct chrono from my supervising officer. This proves I am ready to go out into society and be a productive working citizen. I pledge to be mindful of all the thoughts and decisions that I make in my life.

I have proved that I can follow the rules and obey the laws, and I am not a risk or danger to society. For all these reasons, I respectfully request to be granted a commutation of my sentence. Thank you.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Roberto Esquivel

In 1996, 17-year-old Roberto Esquivel and a friend followed Carlos Salgado because he was a rival gang member. When Mr. Salgado stopped in front of a friend's house, Mr. Esquivel and his friend fired multiple shots, hitting Mr. Salgado once and killing him. On December 8, 1997, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Esquivel to 48 years to life for murder, attempted murder, and two firearm enhancements.

Mr. Esquivel is now 39 years old and has spent 22 years in prison. During that time, he dropped out of his gang and instead dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He earned his high school diploma, and A.A. degree, and an A.S. degree. Mr. Esquivel has participated in numerous self-help programs, including Celebrate Recovery, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, and Victims Awareness. He has also facilitated multiple classes for his peers, taking a leadership role and encouraging others to follow a positive path. Mr. Esquivel earned a certification as an alcohol and drug counselor. He volunteers for a juvenile deterrent program, through which he and other inmates mentor at-risk young people and encourage them to stay away from criminal activity. He has also been commended by several prison volunteers for his positive behavior and attitude. In 2017, a self-help facilitator praised Mr. Esquivel's dedication in groups, and wrote, "Mr. Esquivel is thoughtful and introspective; modest and willing to take criticism or feedback; intuitive and compassionate towards others; and inquisitive, open to a broad worldview, and willing to learn from others' expertise." Another group sponsor wrote, "It is my opinion that Mr. Esquivel is a great example of a prisoner who is ready for parole, who has rehabilitated himself and a man who has much potential and desire to contribute to society once released."

It is clear that Mr. Esquivel is no longer the teenager who committed this senseless, gang-related crime. During his two decades in prison, he has shown a genuine commitment to improving himself and turning his life around, and has encouraged others to do the same. For these reasons, I believe Mr. Esquivel has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Roberto Esquivel to a total of 22 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Roberto Esquivel Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/79 Social Security Number: K87253

Address: CTF Central C-Wing 3234 P.O. Box 689 Soledad, CA 93960

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Murder	9/1/1996	Los Angeles	25 years to life + 10
Attempted Murder	9/1/1996	Los Angeles	13 years
Robbery	7/26/1996	Los Angeles	Home On Probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached letter

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached letter

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached letter

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Christopher Hawthorne declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

2/24/2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Roberto Esquivel,

was convicted of the crime of Murder and attempted murder,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 9/1/1996.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: K87253.


Applicant's Signature

2/27/18
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Wolff HPD, District Attorney of the County of L.A.,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Roberto Esquivel

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

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Signed Barbara Wolff

Date 3/14/18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

February 26, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Attention: Legal Affairs Secretary
Sacramento, CA 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Dear Governor Brown:

I am the attorney for Mr. Roberto Esquivel (CDC No. K87253). On behalf of Mr. Esquivel, I am petitioning you to commute his sentence. On December 8, 1997, Mr. Esquivel was sentenced to 48 years to life for a crime he committed on September 1, 1996, when he was 17 years old; a crime for which he takes complete responsibility, and for which he experiences regret and remorse every day of his life.

That crime, however, was the product of Mr. Esquivel's horrifying childhood environment. Mr. Esquivel was born to an immigrant family in which his father was an abusive alcoholic and his older brother was a gang member who was gunned down by a rival gang. Mr. Esquivel, therefore, had no chance at a normal life. Instead, his childhood and early adolescence were shaped by gang values, violence and physical danger. Mr. Esquivel made poor and tragic choices, but forces beyond his control often dictated these choices. At age 17, like most children, he lacked the judgment and maturity to reject his own family situation.

Since 1997, Mr. Esquivel has turned his life around in prison. As detailed in the attached exhibits, he has made serious and successful efforts to improve himself, has obtained the education he gave up outside prison walls, and made himself into a successful and functioning adult. He poses no risk to society and hopes to counsel children like him, at risk for gang involvement and gang violence. Accordingly, Mr. Esquivel respectfully requests that you commute his sentence of 48 years to life to a sentence of 15 years to life.

For the reasons stated in this letter brief, I now petition your office for clemency on behalf of Mr. Esquivel, and formally request a commutation of sentence.

I. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE LIFE CRIME

According to the appellant's opening brief on this case: (See Exhibit A, Appellant's Opening Brief.)

At age 16, Mr. Esquivel began carrying a loaded gun in his shoe for protection against the neighborhood gangs who tried to kill his brother. One of Mr. Esquivel's associates was Edy Ramirez, a 20 year-old Marine reservist and member of a group who called themselves the "All Insane" ("AI") tagging crew. In 1996, AI was feuding with a rival tagging crew who called themselves "Hard and Insane" ("HAI"). On the afternoon of September 1, 1996, Ramirez picked up Mr. Esquivel at a friend's house and the two began to drive.

Mr. Esquivel soon realized that Ramirez was following another car. Carlos Salgado, an 18-year-old HAI member, was driving the car that Ramirez was following. Salgado's girlfriend, Glenda Ramirez, Glenda's baby, and Glenda's two younger sisters were passengers in the car. Salgado and the passengers realized that Ramirez and Mr. Esquivel were following. Salgado entered the driveway of a friend's apartment building, parked, exited the car, and began to walk quickly towards some men, including William Molina, who were standing outside the apartment building. Salgado said to Molina, "Some guys are chasing me. Go get something." Then, Salgado retrieved a baseball bat from his car and began walking towards the passenger side of Ramirez's vehicle. Upon seeing Salgado coming towards the car, Mr. Esquivel kicked off his shoe and took out the gun. Mr. Esquivel thought he was going to get hit with the bat. In response, he shot several times striking Carlos Salgado and nearly missing William Molina. Ramirez sped away. Meanwhile, Salgado died of a gunshot wound to the back.

On September 6, 1996, officers Lujan and Durdan were on routine patrol when they spotted a group of fifteen young men wearing gang attire near a fast-food restaurant. The officers observed one of the males remove a small gun from his shoes, so the officers requested an additional unit to respond. Officer Buchanan arrived on the scene, detained Mr. Esquivel, and recovered a .25 caliber, chrome handgun concealed inside Mr. Esquivel's shoe. The shell casing from the scene of the crime and the bullet that was removed from Salgado matched the gun found on Mr. Esquivel. Police also noted that Ramirez's silver Honda was parked near the restaurant.

Mr. Esquivel and co-defendant Edy Ramirez were charged with one count of murder of Carlos Salgado in violation of section 187, subdivision (a), and one count of attempted murder of William Molina in violation of sections 664/187, subdivision (a). It was further alleged that the murder was perpetrated by means of discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle within the meaning of section 190.2, subdivision (a)(21), and with personal use of a firearm within the meaning of section 12022.5, subdivision (a). Mr. Esquivel pled not guilty. The cases were severed and tried separately. Ultimately, the court found Mr. Esquivel guilty of all counts and sentenced him to 48 years to life.

II. MR. ESQUIVEL'S REASONS FOR REQUESTING COMMUTATION

Mr. Esquivel has been incarcerated for 21 years – over half of his life. While in prison, however, Mr. Esquivel has matured and dramatically altered his priorities in life. He takes full responsibility for his crime and the mistakes he made as a young adolescent and as young adult in prison. Mr. Esquivel recognizes the ripple effect of harm to the victim, his family, and the larger community because of his crime. As a result, he has dedicated his time in prison to helping as many people as he can, both within and beyond the facility where he is housed. Mr. Esquivel is a changed man who is eager to give back to the society he was unable. In light of Mr. Esquivel's positive development in prison, his youth and family circumstances at the time of the crime, and the length of his sentence, Mr. Esquivel is requesting a commutation of his sentence.

III. REASONS THAT MR. ESQUIVEL'S SENTENCE SHOULD BE COMMUTED

A. REHABILITATION

Mr. Esquivel has rehabilitated himself in several important ways. First, he has done remarkable work furthering his education. Since incarceration, Mr. Esquivel has earned a high school diploma from Nationwide Academy High School graduating with a 3.63 cumulative GPA. In addition, he has earned an Associate of Arts degree and an Associate of Science degree from Palo Verde College. He has also earned a credential as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) from the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP). This credential permits him to work as a drug counselor in state licensed recovery facilities. (See Exhibit B, Laudatory Chronos and Certificates.)

Mr. Esquivel's continued involvement in self-help classes – including Criminals & Gang Members Anonymous, "The Work" seminar, Ready4Life Character Development Training, Alternatives to Violence Project, Discover Your True North, Million Leaders Mandate, Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, Veterans Transition Center Substance Abuse Program, Alternatives to Violence Project, and the Success Stories Program – has helped him process traumatic events – both those he experienced and those he caused. (See Exhibit B, Laudatory Chronos and Certificates.)

In addition, Mr. Esquivel has also found a way to give back by mentoring other inmates and at-risk youth, showing them they have alternative paths, as well as demonstrating that there is life after gang membership. To that end, he has held numerous leadership roles in prison including Celebrate Recovery Inside Facilitator, Health Care Services Division Education Unit Peer Educator, Center for Council Facilitator, Leadership4Life Facilitator, Balanced Reentry Activity Group (BRAG) Facilitator, and Life Cycle Volunteer. (See Exhibit B, Laudatory Chronos and Certificates.)

Moreover, Mr. Esquivel has maintained consistent employment in prison demonstrating that he will be able to sustain employment after release.

Mr. Esquivel recognizes how fortunate he is to have the programming, structure and companionship that the CDCR has offered him. He has taken the necessary steps towards rehabilitation by removing himself from the negative environment of prison politics. He has transformed himself into a model inmate by continuing his pursuit of self-growth through education, positive programming, and self-reflection. In short, Roberto Esquivel, after a chaotic youth in prison, has become a mature, reflective man who wants and deserves a chance to give back to society.

B. MR. ESQUIVEL'S LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME OF THE CRIME

Mr. Esquivel's family circumstances during his childhood and adolescence were tumultuous, abusive, and largely governed by gang dynamics beyond his control. Mr. Esquivel's parents immigrated to Los Angeles from El Salvador in 1977 and Roberto was born on August 7, 1979. While Mr. Esquivel's mother was generally attentive, his father was an alcoholic who physically abused him, his older brother, and his younger sister. (See Exhibit C, Life History Draft, *The Victim and the Villainy*.)

On the other hand, Mr. Esquivel enjoyed a close relationship with his older brother who, as an adolescent, became a Rockwood Street Gang member. In 1995, rival gang members shot Mr. Esquivel's brother in the street. Ultimately, his brother survived and recovered after spending several months in the hospital. Meanwhile, the family continued to unravel. (See Exhibit C, Life History Draft, *The Victim and the Villainy*.)

While his brother recovered, Mr. Esquivel was left to fend for himself. Mr. Esquivel's mother continuously occupied herself caring for his recuperating brother while his father, consumed with alcoholism, continued to be absent. Mr. Esquivel grew cold and indignant. He also began abusing drugs and associating with other at-risk teenagers. (See Exhibit C, Life History Draft, *The Victim and the Villainy*.) When rival gang members began threatening to harm his family, he felt there was no choice but to obtain a gun and become the family's protector.

It was under these circumstances that Mr. Esquivel eventually committed his life crime.

C. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MR. ESQUIVEL'S AGE AT THE TIME OF THE CRIME

Mr. Esquivel was 17 at the time he committed this crime. The courts have consistently viewed youthful age as a mitigating factor in guilt and in sentencing. In *Roper v. Simmons* (2005) 543 U.S. 551, the United States Supreme Court found that, even in the most serious murder cases, youthful offenders cannot with reliability be classified among the worst offenders. (*Id.* at 569). As compared to adults, young offenders have a "lack of maturity and an underdeveloped sense of responsibility," they "are more vulnerable or susceptible to negative influences and outside pressure," and their character is "not

as well formed.” (*Id.* at 569-570). Five years later in *Graham v. Florida* (2010) 560 U.S. 48, the Supreme Court went further in its analysis and recognized that the same differences between youths and adults are relevant to the constitutionality of sentences, and banned life without the possibility of parole (LWOP) for juveniles who commit non-homicide offenses. (*Id.* at 74-75.) The Court repeated *Roper’s* reasoning that because youthful offenders have lessened culpability, they are less deserving of the most severe punishments. (*Id.* at 75). Finally, the California Supreme Court extended *Graham’s* holding to a type of sentence that is particularly common in California: functional LWOP for non-homicide crimes, concluding that such sentences are per se unconstitutional. (*People v. Caballero* (2012) 55 Cal.4th 262, 268-269.)

These cases alone would entitle Mr. Esquivel to sentencing relief. However, the California Legislature, recognizing the magnitude of having tens of thousands of young people serving long sentences, has created the Youth Offender Parole Hearing to deal with this problem. Juvenile offenders – and now many young adult offenders – are entitled to early hearings, at which they have the opportunity to prove that they are ready to reenter society, at 15, 20 or 25 years.

The dates of these hearings, however, do not reflect the *individualized* culpability of each youthful offender – a requirement under the *Graham-Miller-Montgomery* line of cases. (*See, e.g., People v. Gutierrez* (2014) 58 Cal.4th 1354, 1378 [“[I]mposition of the harshest punishment on a juvenile requires individualized sentencing that takes into account an offender’s ‘youth (and all that accompanies it)’”] quoting *Miller v. Alabama* (2012) 132 S.Ct. 2455, 2464, 2469.)

This “one-size-fits-all” parole scheme cannot comport with these individualized sentencing requirements. For example, the fact that Mr. Esquivel was 17 years of age at the time of his crime, the fact that he faced special burdens as a child, and the fact that he has made tremendous strides in maturity and rehabilitation should be reflected in his parole eligibility date, not merely his ability to make a case for parole. To compare, under current law, a person with no mitigating circumstances, who committed multiple murders at age 25 and has made no progress while incarcerated will get a Youth Offender Parole Hearing at precisely the same time as Mr. Esquivel: 25 years. Although Mr. Esquivel’s excellent record of rehabilitation, which should be considered *at* his parole hearing, will give him a better chance of achieving release, his mitigating circumstances should advance the date of that hearing to earlier than 25 years.

As the U.S. Supreme Court recognized in *Herrera v. Collins* (1993) 506 U.S. 390 at page 415, “[e]xecutive clemency has provided the “fail safe” in our criminal justice system.” Although in *Herrera*, the death penalty was at issue, it is generally accepted that executive clemency is an appropriate remedy for an unjust sentence, especially when there is no other remedy at law. This is the case for Mr. Esquivel. While the creation of Youth Offender Parole Hearings was an enormously important step to address the

widespread injustice of sentencing young offenders to long sentences, it should not blind the state to the fact that some youthful offenders deserve even further relief.

Mr. Esquivel is precisely one of those youthful offenders. Had Mr. Esquivel been charged today, at age 17, he would have been guaranteed an attorney before being interrogated by the police. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 625.6) He would have received a transfer hearing pursuant to Proposition 57, where his background and immaturity could have been explored. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 707(b).) The judge would have had the discretion to reduce or strike his weapon enhancement, to make his sentence more proportional to his culpability. (Pen. Code § 12022.5(c).) But in 1996, as a child facing a long life sentence, Mr. Esquivel had none of these protections. Nor did he have a proper sentencing hearing, during which he could present mitigation evidence. These laws now exist because of a widespread recognition that the then existing scheme, and the resulting sentences, violate the U.S. and California constitutions, as well as human dignity. A parole hearing for Mr. Esquivel after 25 years, while very welcome, is too long a delay. It is manifestly unjust.

For these reasons, when considering the facts of the life crime, and the impulsivity and poor judgment displayed, Mr. Esquivel's age at the time – only 17 years old – should be deemed a mitigating factor for purposes of a reduction in sentence.

D. POST-RELEASE PLANS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Mr. Esquivel has been preparing for life after prison for almost a decade. He has seized as many opportunities for vocational training as possible, in an effort to equip himself with skills for when he is paroled. He earned his high school diploma, two AA degrees, a credential from the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP), and is currently employed in the Education Department in the prison. Upon his parole, he plans on maintaining strict self-discipline and only going to work and then going home. He does not want to intentionally or accidentally put himself in any position that will threaten his parole and life.

Though Mr. Esquivel's brother is now deceased, his mother, father, and sister still live together in Los Angeles, where he will be paroled. His father has become a born-again Christian, has embraced sobriety, and has renounced his abusive, neglectful past. Mr. Esquivel is excited to reunite with his family.

Additionally, Mr. Esquivel is a client of Loyola Law School's Juvenile Innocence and Fair Sentencing (JIFS) Clinic, which works with its clients through their reentry to ensure their successful and productive transition into the community. The JIFS Clinic, one of three clinics at Loyola Law School's Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, is committed to the Center's founding ideal of "holistic representation," which means that the Clinic, its students and attorneys, are not just committed to Mr.

Esquivel's release, but to his successful reintegration into society. In the past, law students from the JIFS Clinic have helped clients locate transitional housing, obtain identification documents, find jobs, and connect with family members. JIFS students have accompanied clients to their parole appointments, transitional housing placements, and substance abuse groups. Most importantly, because of its connection to the legal community, the JIFS Clinic has connected clients to at-risk youth, where lifer parolees have unique credibility. Accordingly, the JIFS Clinic, as it has done with its other clients, will connect Mr. Esquivel to the appropriate resources, services, and support systems he needs in order to become the contributing member of society he aspires to be.

IV. CONCLUSION

Mr. Esquivel will never forget the crime that put him in prison. He takes full responsibility for murdering Carlos Salgado, shooting at William Molina, and subsequently altering many people's lives for the worse. He is ashamed of his actions and deeply sorry for committing this impulsive crime. In the 21 years that Mr. Esquivel has been incarcerated, he has matured, received an education, obtained practical job training, and pursued every available avenue for service to others. For the reasons stated above, justice will lie in this case if Mr. Esquivel is granted clemency and commutation of sentence.

On behalf of Mr. Esquivel and his family, I respectfully ask that Mr. Esquivel's sentence be commuted to 15 years to life. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Christopher Hawthorne (SB 210578)
Attorney for Roberto Esquivel
Director, Juvenile Innocence & Fair Sentencing Clinic
Loyola Law School Los Angeles



Jonathan Bremen
Certified Law Student (Cert #43295)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Huey Ferguson

In January 1994, Huey Ferguson was observed entering the home of Ruth Roberts and exiting with a television set. Ms. Roberts was later discovered in her home deceased from a stab wound. On March 3, 1994, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ferguson to life without the possibility of parole plus 1 year for murder and a deadly weapon enhancement. Mr. Ferguson maintains that he did not commit this crime.

Mr. Ferguson is now 67 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 26 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Ferguson wrote regarding his time incarcerated, "I actually have had the opportunity to grow in many ways." He added that while in prison he has learned good work habits and improved his social skills. During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Ferguson has made efforts to improve himself. He has participated in self-help programming, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Second Chance Group. He has also spent his time in prison consistently employed and received positive work ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Ferguson successfully lived in the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative opportunities, for several years starting in 2011. In 2017, a correctional supervising cook wrote that Ferguson "has always been polite and courteous towards staff. He has demonstrated a resolved commitment in his efforts towards rehabilitation as part of Facility 'A' Progressive [P]rogramming Facility."

Additionally, Mr. Ferguson's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Ferguson.

Based on his conduct in prison and his efforts toward self-improvement, I believe that Mr. Ferguson has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Huey Ferguson to a total of 26 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Huey Ferguson Date of Birth: [redacted] /51 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: CSP/LAC - P.O. Box 4430, Lancaster, California 93539-4430

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
ATT: Theft from Box Car,	10/15/67	Shreveport, LA	No Sentence
AGG: Assault w/Gun	2/13/71	Shreveport, LA	Summoned To Court
Armed Robbery	11/8/73	Shreveport, LA	16 - Years.

SEE Attach Page; '4 & 5'.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On January 22, 1993, A Burglary occurred at the home of Ms Baby Ruth Roberts, who was Murdered during the crime. I, Huey Ferguson, was later falsely impucated as being the perpetrator of this crime by a Mr. Eddie Lee Pitts. Mr Pitts, who was the prosecutton's star witness; gave false statements to the Police and Derjured testimony to the Trial Court See Attach Page. (2)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See also attach, (3).

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See also attach pages, (4).

5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Huey Ferguson

was convicted of the crime of First Degree Robbery, Burglary, and Murder with special circumstance,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 1/22/93

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon Based upon innocence.
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: J-13683

Huey Ferguson

Applicant's Signature

11-11-12
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, G. Alexs dela Garza, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles

hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Huey Ferguson

he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date 2/10/13

Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. • State Capitol • Sacramento, California 95814

1. Conviction Summary:

Prior Convictions; (4 - 5).

Offense(s):	Date of offenses:	County Of Conviction	Sentence(s):
(4) Possess For Sale , First degree Burglary, First degree Robbery,	8/15/84	Los Angeles, CA.	60-days Jail & Probation. Life Without The
(5) Murder W/S Circumstance	1/22/93	Los Angeles, CA.	Possibility Of Parole.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation:

-- that later resulted in the wrongful conviction of myself. (See attached exhibit 'A') 'Pitt's testimony pages 7-9; and letter of recantation attached Exhibit 'B',.

L.A.P.D. Detective Mr. LeFall further implicated me as the perpetrator of this crime by giving false evidence and knowingly added falsehoods to his testimony that also contributed to my being wrongly convicted. (See attached Exhibit "B" Mr. Pitt's five pages Declaration and exhibit "O" Letter to the F.B.I.),.

On January 27, 1994, A Los Angeles County Jury wrongfully convicted me of First Degree Murder With Special Circumstance for the death of Ms. Roberts; The jury also wrongfully convicted me of First Degree Robbery and Burglary.

I then appealed the conviction by way of the appeal process in order to seek justice for being wrongfully convicted. (See Attached Exhibit "C" copy of procedural history),

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation:

I, Huey Ferguson, am requesting a Pardon due to the following:

(A) I was wrongfully convicted of a crime that I absolutely did not commit or have any involvement with whatsoever; (B) I did not receive a fair and impartial trial; and (C) The evidence was both Tainted and Insufficient to sustain a conviction.

As stated earlier in question two (2) of this application;

I, Huey Ferguson, was wrongfully convicted of this crime for which I am incarcerated due to the false statements too the Police and perjured testimony to the Court by Mr. Eddie Lee Pitts and Detective LeFall's misconduct in not being forthright in presenting evidence and testimony.

(See Attached Exhibits (A)(B) and (C)),.

I am without any other avenue of recourse in my search for justice except by way of this application to our Honorable Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. In this instant matter, the jury relied on the false statements and perjured testimony of Mr. Eddie Lee Pitts and falsehoods of Detective LeFall to reach its verdict.

**APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY:
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3. (SEE Attached Exhibits (B) And (C)),. Due to L.A.P.D. Detective Mr. LeFall's misconduct and untruthfulness, false testimony and tainted evidence was knowingly presented in order to ensure a conviction and thus denying me a right to a fair and impartial trial. (SEE Attached Exhibits A) ,.

There was also exculpatory evidence (ie) Footprint and Fingerprints that were recover at the crime scene that failed to implicate me as the perpetrator. Yet this exculpatory evidence was never introduced in my behalf --- Thus making this a deliberat act of misleading both the Court and Jury that eventually led to this grave miscarriage of justice. (SEE Attached Exhibit "F" letters of investigation from Public Defender Michael P. Judore, (Dated January 31, 2001 P.I) and (June 18,2001 PP. 1 & 2) ,.

Further, I, Huey Ferguson, am actually innocent; I am also quite sure that your office probably hears this alot, from all those who are seeking mercy, Yet I am seeking justice ! I pray that I find relief by way of this application.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation.

I should be granted a Pardon for the following reasons:

(A) I've been wrongfully convicted of a crime that I did not commit and I'm no threat to the general public or anyone else, and ;

(B) Though a grave miscarriage of justice has occurred, I am without hostility due to the fact that I actually have had the opportunity to grow in many ways.

Sure, I would have love to have grown with family, friends, and love ones, but here (Prison) is where I am and I have made use of alot of the tools 'Social Skills' that they offer (ie) Alcohol Anonymous and Substance Abuse.

I've learned how these two things have influenced horrible decisions in so many of these Men' lives. I could also go into a lengthy explanation on how to abstain from these two, but I also want to mention the other areas I was able to utilize.

I have also learned a good Trade and work habit. (SEE Attached Exhibit "P" work chronos and pay sheets),. And I have also learned some very good socials skills as far as communicatiny and dealing with other people (SEE Attached Exhibit "Q" Copy of letters of character),. Last of ALL, I have maintained continuous contact with ALL my Family over the years who offer me support and a place of residence when I return to society, I am now getting old and becoming a liability to the State instead of an asset due to things breaking down through wear and tear. Further, due to being an innocent man. God know it is only right that I spend my remaining days with my family.

See attached letters from family.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Robert Figueroa

In 1989, Robert Figueroa was a 20-year-old gang member. He and his crime partners were convicted of committing a drive-by shooting that killed Miguel Navarro and Frank Fernandez and injured six others. Witnesses identified two others as the shooters, and identified Mr. Figueroa as a passenger in the car. On November 2, 1990, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Figueroa to two terms of life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Figueroa denies participating in this crime, but has expressed sincere remorse for his history of gang activity and violence. In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Figueroa explained, "I take responsibility because I was a gang member at the time. The lifestyle that I was living, I was doing what these people were doing. It could have been me."

Mr. Figueroa is now 49 years old and has been in prison for 29 years. Instead of remaining mired in gang activity, he has dedicated himself to living without violence and focusing on his rehabilitation. Mr. Figueroa has only been disciplined three times during nearly three decades of incarceration. He dropped out of the gang in 2000 and provided staff members with information about gang and drug activity in the prison. Mr. Figueroa has participated in self-help classes, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous and Alternatives to Violence. He made donations to charity and has maintained a positive work record for many years. Mr. Figueroa also has a solid plan in place if he is released from prison – his family has offered him housing and support as he transitions back into society, and he has a job waiting for him.

There is no doubt that at the time of this crime, Mr. Figueroa was a reckless young man who was immersed in a violent lifestyle. But in the many years since then, he has made a serious commitment to turning his life around. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Figueroa has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

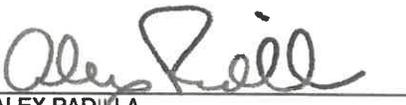
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Robert Figueroa to a total of 30 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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(See Penal Code, § 4852.01.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Robert Figueroa Date of Birth: ██████-69 Social Security Number: _____

Address: P.O. Box 2199 ISP A2-218 Blythe, ca 92226

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Armed Robbery	Feb. 16 1988	Orange	1 year county jail

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

two hwop sentences for a gang related drive by shooting.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation because I would like to change my hwop sentence, and have a chance to present my good character to the prison Board for release.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

this is a question I take very seriously. I have enclosed a detailed letter in this envelope that gives this question the attention it deserves. I hope you will agree that I should get a chance at release.

5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Robert Figueroa, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Orange with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Robert Figueroa
Applicant's Signature

4-22-18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

REQUEST FOR SENTENCE COMMUTATION from: Robert Figueroa

Dear Governor Brown,

3/20/18

My name is Robert. The purpose of this letter is to humbly ask you to please grant me a sentence commutation and spare my life from the current LWOP sentence I have. I understand this is not an easy decision for you to make, so I'd like to give you an honest and brief description of the circumstances and bad decisions that lead to me being in this situation; as well as why two innocent people lost their lives.

I grew up on a property that had both a front-house and back-house, where I was lucky enough to live with lots of older family members to take care of me and influence me. These included Grandparents and many older cousins and uncles who taught me good morals. There was no gang influence at all at home. Instead, it was all sports: with a basketball court on the property and a long driveway to throw the football around. I loved all sports, and dreamed of being a pro athlete of any sport that would have me.

The area that my childhood home was in, was claimed by a gang called the "5th Street" gang of Santa Ana. Until Junior High school, I had been mostly oblivious to this gang's influence; instead I was steadily absorbed with family at home. But when I started 7th grade, I was sent to a school that was in the district where the 5th Street gang's rivals went: the "17th Street" gang. This became a very serious problem for me, given that the kids at school knew where my house was at, and thus assumed I must be affiliated with 5th Street. I tried and tried to convince them all that I was not a member or affiliate, to no avail. I was relentlessly bullied by them. And every time there

was an altercation with these boys, the school Principal would also not believe me that I wasn't from 5th Street and did not start the fights. So I was repeatedly punished and felt indignant about it. This is by no means an excuse for any future bad decisions on my part, but merely part of the facts to the causitive factors that lead to my horrible life decisions.

This Junior High experience was very stressful for me. I could not adequately participate in sports due the 17th Street boys. The only positive apsects were some of the 17th Street girls who were nice to me. They believed me that I wasn't a 5th Street member, and would talk to me often. Also, the biggest positive aspect of all, was the female police officer who was assigned to our school. She always believed me and stuck up for me often when I was wrongly accused of starting fights. I appreciated her so much, words can't describe. One of my biggest regrets in life is not turning to her for help when things got worse. Today as an adult, I regret that with every fiber of my being. She was such a good person, I know she would have moved mountains to do her duty to protect me. But stupid me became too prideful with macho idiocy.

You see, after Jr. High, I thought the nightmare would be over from the 17th Street boys. But it was not. They ended up shooting up my house.

Again...nothing can excuse my life choices. Nothing. This was simply a crossroads moment for me. If I could go back with the knowledge I have today and implant it in my mind then, I would have gone directly to the female officer I knew so well from school and got her help. Not only would she have made sure the shooting got investigated thoroughly, she may have even helped me pursue a career in Law

Enforcement—which is what I wish would have happened as I sit here today. Instead, I chose machismo pride as a solution, and finally approached the 5th Street gang for help.

The 5th Street gang treated me the opposite as the 17th Street gang did. The 5th St. guys were warm and open to me, offering me respect and friendship. They seemed so tough and cool to me at that age, and I wanted nothing more than to be "bad ass" like them and not have to be afraid anymore. This was the worst decision of my life. My morals I learned at home began to slowly go out the window. I would commit crimes with my new gang, and even joined in on their talk about murdering 17th Street gang members.

This change did not happen overnight after I joined the gang. It was instead a gradual deterioration over the course of about three years or so. The longer I stayed with the gang, the more evil behavior I would either tolerate or join in with myself. This horrible change from a good kid with good values, to an awful gang member who talks with his friends about murder, is a phenomenon I am desperately trying to understand through Self-help and recovery groups here in prison. I believe I do finally understand it. It would take too long to describe in a letter such as this, but suffice it to say: I am no longer that person anymore. Looking back at that young man (me), is like looking at a complete stranger; a stranger that I hate.

At the age of 20, in the year 1989, things had really intensified terribly between the two gangs. In September of that year my sisters boyfriend, a 5th Street member, was shot and put in the hospital. One night shortly after this, I was driving on a main street that passed through 17th Street territory and was stopped at a traffic light. A car full of 17th Street girls, some of the same ones who

were nice to me in Jr. High, pulled up next to me. We both had our windows rolled down, and I decided to act like a jerk and taunt them. They said something witty back, which bruised my ego, so I said something worse and drove off. I would not think about this incident again for awhile, but it ended up being extremely important.

The following words, like all of this letter, are the absolute truth. I understand that by me telling this truth, I run the risk of it being misconstrued by anyone who reads this. But I have to stick to the truth and pray that the sincerity of it rings out through my words.

As stated, the gang rivalry had reached fever pitch. Before and after my sisters boyfriend was shot, I had had many conversations about wanting 17th Street members to die. I make no excuses for this whatsoever. I had gone completely over the deep-end of gang mentality. I supported and encouraged every act of violence that 5th Street gang committed. I will forever be ashamed of this, and I know that I deserve every single day of prison that I have spent.—No question.

The very next day after I saw the girls at the traffic light, Saturday, September 16, 1989, I had been invited to a party. Around 7:30 p.m. my sister called to be picked up from the hospital after visiting her boyfriend. My mom and aunt asked me if I could go do this, but I declined because I was getting ready for the party. So they went together to pick her up. Not long after that I heard sirens loudly passing by, so I went outside to see, and saw ambulances rushing down Euclid, about 30 yards from my driveway. As I was standing outside, my mom and aunt returned with my sister, and they urgently warned me not to go anywhere because something serious must have happened in 17th Street territory, due to all the police and ambulances

in the area. Like the arrogant prick I was, I replied, "It has nothing to do with me. I'm leaving for a party."

I left for the party, but not before taking a detour into my gangs territory to see if anyone wanted to join me. No one was around at first, until I saw Roman (one of my co-defendants) pop up and demand that I follow him to Louie's (my other co-defendant) sisters house. We went to the back yard there and joined a large circle of our fellow gang members speaking in hushed tones. It was here that I learned that Frank "Shadow", Joel "Chim-Chim", and Victor "Kiki" had just went and did a drive-by shooting on 17th Street. This meeting quickly ended upon my arrival, and the group of us agreed to leave out the back, to avoid being seen by any cops that might be about, and go to the party.

It pains me a great deal to admit that I felt happy when I heard about the shooting. The morals I learned from my family were gone by this time, and I felt that 17th street deserved whatever they got. The next day was Sunday, and I had a ritual to always check the newspaper's sports page to see who was playing football on TV. When I grabbed the paper, I saw the front page said, "Worst Drive-By In OC History: 2 Dead, 11 Attempted Murders." And worst of all, one of the deaths was a child. It was all over the news, and all anyone was talking about. Even though I had fallen into the depths of evil, I took no joy at hearing about the child. I was mortified to say the least. But instead of reporting the people who did it, I made excuses in my mind for them that this was an "accident"; I know they didn't "mean" to hit a kid, but this was "war". I am so disgusted with myself for thinking these thoughts. I had brain-washed myself into gang loyalty. And this loyalty would be my undoing.

You see, the girls who saw me at the traffic light the night before

ended up falsely telling police that they saw me in the car that did the drive-by shooting. As I stated earlier, I know my saying this now runs the risk of being misconstrued as someone failing to admit guilt. But that is not the case; what I am telling you is the absolute truth: I was not in the vehicle that killed those two people. What convicted me was those girls testimony, and my only theory for why they lied is because they were understandably very upset with these heinous murders, wanted someone to pay, and my smug face was fresh in their minds from the night before. I was a full member of the 5th Street gang, so I deserved to go down for murder period, is what I assume they were thinking.

The thing is, even though I wasn't in the vehicle or a part of the murders, I do not blame the justice system. The justice system did not fail me, I failed myself. The DA and detectives made it clear through their behavior that if I were to stand up and tell the truth they would work with me. But I remained loyal to the gang, and fooled myself into thinking I would get found not guilty since I was not at the scene of the crime. If I had done the right thing and reported the killers, the justice system would have worked. But I failed.

I also failed to see that by me supporting the gang in the first place, I deserved to be put away in prison for these crimes. Instead, I fooled myself into believing that "I" was a victim. It took me many years to finally realize that I am not a victim. I now understand that I am in here because of me, and deserve every day I've spent in prison.

I'm not asking for you to get involved in the facts of my case and get me exonerated; that ship has sailed. All I am begging you to do is commute my sentence from LWOP to Life, so that the Board of

Prison Terms can decide if I have changed enough to be ready for society. The man I was before did not belong in society, but I am confident that the man I am today does. Please give me the chance to prove my worth. You will not regret sparing my life.

Thank you for your time to read my story. There is obviously much, much more I could say but I didn't want to take up too much of your time. Thank you.

Sincerely Robert Figueroa

Robert Figueroa #E-78117

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Michael Fischer

On January 25, 1997, Michael Fischer forcefully entered the home of Phillip Queen. Once inside, Mr. Fischer hit Mr. Queen several times in the head and shoulders with an object, knocking him to the floor. He then robbed Mr. Queen for his wallet. On October 28, 1997, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Fischer to 25 years to life for robbery plus 10 years for prior felony enhancements — a total of 35 years to life.

Mr. Fischer committed multiple robberies, including the senseless robbery of the Queen family residence, to fuel his drug addiction. He self-medicated with street drugs while suffering from an undiagnosed mental health illness. In his application for clemency, he explained "I am almost 60 years old and have served over 20 years on a 35 to life sentence. I have learned a lot in these years especially about victim impact."

Mr. Fischer is now 61 and has been incarcerated for nearly 22 years. In that time, he has never been disciplined for violence. Instead, he gained skills in vocational trades, including electronics, cabling, and automotive technology. Mr. Fischer also participated in relevant self-help programs such as Narcotics Anonymous, Chemical Dependency, Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, and Guiding Rage Into Power (GRIP). In 2016, the founder of the GRIP program wrote in support of Mr. Fischer's release, stating, "It was clear immediately to me that his redemption is his number one priority and that he is willing to face his past and his addiction issues."

Regarding Mr. Fischer's application for clemency, in 2018, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge stated that while his sentence was "in line with other defendants similarly situated at that time," if a defendant "committed the same offense today with the identical history, there is a fairly strong possibility that the prosecutor or the court would strike one of his priors in the interest of justice and impose a sentence of 20 years in prison."

Additionally, Mr. Fischer's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Fischer.

Mr. Fischer's crimes caused unnecessary injury to his community. He has since engaged in rehabilitative programs and committed to his recovery from drug addiction. Mr. Fischer has spent a substantial period of time sober, and has a regimen for maintaining his mental health. He has also developed a viable relapse prevention plan. For all of the foregoing reasons, I conclude that Mr. Fischer has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Michael Fischer to a total of 22 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Michael K. Fischer Date of Birth: ██████-57 Inmate ID: E-54345

Address: U.S.P.S. Box 409089 Ione, CA 95640-9089 Facility: D18, D101, 1L

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Please see attached			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
Please see attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
Please see attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No. _____

Michael Fischer, E54345
P.O. Box 409089
Ione, CA 95640-9089

Continuation of Conviction Summary

<u>Offense(s)</u>	<u>Date of Offense</u>	<u>County of Conviction</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
2(two) counts theft from a person/ Attempted Burglary	1978	Cook Co. IL	3 Years
Direct Sale Marijuana	1987	Los Angeles, CA	1 Year
Burglary, Unauthorized Driver of a Vehicle, Possession of Cocaine	1989	Los Angeles, CA	2 Years
2nd Degree Robbery	1991	Los Angeles, CA	10 Years
Residential Robbery with out Weapon	1997	Los Angeles, CA	3 1/2 years to Life

#2 Describe the circumstances of the crimes

I've had an on and off drug problem for many years, using a lot of different drugs. I believe I was self medicating because I would use Heroin for a short time [a couple of weeks at most] and then Cocaine and Meth. The Cocaine and Meth made it easy for me to get in trouble making victims and trying to get drug money. My father had arranged to have me psychologically diagnosed while I was in the county jail and the diagnosis was Bi-Polar, which made sense to everyone, including myself. I knew I was dealing with mood swings, but didn't recognize what it was.

I've been on mood stabilizers since the county jail in 1997 and they have helped me a great deal during this 35 to life sentence. I'm not claiming that Bi-Polar is the reason for me committing my crimes, but I believe it made me want to seek medication when my moods were too high or too low and the street drugs made an atmosphere, or opened the door to commit crime to obtain what I was looking for. Intimately, I made the decision to rob my victim no matter what the circumstances were, so I have only my poor choice for committing this act.

I've been a professional painter [houses, etc] and I love being around people. I've done many, many good things for contractors and home owners and it only took seconds committing my crime to wash that all away.

I want you to know I'm very sorry to my victim Phillip Queen and his family for my actions the day I robbed him. I'm sorry to my family for the shame and embarrassment I put them through and especially to my father who stood up in the court room to speak on my behalf before sentencing. Watching my father's face when the judge gave the sentence was worse than the sentence itself.

I've done a lot of good things since I've been in prison and I had a couple of bumps in the road. Five years after the bumps, I was privileged enough to be accepted into the Grip program [Guiding Rage Into Power]. The founder of Grip, Jacques Verduin, changed my life with his one year long program. It covered so many problem areas in my life and taught me how to deal with old resentments and lashing out behavior like drug use, criminal activity and making victims. And, when I make a victim, I make one of myself because I am in here. Through Grip, I am now a non-violent Peacemaker and I made this commitment and actually signed a pledge to uphold it. Jacques Verduin looked me in the eyes at one of our Grip meetings and said "Out of all of the Grip Tribe members who have paroled so far, No One Has Reoffended. Don't Be The First". That hit home for me. And so did the whole program.

#3 Explain why you are requesting a commutation

I am starting this explanation by saying I have sincerely and thoroughly Rehabilitated in the more than 20 years I served so far in this sentence. I did this rehabilitation dedicating it to my victim, Phillip Queen, my father, William D Fischer and the Grip Program who I will contribute back to now and when ever possible, hopefully in the future counseling in some way.

I am ready to be a productive citizen and abide by all the laws. I want to give back to my community and help protect it according to the commitment I made and the pledge I signed when I graduated from the Grip Program. To stop my violence and do no harm.

My family is supporting me 100% and helping me to start my painting business again. They also have Relapse Prevention Plans in place. I no longer take and rely only on my own, I ask for help when the need is there.

I am almost 60 years old and have served over 20 years on a 35 to life sentence. I have learned a lot in these years especially about victim impact. I promise to never have a victim again, including myself.

#4 Provide a Brief Statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation

I have come to learn through the Grip Program that the mistakes I have made in my past are not who I truly am, meaning that they don't define me. I can not minimize them, they are very serious mistakes, but they are not who I really am. I am a good person who lashed out. Jacques Verduin told all of us we are not our crimes, but we are and must be accountable and responsible for these mistakes and -Don't re-offend. This is now my belief System also. I believe I am ready to go back to society and to be the man I am meant to be. A peace maker and servant to the community.

To end this letter, I would just like to say I would like to go home to see my 88 year old Dad who has been with me every day of this sentence for over 20 years. I want to start my painting business back up again with my Dad's and my older brother's backing and I want to give back to the community I once took from.

I would ask that you please consider a time commutation on the basis that I am a changed man and sincere about my commitments for now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael K Fischer E54345

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Gene Flack

In 1989, Gene Flack wanted to scare his friend's abusive father, Raymond Godlewski. Mr. Flack was driven to Mr. Godlewski's home, knocked on the door, and when Mr. Godlewski answered, they struggled over control of the gun. Mr. Flack then shot Mr. Godlewski once in the head, killing him. On November 2, 1990, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Flack to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a two-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Flack is now 52 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 30 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Flack described the significant changes that he has made to turn his life around since committing this crime. Mr. Flack reported that he has also accepted responsibility for his actions. He wrote, "I made a fatal mistake...I don't dismiss the enormity of my actions..." In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Flack expressed deep remorse and wants to live his life making amends to both the victim's family and his family.

Despite a prison sentence that provided no hope for a life outside of prison, Mr. Flack decided to dedicate his time and energy to self-improvement. He earned his GED and has participated in self-help programs, including Prison of Peace, Lifers Support Group, and Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous. In 2018, Mr. Flack became certified as a Rising Circle Keeper Trainer and was commended by the program director for "developing a life of service and contributing to his community by serving fellow inmates."

This is a very serious crime, but it is clear that Mr. Flack has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct in prison and his forthright and continuing separation from gang activities of any kind. I believe Mr. Flack has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so they can determine whether he is ready to be released from prison.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Gene Flack to a total of 29 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Gene Marshall Flack Jr. E75872 Date of Birth ██████████ 1966 Social Security Number: ██████████

Address: Pleasant Valley State Prison D5-248, Po Box 8500, Coalinga, California 93210

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
First degree murder	July 3, 1989	Los Angeles County	LWOP
special circumstances			
murder for financial gain			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see enclosed pages

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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not applicable

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Gene M. Flack, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Gene Flack
Applicant's Signature

8/11/17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Gene Flack Commutation request

2.

Raymond Godlewski Jr approached me and asked if I could get him a gun for protection from his father, I agreed. Later, after I got the gun he asked me if I would kill his father for him, I told him No. As a solution, I went to Mr. Godlewski Srs. house to scare him to protect Ray Jr so he wouldn't do anything stupid. I was convinced I had the answer to everything.

When I got to the door and Mr. Godlewski Sr answered, I was holding the gun on him, (knowing he was a violent man.) I started to tell him to leave Ray Jr alone and as I did Mr. Godlewski Sr grabbed the end of the gun to yank it away from me. The gun went off, I had pulled the trigger. I panicked at what I had done so I dropped the gun and ran. I had no intention of killing him; I only wanted to scare him. After, I accepted money from Ray Jr to get out of town. (This is not the story I had told at trial)

3.

When I was arrested I lied, and that lie guided the rest of my life. At the time, I didn't know of anything else I could do. I did everything I could, amidst my own hectic distress, trying to protect myself and my friends so we would not go to prison.

On the day I was sentenced I knew I needed to change, I threw away my cigarettes. I was determined that I would not bring that filthy habit to prison and lump myself in with all the degenerates that I would soon do time with.

Next, I would find a way to deal with what I had done. Deep within my mind I convinced myself that my victim was a bad man and I had done something heroic. This helped me rationalize what happened so I could sleep at night.

I have now done lots of time in prison; its length exceeds over half of my free life. I have gotten my GED. I have taken courses and programs such as Criminals and Gang members Anonymous, Turning point, and I was a founding father for the Youth Adult Awareness Program. (I loved talking to the kids and lecturing). I am also a student in West Hills College and I have always had, and fulfilled my standing in many job assignments.

I have been nonviolent in a violent world. I have done my best to be a long time programmer and I have good rapport with staff. After talking with me, staff members sometimes have commented that I don't speak or act like a typical inmate.

I have also had many inmates approach me and reflect back on the times when we first met in prison. More than once I have been told, (in various ways) that the persistence of my values and goals have forever impacted their lives. I guess I inspired them to know that they are capable of more. I find this to be very rewarding.

I have not been perfect. I have made many mistakes along the way, but I do feel trying to cooperate will someday help me. I know these things are steps towards my own betterment. I have no addictions and I am known to verbally discourage "use" in others around me. And I won't stay celled up with inmates who have illegal vices.

The beginnings of my prison sentence were the most mentally chaotic as I tried to figure it all out. Most program opportunities were never required due to my sentence. Programs felt scarce and irregularly afforded during the bulk of my time on level four general populations.

What prison you're at as a level four inmate and how often and how long they are locked down impacts your ability to participate. Opportunities didn't seem to open up for me regularly until I left general population and moved to the Sensitive Needs Yard program. I am now level three and soon level two. I currently have no points earned for bad behavior except what's mandatory by my sentence.

However, the courses and programs I took by far did not produce the most important aspects of who I have become. On my own, and during lots of lockdowns, I studied many subjects starting with the classics, but mainly history and government were my passion. I learned that I actually was capable of intelligence and I had a great ability for the retention of large amounts of data. I began channeling my restlessness and scattered immaturity into something else.

I worked on my vocabulary, my dialect. I strived to be articulate, it mattered to me and I enjoyed sharing what I knew. To my surprise, other inmates on the yard started referring to me as the human encyclopedia, using me as an educational resource. It took me a long time to realize the person I could be.

These realizations about myself, I don't think I would have ever known had I not been forced into them by my extensive sentence. Some men lose their mind or fall into a stagnant abyss with a sentence like mine. I stayed sane because I was discovering new, better things about myself, and I knew I was guilty so I deserved to do time.

In 2013 I was married. I saw my marriage as the first gift to me from above, affirming that after all these years I was being rewarded for all that I had accomplished by living honest and upright. Most recently we were given back family visits. As far as I'm aware, I was the first lifer on my yard to be approved for the visits under the current rigid guidelines. We have thus far had two visits and we are waiting on our third.

If I lived a thousand years I could not find the words to express what it feels like after all this time to sit in an apartment with someone I love and hold her as we watch a movie, or make her dinner, or watch her put on her make up. Taking care of someone else is remarkable; I forgot what it was like. I feel I'm the luckiest man I know.

I am ashamed of the kid I was going into prison and for the things that I did from the start because I let my arrogance rule me. Over time, I wanted desperately to not be defined by my one act of horrific stupidity.

I also realized many of the people I was doing time with were not the degenerates I imagined. Most importantly, even though the image of his death caused me great mental trauma. I realized that regardless of what I forced myself to believe about my victim, I had no obligation or moral rights to end his life. Even under the circumstances that I described. I should have never been on his doorstep trying to be the, "Big man".

I am not an evil killer, but I killed someone out of pure spontaneous absurdity thinking I was someone's protector. Then I made things worse by lying about most of it. The families involved payed an emotional and financial price that they could never afford because of me and this adds to my guilt.

I made a fatal mistake and when I say mistake, Please know I don't dismiss the enormity of my actions, it's just something I never thought or planned I would do.

I am requesting a commutation of sentence because I still have hope. I have done everything I could in these near 30 years to see that I could somehow make peace and rise above my early actions. I have to believe that there is a reason that I have been sculpting myself to be proud of who I am. There has to be some reward for true repentance within a man.

I cannot take back what I did, I live with it every time I open my eyes in the morning, but I do know that I cannot do anything further for myself or anyone else if I am not allowed the chance.

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Without a proper board evaluation I can only project what would be expected from me to be paroled or released but, I know who I am, what I have done and what I want in life.

I have the cherished gift of a wife and a stable home to go to. I have a healthy self-realization and as I stated, I have personal contentment and above average self-taught educational development which I take pride in.

I carry with me VERY hard learned lessons and values that would make me a humbled member of society which helps constitute a good husband and a good man. I want to take care of my family. I want to help aid them emotionally and financially to build a better life and stronger personal community for us all. And I want to embrace them freely before age and illness takes us away.

Granting me a commutation of sentence would be a great miracle. I have to believe that others can see that most people, to include myself are capable of revision, of growth, and of atonement

for the things that have been squandered. It's hard for me to fathom that my evolving from an erratic kid into a logical adult has no purpose.

I lost my life the day Mr. Godlewski lost his. I would do anything to give it back to him, not for me but for him, so he could live. I felt that the second it happened. Maybe he would want the same for me if the tables were turned; maybe one day I can explain this to him on the other side and ask him for forgiveness.

My life still feels like it has value and purpose beyond these walls, though I have learned the only thing I have control over now is myself. I've never found a way to take back or make right what's in my past; I only try to do right with my future

This was my first felony which says a lot considering I had a very unstable, violent and mendacious childhood.

At worst, in infancy I was abandoned by my parents in Tennessee. They dropped me off at a cousin's house and never returned. Around age four I was back with my Mom in California. There I witnessed a murder and the disposal of his body in the Kern River. Later in grade school while back in Tennessee, I was abducted by family members and smuggled across the country to California again. Sometimes for short periods I was hidden from other family members in Louisiana. Each side always told me that the other side didn't love and want me.

My teenage years were filled with deception and unimaginable custody struggles from state to state. Even at that age I knew those things they did were wrong but I had no control over them or the confusion they gave me. Sadly, I never planted my feet in a stable "home" until prison.

Back then those vivid childhood memories gave me a stronger awareness that some people need help and protection from others. I know that's what put me on Mr. Godlewski doorstep that night and I know that's why Ray Jr came to me.

I don't feel there is a magic answer to these questions, there is only hope that someone will fully understand my sincerity as I have answered them.

I am an imperfect man yet I still seek mercy while "FINALLY" laying out my painful flaws, as I should have done from the start.

"I want to go home."

Gene Flack Jr
8/11/17

Gene Flack E75872

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County of Fresno
On August 24, 2017 before me, Berta Soto Lopez Notary Public
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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Gustavo Flores

On October 12, 1995, Gustavo Flores broke a window and entered the apartment of the Mendoza family. When a 15-year-old resident of the home walked into the living room to investigate the sound, Mr. Flores ran out of the apartment. On April 15, 1996, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Flores to 25 years to life for burglary and an additional 15 years for prior felony enhancements for a total of 40 years to life.

Mr. Flores reported that he started stealing at an early age in order to obtain money for necessities such as food and clothing. Around age 12, he started consuming drugs. By age 18 he was regularly using heroin and stealing in order to support his habit. In his application for clemency, Mr. Flores writes, "I regret the pain I caused."

Mr. Flores is now 59 years old and has served over 23 years. Mr. Flores committed to his sobriety and his education early in his incarceration. Over the last two decades, he has remained both drug and violence free, and has never been disciplined for any serious misconduct. Despite entering the prison with no English reading or writing skills, Mr. Flores dedicated himself to earning his GED. After he earned his GED, Mr. Flores completed leadership training and tutored other inmates. A teacher wrote that Mr. Flores' voluntary work as a tutor was "successful in helping students make progress." Another staff member lauded his work in the Education Office stating, "He is a self-starter who displays pride in his work," and who "gets along well with others and is a good team member." Mr. Flores has continued to support his community by working as a teacher's aide and a chapel clerk. He has also taken self-help courses, including Alcohol Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Denial Management, and the Truth Project.

Mr. Flores explains in his application that "I am a man of regrets, but, now that I have had many years working to have a clean life, I am also a man who has pride in my accomplishments." His application for clemency is supported by San Diego County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher. Supervisor Fletcher noted that during "his 22 years in prison, Mr. Flores has completed a 12-step rehabilitation program, has received his GED, and has found his faith in religion." Supervisor Fletcher also stated, "Gustavo deserves a second chance. He is a changed man who is ready to re-enter society as a contributing member."

Additionally, Mr. Flores' application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Flores. For all of the foregoing reasons, I believe that Mr. Flores has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Gustavo Flores to a total of 27 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Gustavo Flores Date of Birth: [redacted] 1959 Inmate ID: H-43209

Address: P.O. Box 689, F Wing Low 149, Soledad, CA 93960 Facility: Soledad Correctional Training Facility

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include: Attempt to enter, false ID (08/30/1977, San Diego (USINS), Return to immigration); 459 PC Burglary (10/06/1979, San Diego, 180 days jail - 3 yrs prob); 459 PC Burglary (06/24/1980, San Diego, ISS 5 yrs - 180 days in custody, Returned to immigration).

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

In the early afternoon on October 12, 1995, I broke into a home. I knocked, no one answered. I broke in through the window hoping to steal something I could sell and buy Heroin. I thought no one was there but when I got inside, I saw a young kid (15 years old). I was startled and ran out. He called his dad, who called the police. I was later arrested. Because this was a "serious crime" and I had others, I was tried and sentenced under the 3 Strikes legislation.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Although my crimes were not violent, my sentence was 40 years to life without the possibility of parole. I have been living in the United States without documentation since age 13, which may have contributed to my sentencing. During the last 22 years, I have accomplished much by working a 12 step program, becoming educated, and studying the Bible. I would like to go before a Parole Board to see if I can be deported and continue to do good works outside of prison.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I cannot change the things I did before prison. I regret the pain I caused, not only to the victims of my crimes but to my family. I am a man with regrets, but, now that I have had many years working to live a clean life, I am also a man who has pride in my accomplishments. I have never provided for my family, I want to use the tools I have gained to do so.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No money or gift was given. Samantha Mejia, 10890 Calle Verde #156, La Mesa, CA 91941 helped prepare application.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Diego County: Please take notice that I, Gustavo Flores,

was convicted of the crime of Burglary (PC459, with special allegations per PC460 and PC462(a)),

committed in San Diego County, California, on the date of November 15, 1995.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.



Applicant's Signature

11-7-2017

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Susan Gust, Deputy, District Attorney of the County of San Diego,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Gustavo Flores,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed



Date

2/8/18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SERVICE

1). Conviction Summary (continued)

Offense	Date of Offense	County of Conviction	Sentence
VC23105(a)	4/8/1981	San Diego	S64721: 11/18/81, 90 dys jail
459 PC x3	7/3/1981	San Diego	CRS 55309: 11/20/81; sent to SP for 2 yrs; 4/20/83 paroled
1150 H&S, ICS; 148.9 PC, False ID to officer	12/16/1985	San Diego	M502081: 5/23/86: PG 11550(a) H&S, ISS 3 yrs, 180 dys jl, cc; 11/5/87: prob rvkd; 12/3/87 prob rvkd/reinst/modified
10851 (a) unlawful taking of vehicle	2/12/1986	San Diego	CR78990: 4/24/86: PG-F, 6/23/86: 365 dys jl, 3 yrs. S Prob
12020(a)PC, possession of a dangerous weapon 11350 (a) H&S, possess controlled substance 11550 (a) H&S, ICS; 4149 B&P - possess syringe	10/17/1987	San Diego	CR91410: PG11350 (a) H&S; 3/15/88:3 yrs form prob, 365 dys, prob to crt 10/6/1988, upon rls to INS
14601.1(a) VC, drive on suspended license 21563(a) VC, fail to stop limit line	12/22/1987	San Diego	T022424: Appearance; 8/9/88: FTA wrnt ord. No further info
11550 H&S	2/23/1988	San Diego	MS48872: 7/23/92 PG-M, 120 dys jl, 3 yrs crt prob
Illegal Entry	10/16/1988	San Diego	
False Claim to US Citizenship; Illegal Entry	2/17/1990	San Diego	22012: 20 days
484/488 PC	11/17/1990	San Diego	C117057: 1/5/93, dism, deft incarcerated
4149 B&P	1/13/1991	San Diego	M619458: 7/23/92 dism, gilty other case
23152 (a) VC 11550 (a) H&S 14601.1A VC	2/6/1991	San Diego	M620309: 7/23/92 PG-M, 180 days jail; 3 yrs CRT probation, \$1100 fine
653f (d) PC	2/16/1991	San Diego	M620862: appearance on wrnt 7/23/92, dism gilty other case
14601.1 (a) VC 21453 (a) VC	3/3/1991	San Diego	T072485: 7/23/82 dism gilty other case.
11550 (a) H&S	9/25/1991	San Diego	S63621: arr on compl 7/1/92; no further dispo avail.
14601.1A VC	10/9/1991	San Diego	T085761: 7/23/92 Dism gilty other case.
11364 H&S	5/12/1992	San Diego	M646269: Arraign on complt 7/23/92, dism gilty other case
459/460 PC	5/13/1992	San Diego	CR: 132316: 7/23/92 - 2 yrs. SP
VC14601.1(a)	11/14/1993	San Diego	T126651: 1/3/94 PG-M \$811 fine 1 yr crt prob
H&S 11550(a)	12/29/1993	San Diego	M681205: 4/16/96 disp hrng

** Transcribed from CRIMINAL HISTORY record provided for Flores, Gustavo, document number SCD-11625 as taken from FBI and CII dated 7/2/92, originally published 4/15/1996, pp 60-64.

4.) Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (continued)

Listed below are some of the achievements I have received with proof attached. Of course, over 22 years, much has happened and this list is nowhere near all inclusive but does shed some light as to where my interests and priorities have been. I am grateful for every opportunity I have been given to do good things in prison and hope to get to use the skills and experiences I have acquired to support my family and build up the community I live in.

Faith Based Achievements

Most proud that I was able to learn American Sign Language and became certified to help lead faith-based programs inside institution.

- 2/12/2001 Began attending "Intermediate Signing" - ASL instructional course
- 8/31/2004 Recognition for completion of faith-based course on Email "Del Buzon del Correo Curso"
- 6/9/2005 Completion of faith based course of "Isaias II"
- 11/7/2005 Completion of faith based course of "Daniel"
- 12/12/2006 Congratulatory recognition- completion of 16 week faith-based course "Leadership Training"
- 12/17/2006 Recognition for additional 3 unit completion in "Leadership Training", faith based course
- 3/27/2007 Certified to assist in facilitation of various faith based services
- 7/5/2007 Recognition for additional 3 units of training in faith based certification
- 5/28/2008 Completion of faith based study on Deuteronomy, Kings IV, and Song of Solomon
- 3/24/2009 Congratulatory letter received from faith based educational group
- 3/18/2015 Recognition for completion of four additional faith based courses
- 3/18/2015 Letter of Commendation from Faith Based Educational Program
Prison Outreach International, American Rehabilitation Ministries, Inc.
- 12/8/2015 Certificate of Completion, Faith based instructional course, "El Evangelio de Marcos"
- 5/24/2016 Completion of "Truth Project" - Faith based program, 13 parts series on Christian perspective of humanity, commendation received
- 6/14/2016 Certificate of Completion - Faith based program "Galatas y Filipenses"
- 1/24/2017 Certificate of Completion - Faith based study "Doctrina Bibliva Vol. 3"
- 2/1/2017 Recognition for participation in faith based study group "Grandes Verdades"

Vocational Achievements

Most proud of being able to support my family with welding industry certifications if given the opportunity.

- 2/10/2001 28 days work incentive credits
- 1/10/2002 31 days work incentive credits
- 3/27/2002 Began Metal Arc Welding, 2 units completed
- 9/30/2003 Began working on FCAW (Flux Cored Arc Welding), good work record
- 4/9/2004 Central Coast Adult School Certificate of Achievement Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW), with a grade of "A"
- 4/9/2004 Central Coast Adult School Certificate of Achievement Flux Tungsten Arc Welding, with a grade of "A"
- 5/12/2004 Commendation for Welding, recommendation to remain in course and complete OXY/ACETYLENE WELDING CUTTING AND BRAZING
- 8/18/2004 Central Coast Adult School Certificate of Graduation Vocational Welding Program
- 10/22/2004 RECORD OF WELDER QUALIFICATIONS AWS D1.1 - UNLIMITED THICKNESS-SMAW
- 9/22/2005 Certificate of Graduation, Vocational Welding Certification, FCAW Unlimited
- 1/9/2007 Completion of MSDS training
- 7/15/2008 Completion of NSDS training
- 2/22/2016 Completion of 3 hour Cal/OSHA HAZMAT training

Academic Achievements

Most proud that I was able to learn to read and then to help tutor and teach reading strategies to other.

- 10/20/1999 Began academic certification program - commendation for excellence during acquisition of current certification units to date
- 4/4/2000 TABE test results, Reading, Math, Language beginning below Middle school level
- 7/10/2000 Commendation for excellent attendance and attitude working on academics - 34 units to date
- 1/2/2001 Commendation for excellent attendance and attitude working on academics - 37 units to date
- 2/2/2001 Commendation for excellent attitude working on academics - 37 units to date
- 4/10/2001 TABE test results, overall increase of 2 grade levels
- 4/12/2001 Took and passed preliminary GED test, recommendation for actual GED
- 6/21/2001 TABE test results, overall increase of additional 2 grade levels
- 6/29/2001 Commendation and thanks during completion of most recent 4 additional credits, thanks for cleaning classroom throughout period
- 10/3/2001 Thanks again for assistance in cleaning classroom over break, encouragement to remain on task as nearing end of GED requirements
- 11/14/2001 Passed GED
- 2/27/2002 Received State of California High School Equivalency Certificate
- 1/1/2008 Completed "Phono-Graphix Reading Program" - commended for learning to teach reading strategies to new readers
- 6/12/2009 Awarded for completion of tutor training program by the agency.
- 6/12/2009 Certificate of achievement - READ AMERICA, reading intervention certificate
- 1/19/2017 Certificate of Achievement - Computer Literacy

Work Supervisor acknowledgements

Most proud that I became a person who is seen as trustworthy and helpful to others.

- 5/3/2001 Supervisor's report, Above average
- 5/6/2003 Annual review, commended for positive programming
- 2/1/2005 Supervisor commendation for service as a porter, "asset to the Education Department".
- 5/5/2005 Supervisor report recognition as hard worker and helpfulness to staff and other students
- 10/24/2005 Supervisor's report, exceptional grades, recognition for quality of work, willingness to help others
- 10/23/2006 Supervisor's report, recognition for work as educational porter, "asset to education dept"
- 1/23/2007 Supervisor's Report, exceptional grades, quick action, initiative, "displays high degree of honesty, loyal and integrity"
- 7/16/2007 Supervisor's report, "asset to education department"
- 7/16/2007 Secondary supervisor's report, "good job as education porter...good team member"
- 1/11/2008 Supervisor's report, gratitude for willingness to assist with students in academic and vocational classes as educational porter
- 1/22/2008 Supervisor's report, ongoing commendation for attitude
- 9/22/2008 Supervisor's report, Above average
- 9/22/2008 Secondary supervisor's report, OA supervisor "exceptional"
- 9/28/2008 Additional OA supervisor report, "He has rapport with both teacher and his peers... quick learner."
- 4/6/2009 Supervisor's report, "Currently tutors individual students in Phono-Graphics...translates.. good rapport."

12 Step Acknowledgements

Most proud that these programs teach me to live a life I can be proud of and allow me to connect with my family.

- 6/28/2004 Recognition for participation in 12 step program "Square #1"
- 11/20/2006 Recognition for continued active participation in 12 step program "Square 1" - "Asset to the group."
- 12/15/2007 Recognition for active participation in 12 step program since 01/06/2003 and commendation as "asset to the group".
- 1/28/2008 Recognition for active participation in 12 step program for Spanish speakers, "Fe y Libertad"
- 6/30/2010 Recognition for active participation in 12 step program
- 10/4/2010 Recognition for active participation in 12 step program, "Active in helping others in the 12 Step Recovery" process.
- 1/7/2011 Recognition for active participation in 12 step program, "to be commended for his positive involvement in this group"
- 8/24/2015 Began participating in Avatar - Relapse Prevention program, 12 weeks intensive counseling, received commendation from facilitator
- 9/15/2015 Active Participant in Celebrate Recovery - 12 step Faith Based recovery - commendation received from administrator
- 12/28/2015 Completion of Celebrate Recovery - 28 week 12 step faith based recovery program, commendation from facilitator
- 12/28/2015 Certificate of Completion, Celebrate Recovery Inside Step Study.- 12 Step Faith-Based recovery to relearn old habits
- 1/10/2016 Active Participant "Esperanza Sobria" - 12 step program, received recognition from facilitator
- 7/13/2016 Commendation for continued participation and contribution to "Esperanza Sobria" - 12-Step program
- 12/23/2016 Recognition for positive contribution in 12 week group therapy session focused on "Turn Around" philosophy
- 1/12/2017 Recognition for quarterly attendance and participation in faith-based 12 step program "Esperanza Sobria"

Fundraisers for Non-Profit organizations

Most proud that we are able to help others even though we have little to give.

- 7/29/2013 Commendation for active participation in fundraiser for Food Bank of Monterey County
- 5/29/2016 Acknowledgement from program - Active Participant in Life C.Y.C.L.E. (Careless Youth Corrected by Lifer's Experience) - Raised \$2249 for Ronald McDonald House
- 6/27/2016 Recognition for Contribution to American Cancer Society Relay for Life group BRAG (Balanced Reentry Activity Group) assisted in raising \$15,713.45 for American Cancer Society

Executive Department

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Kelly Flynn

In May 1996, 17-year-old Kelly Flynn recruited her boyfriend, Kareem Sims, and two of Mr. Sims' friends to beat up Reginald Rachal, claiming that Mr. Rachal had raped her. Ms. Flynn took Mr. Rachal to Mr. Sims' home where Mr. Sims assaulted Mr. Rachal, before driving him to a levee. At the levee, Mr. Sims stabbed and fatally shot Mr. Rachal. On December 18, 1997, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Flynn to 25 years to life for murder plus 8 years for kidnapping — a total term of 33 years to life. Ms. Flynn is eligible for a youth offender parole hearing in 2020.

Ms. Flynn is now 39 years old and has been incarcerated for over two decades. In her application for clemency, Ms. Flynn wrote that "22 years ago I was a confused, troubled [17-year-old] who caused the death of a young man. I am now a mature, considerate, responsible woman who has proven that rehabilitation works." Ms. Flynn wrote, "[D]uring my 22 years in prison, I have worked hard to become a person who can make a positive contribution to the world. I have taken advantage of the many rehabilitative programs available to me to overcome substance abuse, to understand myself and my motivations, and to become educated and to learn valuable skills."

During more than two decades in prison, Ms. Flynn has been dedicated to transforming her life. She has not been disciplined for misconduct in over 10 years. While incarcerated, she earned her high school diploma, an A.A. degree, and is currently enrolled in college courses. Ms. Flynn has participated in a multitude of self-help programs, including Bridges to Life, Alternatives to Violence, Freedom to Choose, and Anger Management. Ms. Flynn is a dog trainer for the Prison Puppy Program, as well as a certified Offender Mentor and Peer Grief Counselor. Ms. Flynn has resided in an honor dorm since 2016.

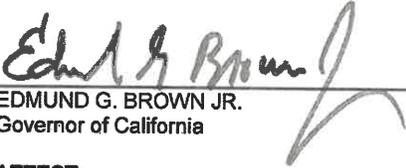
Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Flynn has earned excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2018, a correctional officer who has known Ms. Flynn for 3 years wrote, "During this time, she has proven herself to be a very hard, efficient worker. She takes the initiative to help staff and peers, and her attitude is always optimistic and constructive. Flynn seems to have dealt with the issues that lead her to prison, and I believe she is ready to reestablish a successful life in society." Also in 2018, a self-help sponsor wrote, "I consider Kelly Flynn to be a role model in the inmate population. [¶]...She helps to encourage other inmates to be better people. She continuously shows her willingness to assist as needed with very difficult moments in the group. [¶]...I have to say that it has been a pleasure to work with Kelly Flynn. Her determination and willingness to keep growing to be a better person is wonderful...With all of her positive accomplishments, I know she will be an asset to anything she puts her mind to once she is released." A staff psychologist also praised Ms. Flynn's efforts, writing, "Ms. Flynn explored honestly and openly her behavior before, during, and after events which culminated in her current imprisoned state...Ms. Flynn expressed deep states of sorrow, regret, sadness, and the desire to live her life differently...[S]he never minimized or attempted to rationalize her behavior at the time of the crime... [Ms. Flynn] is an excellent listener, very intuitive, empathetic, and has no problem with breaking problems down into their component parts; such an individual would add a great deal to the larger society as a whole." In the event of her release, Ms. Flynn plans to live in Southern California where she has family resources. Additionally, the Anti-Recidivism Coalition has offered Ms. Flynn support upon her release.

Although she participated in a serious crime, Ms. Flynn has demonstrated her commitment to her rehabilitation. Based on her age at the time of the crime, conduct in prison, and dedication to self-improvement, I believe Ms. Flynn has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings in order to determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kelly Flynn to a total of 22 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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April 16, 2018

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Kelly Marie Flynn, #W72220
Application for Commutation of Sentence

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of Kelly Marie Flynn, I am pleased to submit the attached Application for Commutation of Sentence and supporting materials.

I have known Kelly for six years, first as her habeas counsel and now as her friend.¹ We have spoken at length about her past as a drug-abusing teenager and the abuse she endured at the hands of adults and romantic partners in her teenage years; her present as a student in prison earning a bachelor's degree, learning software engineering and training puppies to become support dogs; and her future, in which she sees herself released from prison and proudly independent, but with a loving family and friends nearby.

As habeas counsel, I became intimately familiar with Kelly's story. By the time Kelly was seventeen years old and charged with kidnaping and felony murder, she had already led what could only be described as a sad and traumatic life. Her parents separated when she was eleven months old. According to her mother, "Kelly lived with me after her father and I separated []. I was an alcoholic and suffered from deep depression. This left a little girl to care for herself and sometimes me." (Letter from Kathy M. LaFever in support of Commutation, attached.) By the time Kelly was nine, her mother and new stepfather had become violent alcoholics, and the child was exposed to drunken displays of screaming, yelling and physical abuse. According to Kelly's father, "When Kelly's mother moved out of town with her new husband, Kelly lost touch with part of her family, and by the time she was a teenager, it was apparent that something was wrong. This was the beginning of systematic neglect evidenced through physical and emotional abuse that she suffered in the home of an alcoholic mother and an alcoholic step-father. Once as a young teen, she was abandoned at a local bar when her mother left with a man whom she had met." (Letter from Dennis Flynn in support of Commutation, pg.2.) Kelly hid the abuse from other family members and "began to avoid family gatherings on weekends and holidays. Her self worth was severely damaged." (*Id.*)

¹ Pursuant to Penal Code section 4807.2, please note that I am no longer retained and am currently providing assistance pro bono.

When she was fourteen, Kelly met Kareem Sims and became pregnant by him a few months later. Although her mother and stepfather were now in recovery, they agreed to let Kelly move out and live with Sims and his father, who was kind to the girl and agreed to take care of her. Unfortunately, the elder Sims died unexpectedly; following his death, the young couple, now with a three-month old baby of their own and living off the inheritance left by Mr. Sims, started using drugs – crack, marijuana and methamphetamine. Kareem Sims became abusive and, inevitably, the couple's relationship soured. Eventually, although they continued to live in the same house, they agreed to stop being a couple and began to date other people. Shortly thereafter, Kelly met and became involved with the victim, Reginald Rachal.

At first Kelly was enamored with Rachal. Sadly, however, their third date began with violent, abusive sex and ended with Rachal deriding Kelly, making threats and heaping verbal abuse on her. By the time Kelly returned to the home she shared with Sims, she was bruised both mentally and physically and was crying hysterically. Sims saw her and demanded to know what had happened to her. Kelly told Sims she had been raped, because that is how she felt when it happened. Sims was infuriated. He and Kelly devised a plan to punish Rachal: Kelly was to bring Rachal to the house and leave him. Sims and his friends, Harry Haanstra and Gabe Gonzalez, would beat Rachal up and then dump him somewhere away from the house. Kelly agreed to the plan, brought Rachal to the house, left him there and drove away. As a result, the young man died, and Kelly Flynn, charged as an aider and abettor to a kidnaping, was convicted of felony murder.

For me, the resolution to this case is deeply troubling. Kelly Flynn was not only an abused individual but a juvenile. She admitted her responsibility for the death of Reginald Rachal early in the investigation. Nevertheless, she was tried in San Joaquin County as an adult, even though a co-defendant her own age, Gabe Gonzalez – who actually participated in the brutal beating, kidnaping and shooting of the victim and who continued to lie to authorities even after accepting a plea – received a juvenile disposition of only seven years. A second co-defendant, eighteen-year old Harry Haanstra, who also actively participated in the violence and murder, served less than six years. Kelly Flynn, however, is serving a sentence of thirty-three years to life.

Another troubling issue is the characterization during trial of what happened between Kelly and Rachal prior to his kidnaping and murder as “consensual sex.” Kelly was only 17 when she admitted her role in the young man's death. Today she is 39 and takes full responsibility for the murder. However, as a result of the in-depth programs she has participated in while in prison, she now understands that she was pressured to recant her experience of rape and tell the story as if her experience of sexual violence was consensual simply because she had agreed to have sex with Rachal on an earlier occasion. Nowadays, date rape is a concept that survivor advocates have worked hard to expose. At the time, however, the criminal justice

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system lacked an understanding of rape in the context of intimate relationships, including teenage relationships. Kelly suffered from these misconceptions and struggled to understand the minimization of her own experience of rape under societal pressure, including prosecutorial pressure, especially in light of her guilt over what had happened to Rachal. Regrettably, there is no doubt that Kelly's experience as a child victim witnessing and enduring domestic violence at home contributed to her inability as a teenager to recognize that intimate violence – at any stage of a relationship – is unacceptable.

To her credit, the woman Kelly is today takes unflinching responsibility for the death of Reginald Rachal. This is not a woman who makes excuses for what she did. In our correspondence, she has explained, "I never said no in all of this and I had choices that I chose not to make. I closed my eyes to what could happen and did what felt best to me. No one convinced me to make myself feel better by hurting someone else." She fully admits that despite what happened between them, Reggie Rachal did not deserve to be savagely beaten, let alone die for it. And she has chosen to make amends to him and to his family by becoming the best person she can possibly be. Her disciplinary record is minor, and she has been discipline-free for a decade. She has taken a myriad of self-help and educational courses, and is praised by her fellow inmates as well as her teachers for her dedication, diligence, respect, kindness and consideration. (See letters in support of Commutation, attached.) She has mended fences with her family, who are whole-hearted in their support for her commutation. And her father is her strongest advocate.

In the six years I have known Kelly, I have seen a remarkable, heartening and consistent growth in her, including in-depth healing from trauma and abuse. She has become, through her own efforts at rehabilitation, a confident woman who knows she is on a path to freedom and a healthy, supported and satisfying life outside of prison. She takes responsibility for her actions, but knows that the only way to make restitution is to live a good, productive life. She has chosen to study challenging career opportunities and to become friends with fellow inmates who share her commitment to sobriety, personal development and individual integrity.

I am proud to call her my friend.

Thank you, Governor Brown, for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Theresa A. Gibbons, Esq.



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Kelly Marie Flynn Date of Birth: [redacted] 78 Inmate ID: W72220

Address: 16756 Chino Corona Road, Corona, CA 92880 Facility: California Institution for Women

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include P.C. 187, First Degree Murder and P.C. 207 subd.(a), Kidnapping.

Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

In May 1996, when I was 17 years old, I had a date with the victim, Reginald Rachal. I returned home, distraught and hysterical, to the house I shared with my ex-boyfriend, Kareem Sims. He saw me and demanded to know what had happened. I told him Reggie had raped me. Kareem and I, with two friends, agreed that I should bring Reggie to the house I shared with Kareem and leave him to be beaten up by Kareem and our friends. Reggie died as a result.

I take full responsibility for Reggie's death in the assault.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation because during my 22 years in prison I have worked hard to become a person who can make a positive contribution to the world. I have taken advantage of the many rehabilitative programs available to me to overcome substance abuse, to understand myself and my motivations, and to become educated and to learn valuable skills. (See list of certificates and chronos, attached). (Continued on attached page.)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Twenty-two years ago I was a confused, troubled teenager who caused the death of a young man. I am now a mature, considerate, responsible woman who has proven that rehabilitation works. I have confidence in myself and in my ability to make positive choices and contribute to society. However, even if my sentence is commuted, (Continued)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

[redacted] former habeas attorney, Theresa Gibbons, is helping me pro bono.

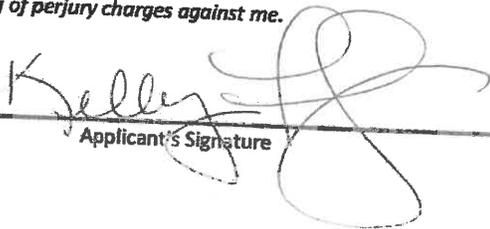
STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Kelly Marie Flynn declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of San Joaquin with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

4.11.18
Date

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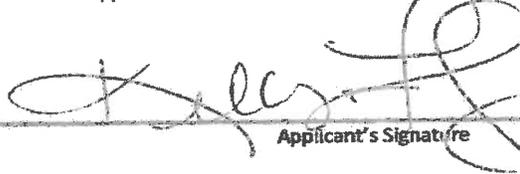
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Joaquin County: Please take notice that I, Kelly Marie Flynn,
 was convicted of the crime of 1) kidnapping and 2) first degree murder
 committed in San Joaquin County, California, on the date of May 28, 1996

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

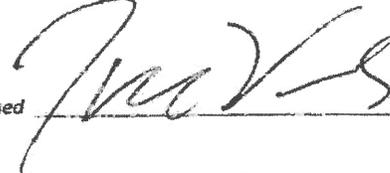

 Applicant's Signature

4.9.18
 Date

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 LEGAL AFFAIRS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Tori Verber Salazar, District Attorney of the County of San Joaquin,
 do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Kelly Marie Flynn
 that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed 
 Date 4/27/18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Palmira Galache

In 2000, Palmira Galache and Luis Vega were married, but Ms. Galache was having an affair with Carlos Ceron. Ms. Galache wanted to leave Mr. Vega, but Mr. Vega threatened to disinherit her if she did. On August 17, 2000, Mr. Ceron and other men beat Mr. Vega to death outside his apartment. Ms. Galache maintains that she was not involved with the crime. On November 14, 2003, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Galache to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Ms. Galache has no prior criminal history and has never been disciplined for any misconduct while in prison. She is now 53 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 16 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. Galache expressed remorse for bringing Mr. Ceron into her family's life, and wrote, "I will never make choices that will lead to hurt[ing] others ever again." During her incarceration, Ms. Galache has been a model inmate. She has participated in numerous self-help groups, including Celebrate Recovery, Codependents Anonymous, Victims Impact, and Beyond Violence. Ms. Galache has lived in an honor dorm for many years, and contributes to charitable causes. She routinely receives excellent work ratings from her supervisors, including for her current position as a caregiver for ill and disabled inmates. In the event of her release from prison, Ms. Galache plans to live with her mother and brother. Her daughter has also offered to help support her financially and emotionally as she transitions back into society.

For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Ms. Galache's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Palmira Galache to a total of 17 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Palmira Galache Date of Birth: [REDACTED] -65 Inmate ID: X-01821

Address: P.O. Box 1508 Chowchilla Ca. Facility: CCWF

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Pen. code 187-182.1 Conspiracy to commit murder
Please see attached page

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I want to please have a second chance
I want to make it up to my
family and to your country

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I will never make choices that will lead
to hurt others ever again.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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Circumstances of crime

I was 17 year old when I got married to Luis Carlos Vega we were married for 17 years my mirage was good.

Luis Carlos Vega was a good husband, father and a hard worker. He worked 12 hour a day, during that time I had a neighbor name Carlos Ceron that always tried to talked to me on my way back from dropping my kids in school.

with time he caught my attention he always made me feel good with the attention he give me.

Something I didn't get at home. so I started cheating on my husband and lying to him. I never had a plan to leave my husband and this caused me problems because I was married, and had a son out side my marriage. If I wouldn't had been in this relationship with Carlos Ceron or had ever open the doors in the first place, none of this wouldn't had happened, my accions outside my marriage had Luis murdered.

Today I know I could of had done thing
different. I could of had talked to my
husband and tell him that I was feeling
alone, or talked to someone else for
advice, now I can say no to temptation.
I understand the damage I cause to
Luis Carlos Vega, his family, our children,
my family and the whole community
emotions I think of the consequences so
I won't hurt anyone else.

My name is Palmira I have help writing
in English my first language is Spanish
but thise was my own words I'm
from Mexico I'm sorry for my crime
agaist Luis Vega and to you country.

Palmira Coalache

Parole Plan

Once I am release I am going to live in this address

Calle Luis donaldo 214
abdenago C. Garcia Galeana
Chihuahua, Mexico 31870

This is my familys home where my mother lives Elodia Piñon and my brother Joel Nuñez my brother has a Market in which He offers me a job. I had worked Ordering packages, packing Canned food and meet I had been a cashier.

When I am home I would find the help I need by holding my self accountable to my self and others, reenter back into Society which I owe alot I want to give back with my work and effort. I will continue being honest with my self and others so I wont fall into unhealthy relationships. today I had learned to know me I work in the kitchen and I go to School to further my education I take advantage of my self help, grups that this place offers. I had learned different ways to live healthy life by using my tools In a daily basic with people around me.

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I, Palmira Galache declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Orange County with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Palmira Galache
Applicant's Signature

11-7-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Timothy Galvan

In January 2002, Timothy Galvan carjacked a vehicle, then drove into rival gang territory, parked the car, and exchanged words with Jose Mendoza. Mr. Galvan returned a few moments later and opened fire on Mr. Mendoza. Mr. Galvan then fired shots toward Jaime Gutierrez and Jose Caranza, but missed. Mr. Galvan was eventually subdued and arrested. On April 17, 2009, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Galvan to 25 years to life for murder plus 7 years to life for attempted murder plus a 45 years to life firearm enhancement – a total term of 77 years to life.

Mr. Galvan is now 38 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 17 years. During an interview with a Board investigator, Mr. Galvan stated that he is "remorseful and is learning to understand the totality of his actions. He desires the opportunity to share his experiences with youth in the community on a path of destruction through gangs and criminal behavior." He added that he "wants to live through the successes of others by helping them."

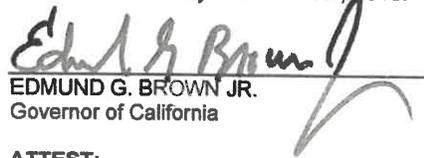
Mr. Galvan has shown a genuine commitment to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct during his incarceration. He earned his GED and received numerous certificates of completion for his involvement in religious activities and self-help groups, including Fathers Behind Bars, Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Galvan served as a facilitator in the Operation New Hope and Inmate Peer Education programs and was elected Vice Chairman on the Men's Advisory Council. In 2018, a correctional officer described Mr. Galvan as "orderly, well spoken, and respectful towards both staff and inmates," adding that he has a "good reputation due to his overall work ethic and pleasant attitude." Also in 2018, a sponsor commended Mr. Galvan for his "ongoing commitment to embrace change." He also participated in charitable events, including a Walk-A-Thon fundraiser to raise money and awareness for the Special Olympics Summer Games. Mr. Galvan currently works as a dog trainer for the New Life K9s Program.

Since committing this very serious crime, Mr. Galvan turned away from a lifestyle consumed with violence and gangs. He has been a positive role model for other inmates and strongly advocates against gang culture. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Galvan has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Timothy Galvan to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Timothy Paul Galvan Date of Birth: [redacted] 80 Inmate ID: # F-73589

Address: P.O. Box 705 Solvang, CA 93960 (TD-11 low) Facility: CTF - NORTH

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: No Prior Convictions

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attachment A-2

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attachment B-3

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Attachment C-4

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

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I, Timothy Paul Galvin declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Alameda with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

6/24/18
Date

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First I would like to express that I am very sorry for murdering Mr. Mendoza and for the harm and grief that I have selfishly inflicted upon his family and friends. I am sorry.

Gov. Brown, these are the circumstances of my crimes.

On January 4, 2002 I deliberately chose to commit the callous crime of murder against Jose Mendoza, while attempting to murder Jaime Reyes, Aldeberto Mendoza and Jose Carranza. Prior to this night I lived my life as a wanna-be gang member. I glorified the gangster lifestyle because I believed it could provide me with a sense of belonging and fulfill the desire to feel loved.

On this night, I cared about no one other than myself and I started my terror beginning at some apartments where rival gang members lived. This would eventually lead to where Jose Mendoza and his family and friends were playing billards in the garage of their family home. I felt as a gang leader of the varrio north Fremont gang that my reputation was on the line and to not act upon the intrusion

of my so-called territory I would be seen as the phony I believed I always was.

I regrettably made deliberate attempts to rally up my friends by insisting that we were to remove the enemy from our neighborhood. After coercing my co-defendant Fidel Torres to accompany me I then made calls in efforts to locate a gun so that I could carry out my murderous thought. Once I got my hands on a weapon, in my mind, there was no turning back.

While parked around the corner of Viola Court I told Fidel to "wait right here". As I walked to the Mendoza family home I knew in my heart what I was about to do was wrong. Unlike so many other times, I wouldn't listen to my conscience.

I appeared out of no where wearing a red bandana over my face hoping to hide my identity and make an escape. Sadly the last words Jose Mendoza would ever hear was a misguided gang slur a second before I pulled the trigger which ended his precious life. I then turned the shotgun I was holding in the direction of Jaime Reyes and Jose Carranza but thankfully

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on my blind side Aldeberto Mendoza grabbed hold of the barrel which caused me to miss. From there a struggle to get away was made but I was held down and bounded at the scene until police could arrive.

The reason I am requesting a commutation of sentencing is because I am sorry and remorseful for the monstrous crimes I have committed. I have been incarcerated since the age of 21. Since that time I have cut off all former gang ties and a life of crime. I am now a born again Christian who has been disciplinary free and have spent my time by going to self-help groups, earning my GED and being a role model for those around me.

Today I continue to stay the course in addition to now being part of the New Life K9s dog handler team where I work along side eleven other handlers and a total of six dogs. NLK9s has taught me to give back to the broader community and has taught me how to effectively work along side my fellow teammates as well as seek a common goal: getting our dogs into the arms of a Veteran or a First Responder who suffer from PTSD.

I am thus requesting a commutation of sentencing so that I may positively give back to the communities I once help destroy but also because I see how I've impacted many lives and now it is my deepest desire to help save those children who are losing their lives for the very same crime I am locked up for.

Today I am a man who understands who I used to be. After digging deep into my past and recognizing my false belief system I feel that my living amends can be much more beneficial for those out there in the community.

I am remorseful for murdering Mr. Jose Mendoza and for bringing harm to his family and friends on the night of January 4, 2002. Today I am a strong advocate against the gang culture and I strive to expose the lie of what a gang really is: hurt people, hurting innocent people. I take my sobriety seriously in that the spirit of the 12 Steps resides in my heart rather than a mere recitation of words.

I am looked to for guidance from my peers and I take a healthy pride in knowing that these men (some older, some younger) place their trust in me to share their most sacred and intimate feelings in order to try and understand their past so that they may become men of integrity.

I am involved in my prison community by not only being available but by participation in various activities on the yard such as talent

shows, graduation ceremonies, the National Crime Victims' Rights' Week, and now my full time job as a dog handler. I've learned to play the guitar and am now a musician/songwriter. The music I write is filled with inspirational messages which hopefully leaves the listener thinking about their own lives.

I feel in my heart every single day that my living amends is needed out there in the community in a major way. It is my desire to work along side law enforcement in order to be there for those lost and hurting children the way I wish someone would have been there for me. I not only have the "experience" but my past is one that sadly those kids look to and glorify. My transformation is one that kids will learn and see with their own eyes that there is a real life on the other side of the fog that they are currently living in.

Today I am able to give back to society by serving my community with the skills I have learned during my incarceration (guitar/dog teaching lessons), but most of all I am able, as a law-abiding citizen, to give those who are hurting what they've long for for so long:

unconditional love, because at the end of the day that's all that anyone really needs.

In closing I am asking that you grant this commutation so that I may broaden my efforts in living in amends for the crimes that I have committed against the Mendoza family and the citizens of my community.

Thank you.

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I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

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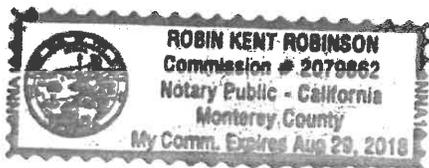
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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Vicente Godoy

Vicente Godoy worked as a security guard at a small local market. Mr. Godoy, Manuel Corado, and Carmelo Corado, planned to rob the market. Mr. Godoy allowed his two crime partners to enter the market and gave them access to the backroom. During the robbery, the store manager, Luis Valdez, and the assistant manager, Teresa Cano, were both shot by Manuel Corado. Mr. Valdez died from his injuries. On December 5, 2001, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Godoy to life without the possibility of parole, plus seven years for attempted murder, and a two-year firearm enhancement.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Godoy accepted full responsibility for his crime and wrote, "I am asking for a commutation because I am no longer the person who was involved in my life crime. I am a rehabilitated man with a different way of thinking." Mr. Godoy has now been incarcerated for 19 years. During these years, he has demonstrated his desire and willingness to put his life on a productive path. He has only been disciplined three times in close to two decades in prison. Mr. Godoy has lived on the Progressive Programming facility since 2012. He has never been involved with gangs or drugs. He has maintained steady employment and routinely receives above average work ratings. Mr. Godoy has participated in self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Houses of Healing. Mr. Godoy has made significant effort toward earning his GED by participating in Adult Basic Education for five years. In the event of his release, Mr. Godoy hopes to rejoin his family and seek employment working on his family's farm.

Mr. Godoy committed a very serious crime, but he has distinguished himself by his good conduct, consistent work history, and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Godoy has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings to it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Vicente Godoy to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Vicente Godoy Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-71 Inmate ID: # T-210360
Address: C.S.P. Los Angeles County
44750 60th st. west Lancaster, CA. 93536 Facility: A-1-205

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
DUI	1995	LOS ANGELES	community service

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was the security guard at the Tresserras Market. Two of my roommates came to my place of work. they asked for entrance through the back door so they could rob the market. During this time is when the supervisors go out and throw out the trash and bring in merchandise to restock. This is when I let them into the market. I stayed outside (continued)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am asking for a commutation of sentence because I am no longer the person who was involved in my life crime. I am a rehabilitated man with a different way of thinking. If I can get a second chance I will live a life of Amends by working with and helping At-risk youth so they don't continue in delinquency and end (continued)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I am asking for grace in a commutation of sentence so that I may have a chance to go in front of the parole board and present myself for suitability. I have been in prison for 19 years serving LWOP for my part in the murder of Mr. Luis Valdez. (continued)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

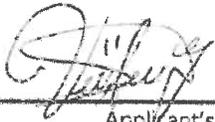
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This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Vicente Godoy declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

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Date

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Vicente Godoy,

was convicted of the crime of Murder (187)

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 10/30/99

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California

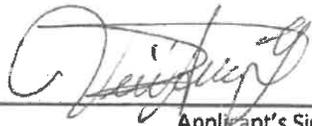
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Applicant's Signature

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steven Frankland, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Vicente Godoy

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed



Date

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District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

2. circumstances of crime continued...

- in the back with the supervisor of the store MR. Luis Valdez. When Mr. Teresa Cano doesn't come outside, Mr. Valdez goes back in to check in on her. I remain outside until I hear gunshots, I run in and find Mr. Valdez wounded on the floor. I tried to lift him up to get him to a hospital but Ms. Cano did not let me move him until the police arrived. When I went to the police station to give my statement I was informed that Mr. Valdez did not survive.

3. why requesting a commutation continued...

- up in prison for the rest of their lives. In these last 19 years of incarceration I have lost my mother and one of my sisters. I have suffered greatly because I could not be there for my family because of my bad choices. My father is now 85 years of age, and if given a second chance I can be there for my father in his last days.

4. why should you be granted a commutation continued...

I was entrusted to protect the market for Mr. Valdez and all the market employees and customers, and I chose to let my roommates in through the back to rob the store. Mr. Valdez was my friend and I did not think he was going to get shot and killed. That weighs heavy in my heart because I am responsible for letting them in to rob the store when I was suppose to be protecting the store. I betrayed his trust and he lost his life and for that I am responsible and I am so sorry.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

June Gravlee

On July 17, 1987, June Gravlee and her brother, Gary Smith, participated in the fatal stabbing and beating of Andrew Gravlee, Ms. Gravlee's husband. After Mr. Gravlee's death, Ms. Gravlee continued to receive his monthly pension checks and his social security checks; she forged his signature and cashed the pension checks. On April 24, 1990, the Tulare County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Gravlee to life without the possibility of parole for murder for financial gain.

Ms. Gravlee has been incarcerated for nearly 31 years and is now 64 years old. In this time, Ms. Gravlee has lived violence-free. She has never been disciplined for serious misconduct. Ms. Gravlee has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Pathways to Wholeness, Beyond Violence, Victim Awareness, and Life Plan for Recovery.

Over the past three decades, Ms. Gravlee has earned the respect of prison staff. Numerous staff have lauded her work ethic, and her service to her community. Ms. Gravlee has primarily worked as an aide to teachers, psychologists, and correctional officials; she routinely received exceptional work ratings. One staff member commended Ms. Gravlee for her "exemplary" work and wrote, "I have observed her to be respectful, mature, well-mannered and helpful to staff and her peers." Another staff member described her as "an exceptional person," and also stated "I know if given the chance, Ms. Gravlee will be an incredible and successful member of society." A work supervisor stated, "From what I have seen firsthand, I believe Ms. Gravlee will be a successful and positive member of society once allowed to return." A self-help program sponsor commended her for assisting with activities focused on improving prison conditions for elderly inmates. Ms. Gravlee has made and donated hats to non-profit organizations for use by terminally ill children, and served as a dog trainer in the Prison Pup Program. In 2018, a dog training instructor wrote, "June has been in this program for several years and has always maintained a great attitude." The supervisor concluded, "We feel she will succeed on the outside, is ready and will be a valued member of the community if given a chance."

Ms. Gravlee committed a very callous crime. However, it is clear that she has distinguished herself by her exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Gravlee has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of June Gravelle to a total of 30 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Gravelle, June Date of Birth: [redacted] 54 Inmate ID: W36328
Address: 16576 Chino Coronado Rd. Corona, Ca 92880 Facility: CTW

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of Conviction(s), Sentences(s). Rows include Welfare Fraud and 187 for Financial Gain.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have been accused of killing my husband for financial gain with special circumstances. I'm not understanding any of this sentence when in all actuality I was sentenced on hearsay & circumstantial evidence. I had a co-defendant in my case that took matters into his own hands. (see additional page)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am not a trouble maker, I know how to follow the rules & laws. I'm now 62, I'd love the opportunity to re-acquaint with my 3 children, and now grandchildren. I've been here at CTW for 27 years, 3 years County time and don't have serious write-ups. I program & find ways to give back to the community with the groups I take.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I know I could be respectful citizen again. After all of these years, and I remain write-up free, even most of our old staff that has been here throughout my incarceration tells me that I've never given them any problems. It would be nice to have a second

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

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I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of _____ with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of _____ County:

Please take notice that I _____, was convicted of the crime of _____, committed in _____ County, California on the date of _____. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Applicant's Signature

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____ do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

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Up to 1985-87 I was a law abiding citizen, and still in here I do everything expected of me as I do not get into trouble, simply because I don't care for the consequences involved.

My husband & I were married in October of 85 I believe. Since this happened I have no recollection of dates. It definitely traumatized me.

My brother lived with us basically on the weekends as he was a journeyman plumber. He traveled around the state working.

One Friday evening my brother asked if we'd like to go out for the evening. My husband said no because he had to go to work Saturday morning. I really wanted to go because I had been stuck at home for weeks with no break. So, I made up my mind that I was going opposed to my husband telling me that I couldn't go. I got ready, we argued, but nothing either one of us wouldn't get over in a few days.

My brother & I had left Andy and the kids, my 3 children at the house. We went to a club and had a few drinks, plus I mixed a shot of tequila with my rum and cokes I had been drinking. I don't remember how many I had.

We got home and my husband was still upset with me. I told him I didn't want to argue with him we'd talk about it later when he came home. I got up and went into the living room and watched a movie that was on cable with my brother. He asked me if everything was alright & I told him nothing I couldn't handle later.

My brother knew we were having problems and didn't really like the way Andy had been treating the children and me. He said he was going to

go talk to him. I didn't see that would help, but he did.

As Gary left the room, I began feeling the night's festivities in a whole different way. I got nauseous and went into the bathroom where I spent a good 20 to 30 minutes losing everything taken in that previous evening. I heard my brother say "Someone ought to kill you you S.O.B." I never took words that seriously before and certainly never thought a threat like that would ever be carried out in my own home. So, I really dismissed the statement. I said stupid things all the time, it never was meant to be carried out though. More or less, it was to get people to back off of me. Never to harm.

When I came out of the bathroom through my daughter's bedroom, my brother was at the kitchen sink running water. I wasn't sure what he was doing as the lights were off so we only had the light from the television.

I walked over to my bedroom door and as I reached for the door knob my brother grabbed me from behind. He told me I could not go in there because Andy was dead. In total disbelief he shook my shoulders and stared down into my eyes with a piercing empty glare I'd never seen before in him, and it scared me. He said, "Andy is dead, you can't go in there." I began crying and asked if we could get him to the hospital, or call an ambulance, I refused to believe the words I just heard. He shoved me over to the sink in the kitchen, as he did he made it perfectly clear to me to keep my mouth shut as he would not be going to

prison for this. I was scared out of my mind.

When he came out of the bedroom he told me to help him carry Andy out to the pick-up. I begged him not to make me do this, but he said if I didn't he'd get one of my boys to help him. I could not let him involve my children... I did what I was told to do.

Andy was wrapped in a tarp, I was told to grab his feet, I did. We carried him out to the bed of the pickup and placed him inside.

He asked where my purse was I pointed to my room door, he got my purse and grabbed my arm. I again begged him to leave me there with the children, but he took me out to the passenger side opened the door and told me to get in. He shut the door & walked around to the driver side. Before getting in, he pulled his belt off and took his hunting knife off then threw it in the seat between us. Just glaring at me with that frightening stare. At that point I didn't figure I'd be coming back to see my kids either.

Reverend Brown, they put financial gain on me saying I had an insurance policy on my husband. There was no insurance policy at all.

I did not even know how Andy was killed until I went to trial. Then I found out he was stabbed to death plus his head was crushed with a hammer. Oh my God, I would never wish this treatment on anyone.

I must definitely was not "June Cleaver" but I tried to be the best wife, housewife,

and nother possible.

Time and time again I wish I could take this all back and give this man back his life ... but I can't. I've asked my God for forgiveness and, I'm asking you and the State of California for forgiveness with at least a lesser sentence for the part I did participate in, and not of my own free will.

Thank you so much
for your time and
consideration in this
matter.

Sincerely,
June Gravelle
June Gravelle
W36328 LB337L
16256 Chino Corona Rd.
Corona, Ca 92880

(3.) Through working with Mental Health I learned more about me. I learned I could not fix everything and it wasn't my responsibility to do so. Also, found out it is alright to make a mistake, and to be forgiven by my peers. I know right from wrong, but got caught up in a very bad situation.

(4.) chance. I've gone to CODA which is through AA/NA, I've learned it's not my responsibility to make up excuses for others and I do know I have choices to make a better life for me, and others around me.

I'm currently in the Prison Pup Program where we train dogs to help and assist the handicapped. Some of our dogs go to veterans with PTSD. A very rewarding experience knowing I'm giving a person more freedom, a dog that can retrieve items, give them the item, turn lights on and off, and give their person the ability to be more social. I have earned my trainers certificate through Canine Support Team.

I did the Veterans group here which involved making hats, scarves, lap blankets, & afghans for a year.

When I first got here I did 11 years worth of groups. Daily I went to groups after work. Then my sentence just got the better of me and I gave up. After awhile you just feel that it is not worth the effort anymore. After all... I've been placed here to die too. I've come back to my senses, and still have hope that can never be taken from me. I've been very scared of the legal system, and that's why it has taken me so long to respond.

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All in all... none of this would have ever happened had I known what was going on. Never did I intend, ask, or agree to any of this. My husband did not deserve to die like this & even if we didn't see Eye to eye on everything I would never wish this on any one.

Thank you Sir for your time and consideration.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Earl Griffin

In 1995, 20-year-old Earl Griffin and Byron Smith confronted Dameon Singleton, a drug dealer. They took cash, marijuana, car keys, and other property from Mr. Singleton, then one of the men shot him, killing him. On February 28, 1997, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Griffin to life without the possibility of parole for murder. Mr. Griffin has consistently denied shooting Mr. Singleton.

Mr. Griffin is now 44 years old and has been incarcerated for 23 years. Although he has consistently denied shooting Mr. Singleton, he has accepted responsibility for his role in the crime and expressed sincere remorse. In his application for clemency, Mr. Griffin wrote, "[T]here is no explanation that excuses what I've done. . . . As a result of my actions a young man's life was taken, leaving his family with agony, and a lifetime of unexplainable loss." He described the significant changes he has made since coming to prison, and said, "I am a 'God-fearing' adult with absolute remorse for my adolescent choices. If granted an opportunity to re-enter society, there is no possibility that I would participated in any kind of criminal history."

Mr. Griffin has shown through his actions in prison that he is no longer the young man who participated in this senseless crime. He earned his GED and has maintained a positive work record, including his most recent assignment as a caregiver for disabled and ill inmates. He has participated in self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, and Criminal Rehabilitation Anonymous. Mr. Griffin has also earned the respect of the staff members who see him on a daily basis. In 2017, a correctional captain commended Mr. Griffin for his positive attitude and wrote that he was polite, respectful, has "exemplified outstanding work product," and "is to be recognized for his dedication, and expediency." In 2016, a work supervisor praised Mr. Griffin for participating in self-help groups and wrote, "His behavior to date is that of a person who strives toward rehabilitation. Furthermore, I have observed that he has a willingness for self-development and continues to demonstrate that he is prepared to become a responsible member of society upon release." Mr. Griffin has developed a solid plan in the event of his release – his wife and parents have pledged to support him and help him transition back into the community, and he has a job offer waiting for him.

Despite serving a sentence that gave him no hope of ever being released from prison, Mr. Griffin has worked hard to better himself, and strives to be a responsible member of his community. I believe it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Earl Griffin to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Earl Griffin Date of Birth: [redacted]-74 Inmate ID: K-42763

Address: 300 Quebec Ave., P.O. Box 5248 (B3-13-4U) Facility: CSP-SATF

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: Felony Murder (187*/190.2(a), 4-7-1995, Alameda, LWOP. Includes note: (Refer to attached Abstract of Judgment - Attachment A)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

In 1995, at the age of 20, Applicant and co-defendant Byron Smith conspired to rob Dameon Singleton (victim) with no intention to kill the victim. Our malice and indiscretion led to loss of life and caused a ripple effect of pain that touched three different families.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

In the beginning stages of this case, during municipal proceedings, Cherly Poncini (District Attorney) offered a plea deal of 23 years for Applicant and his co-defendant with the stipulation that both defendants accept the deal. Applicant agreed, however, Mr. Smith refused, resulting in special circumstances being added. (continued on attached)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Currently, Applicant is 43 years of age with the majority of my developmental growth occurring throughout my incarceration. Having made the transition from boyhood to adulthood, there isn't a day that goes by that I don't reflect on the (continued on attached)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Earl Griffin declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Alameda with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Earl Griffin

Applicant's Signature

2/27/2018

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Alameda County: Please take notice that I, Earl Griffin Jr.

was convicted of the crime of 1st-degree felony murder - with robbery - special circumstances

committed in Alameda County, California, on the date of April 7, 1995

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Earl Griffin Jr.

Applicant's Signature

2/8/2018

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, David Cook for the District Attorney of the County of Alameda

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Earl Griffin

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

[Signature]

Date

3-23-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

QUESTION #3 CONTINUED:

Ultimately, both Applicant and co-defendant were found guilty and sentenced to Life Without Parole (LWOP). Although the special circumstance was later attached, after a preliminary hearing, an actual death sentence was never sought by the prosecution. As such, no penalty phase was utilized to determine fair and appropriate sentencing. Judge G. Baranco stated that he had, "...absolutely no discretion to modify that sentence." (Refer to sentencing transcript page 3) Currently, I have been in prison for a longer period of time than I was in society before making the worst, reckless, insensitive decision I've ever made. This request, seeking a commutation of sentence, affords me the opportunity to draw attention to new Senate Bills having to do with scientific studies pertaining to brain development from a youth to an adult. (See attached document- exhibit line #3)

QUESTION #4 CONTINUED:

severity of the reckless decisions I made in my younger life. This request for commutation of sentence is in no way meant to disregard, and/or lack accountability for justice rendered. However, it has recently become a fair question to ask whether or not egregious crimes committed by young adults justify an LWOP sentence. I was twenty (20) at the time of this crime. Governor Brown, there is no explanation that excuses what I've done. My only hope in asking for commutation has to do with the opportunity available with this application; to express the fact of my awareness of the traumatic pain and hurt I caused. As a result of my actions a young man's life was taken, leaving his family with agony, and a lifetime of unexplainable loss. The ripple effect has caused my own family a great deal of suffering as well.

As mentioned earlier in this letter, Governor Brown, there is no justification for my delinquency, but there is a childhood that may offer insight into my poor judgment during those adolescent years. When I was 8 years old both of my parents began smoking crack cocaine. My childhood was perplexed with various mixed emotions ranging from low self-esteem, shame, and of course anger. Most of the other kids I gravitated towards, including my co-defendant, also grew up with drug addicted parents. Other kids, whose parents were not drug addicts, would usually tease kids like me for not only having less than they had, but also for having addicted parents. Reflecting back, I now realize when anger began to take root. By age 12 I felt ashamed of who I was and fighting other kids became normal - if not a natural result of this. My environment consisted of consistent drug sales and drug abuse. At age 13 I began selling crack, truly believing in my mind at that stage in my life, that doing so was the only way for me to survive. By the age of 16 my daughter Tiffany was born. One month later I was arrested for narcotics sales and sentenced to California Youth Authority (CYA). Two and a half (2½) months after being released from CYA I was arrested on my current case and sentenced to LWOP.

Governor Brown, I mentioned these facts of my childhood in order to appropriately answer the particular question asked as to why I should be granted commutation. Sir the immature, reckless, confused young man I was growing up under those extreme circumstances, is not the person I am today. Having earned my G.E.D., Anger Management and Critical Thinking certificates etc., I have matured in such a way that literally brings me to tears when reflecting back on what I've done and the sadness of my childhood. Today, at age 43, I am a "God-fearing" adult with absolute remorse for my adolescent choices. If granted an opportunity to re-enter society, there is no possibility that I would participate in any kind of criminal activity.

Furthermore, it is my goal to mentor the youth based on the skills I have acquired during incarceration and with the insight I have gained into my own past experiences. Honorable Governor Brown, I have attached chronos, certificates, and support letters from my father, Earl Sr., my aunt, Mari Stewart, uncle Leroy Berrows, my wife Christine Watson, and other notable achievement certificates to provide tangible evidence of my efforts at rehabilitation. It is my sincerest hope that these documents, along with a review of the Applicant's behavioral improvement while incarcerated will attest to this reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Earl Griffin



note : Additional-support letter from cousin Stephen Stewart has been added.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jose Gutierrez

On December 5, 2008, 16-year-old Jose Gutierrez and a fellow gang member pulled up near a liquor store where Martin Miguel was standing. Mr. Gutierrez chased Mr. Miguel and fired multiple shots at him, killing him. On May 24, 2010, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Gutierrez to 15 years to life for murder, plus an additional 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

In an interview with a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Mr. Gutierrez described the difficult childhood that contributed to his gang involvement at a young age. He reported that his father drank excessively and was verbally abusive to the children and physically abusive to Mr. Gutierrez's mother. Mr. Gutierrez grew close to members of the neighborhood gang and began carrying weapons in an effort to prove himself to them. In his application for clemency, Mr. Gutierrez wrote, "I had a very immature and selfish mentality, but by the grace of God and his principles I have renewed my mind and have developed my character throughout these years beginning with gang renouncement." He described the Bible study and other courses that have helped shape his thinking, and explained, "This counseling also helped me to come to terms in my involvement in this crime, and provided me with personal tools in order to become a man, a son, a brother, and an uncle capable of being a positive influence to my family, my community here in prison, and the community beyond these walls."

Mr. Gutierrez has demonstrated his commitment to self-improvement throughout his incarceration. He has never been disciplined for misconduct, and is currently working towards his GED. He has participated in multiple self-help classes, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Addiction Counseling, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Gutierrez has been offered employment in the event of his release, and his sister and several other family members have offered him housing and other support as he transitions back into the community.

During nine years in prison, Mr. Gutierrez has matured from an impulsive 16-year-old into a young man who has accepted responsibility for his actions and is determined to make positive contributions to his community. I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jose Gutierrez to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jose Gutierrez Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/92 Inmate ID: AD-3126

Address: P.O. BOX 2199, Blythe, CA, 92226 Facility: IRONWOOD STATE PRISON (FACILITY C-3 104)

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
1710(A)(1)	6/23/07	LOS ANGELES	
12031(A)(1) MINOR IN POSSESSION OF CONCEALABLE FIREARM			
544(A) VANDALISM	7/03/07	LOS ANGELES	

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NONE

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I, Jose Luis Gutierrez, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles County with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jose Gutierrez
Applicant's Signature

11/15/17
Date

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2) Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation: The circumstances of my crime is that on December 05, 2008, at the age of 16, I shot and killed Miguel Martinez (Martin) as he emerged from a market in Pomona. My co-defendant Albert Sandoval was the driver of a Nissan Altima and I was the passenger and the shooter. As Miguel was walking in front of Ted's liquor store, I went up to him and pointed the gun at him, and as soon as he saw me he began running and he cut through an opening near the newspaper rack in the northwest corner of Guadalajara market. I chased him. As I was chasing Miguel, I fired one shot. Miguel ran through the opening between Ted's and Guadalajara market, where he fell down. I reached Miguel and fired several more rapid shots at him while I stood over him. I then turned around and ran across Mission Boulevard carrying a gun in my right hand and almost got hit by a passing car. I then ran and entered the vehicle driven by Albert Sandoval. As Sandoval and I were backing up, witnesses were able to get a partial license plate number. We pulled off driving Westbound and went to Sandoval's parent's house to change cars and he got his mother's van to take me to my uncle's house. The very next day on December 06, 2008 officers put surveillance on Sandoval's vehicle, and noticed that it was parked in front of my uncle's house facing Northbound on [REDACTED] in the city of Pomona. After officers identified us as the suspects, we were taken into custody. On May 24, 2010 the trial court sentenced me to state prison for a total of 40 years to life.

3) Explain why you are requesting commutation: The reason why I am requesting a commutation of sentence is because I pray that redemptive qualities may grant me a second chance at life. I know that I am not the same person I was when I first got arrested, because I matured through self-correction. I was 16 years old when I committed my crime and due to my immature selfish actions and my destructive behavior I murdered a human being named Miguel Martinez (Martin). I had a very immature and selfish mentality, but by the grace of God and his principles I have renewed my mind and have developed my character throughout these years beginning with gang renouncement as well as mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual development. Now I can humbly and honestly say with all confidence that I have changed my life through the power of God "The Almighty". I'm a man of God now who loves and enjoys

helping others in any way I can. Qualities that I look forward to bringing into my community to do my part in making a difference for the better with my testimony of personal transformation.

4) Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted commutation: The question as to why I "should" be granted commutation, this question is very difficult for me to answer because I honestly don't deserve a commutation sentence due to what I have caused in the life of Miguel, his family, and my community where I grew up. My selfishness and destructive behavior brought sorrow, grief, and fear in people's lives due to this crime that I committed on December 05, 2008. However, I'm pleading for a commutation of sentence because I have learned so much through a lot of groups in here, helping me to understand insight and the tremendous impact I had in Miguel Martinez's (Martin) family and the community. At the age of 17, I made a serious decision that I will never take for granted. I made a decision to turn my will and my life over to the care of God as I understood him. I didn't know anything about God, until I first came to jail when beautiful people like Eddy Martinez, Father Mike, and all the Christian volunteers who accompany and mentor kids in Sylmar juvenile hall "The Compound", a place where high risk juveniles are housed. As I built a relationship with them, I started to hear the message of the gospel being preached to me. As I was paying attention to the message of Christ, the word of God penetrated my heart and soul. As I received the message, I was cut to the heart and I got convicted for every wicked thing I did in my past, especially for this crime that I committed. I was grieved and remorseful for what I had done to Mr. Miguel, his family, my community, and my family. As I started getting closer to God I then realized how sinful and selfish I had become in my life, meaning I was disobedient, rebellious, lawbreaker and took the law into my own hands. Therefore, I came to believe that a power greater than myself could restore me to sanity. As I came to my senses, I recognized that I needed God's help to change my thinking, my behavior, my character, my motives, and my whole life. I then cried out to my lord and savior Jesus Christ and asked him to change my life. This transformation took place one morning on April 9th, 2010 as I was sitting in the holding tank at Pomona Superior Court, it was during the middle of my trial, I had been stressing for over 17 months not knowing what was going to happen in my life, I then put my head down and got down on my knees and started praying and talking to God. I truly wanted to change my

life. I honestly didn't want to continue being that old person I was, but I didn't know how to change, so I prayed to God. At first I was being selfish by asking God to help me get out of the situation I got myself in, but then I stopped myself, corrected my words, and my thoughts because in all reality I deserve my sentence; therefore, I asked God to help me change my life and to help me make a difference in this world and in people's lives. I opened my heart to Jesus Christ and I made him the lord of my life and my savior. Ever since that day, I made a commitment to God and myself that never again in my life I would hurt another human being. Even though I got sentenced to 40 years to life, I never lost hope and I continued advancing in my life and changing for the better, which shows in my disciplinary free record. In prison I have not received any disciplinary reports of any rules violations of any kind for 7 years. This is the result of me being true to my change, to myself, and to my commitment of changing and living an obedient lifestyle in my Christian faith. Now I see people the way God sees them, with love, compassion, respect, and with a purpose in life, not as an object but as a human being. As I continued to walk in this Christian lifestyle, I continued to grow spiritually and matured in a lot of ways. I've learned that people are valuable in life and that we all need guidance in life. Therefore, I have committed my life to help anybody in need, I have become a mentor to people here in prison, and I have a spiritual gift and use it to encourage people. I encourage them by letting them know that there is hope in changing their life, if they choose too. I encourage them to get involved in every self-help group and to go to church, because these are tools that can change their lives. I also became a student and a teacher of the bible. I have a great desire to continue to learn and develop my character. My whole purpose in life is to be of service, meaning to be of service on helping or doing work for others. One of my main purposes as well, is to help the youth, young people that are struggling with the same situation that I was in, "the gang life", I want to reach out to these individuals and let them know that there is hope and a purpose in their life; and that they too can change and make a difference in this world. Throughout my incarceration, I've been participating in all the self-help groups that the department of corrections provides here in Ironwood State Prison, which helped me understand that my childhood was dysfunctional. This counseling also helped me come to terms in my involvement in this crime, and provided me with personal tools in order to become

a man, a son, a brother, and an uncle capable of being a positive influence to my family, my community here in prison, and the community beyond these walls. I've learned that it's not all about me, but it is about what I can do to help people with their struggles of addiction and their destructive behavior. As I continue in these self-help groups, they continue to equip me and prepare me for my facilitating skills. I'm also enrolled in The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI). TUMI is a training institution that exists to equip leaders for the urban church especially among the poor, in order to advance the kingdom of God. This ministry is and has been a mighty blessing in my life because it shaped me as a leader and has taught me bible theology and the skills required for missionary work and ministry. My focus is to develop more in God's word and to further prepare for leadership. I believe that God is raising up dynamic leaders from among the urban poor who would benefit from access to quality theological education. My main goal is to continue being involved in God's ministry, preaching and teaching his word (the bible). By the grace of God I have this great zeal and passion to preach and teach God's word. As I continue in God's ministry, my focus is in developing lay and pastoral leaders who can effectively disciple others, especially among the urban poor; a contrast as to when I first came to jail. At first I didn't know my ABC's, and I didn't know how to read, I didn't know how to write a simple letter to my family; and I strongly felt like a failure. I was ashamed and embarrassed of the person I was. I examined my heart and evaluated my life, and I saw no accomplishments in my life and I told myself "what are you doing with your life?" I started to see potential in me and started to value my life through Christ. Today I have achieved and continue to accomplish set goals, for example, advancing from ABE 1 to 2 educational system, and am in the brink of obtaining my GED through ABE 3. I hope to share these achievements with you in person hoping and praying that you will give me the opportunity to share my story with you of the person that I have become. I want to thank you for taking your valuable time in hearing my story and my response to the questions. I'm very grateful for giving me this opportunity in my life. All I'm asking from you is a chance to share my story. God bless you all.

Respectfully,


Jose Gutierrez

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Anthony Guzman

On September 19, 1980, Anthony Guzman robbed Mike Issa, a car salesman, then took a vehicle from the dealership and killed Mr. Issa. On June 13, 1983, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Guzman to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 3 years for burglary.

Mr. Guzman is now 60 years old and has been incarcerated for over 38 years for this crime. In his application for clemency Mr. Guzman expressed remorse for the killing of Mr. Issa, writing, "I will always be accountable to Michael, I wish to honor him with all the good I am able to provide in a more sensible and productive manner." Mr. Guzman wrote that he seeks an opportunity to appear before the parole board as a changed man, stating, "I am responsible and accountable for my decisions. I wish to be a good brother to my siblings, a good neighbor, and a responder to the world. To finish my life out in the service of others."

Mr. Guzman has transformed himself in prison. He was last disciplined for misconduct over 20 years ago and has never been disciplined for any violence. Mr. Guzman earned a GED in 2014 and routinely received above average work ratings. He has participated in self-help groups, including Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Victim Awareness, Alternatives to Violence, and Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous. Mr. Guzman was a founding member of the Centinela State Prison Veterans Activity Group and donated to charitable causes.

Mr. Guzman's warden recommended him for clemency, and he has also been recognized by other staff members for his good behavior and attitude. In 2017, a chaplain commended Mr. Guzman for his active participation in Catholic services, noting that he is always eager to help and "is polite and associates well with staff and inmates." In 2014, a GED instructor wrote that Mr. Guzman "has a good attitude and works hard to improve his skills. He is a pleasure to have in class." In 2013, a sponsor wrote that Mr. Guzman is "an integral part in establishing fund raising events for the purpose of donating to the Veterans Employment Committee." Mr. Guzman has the support of his family upon his release. His sister wrote in support of his clemency application and offered "full support in whatever it takes for a successful transition" in the event of Mr. Guzman's release.

In addition, Mr. Guzman's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Guzman.

Many people sentenced to life without the possibility of parole give up hope and lose themselves in prison. Faced with that same sentence, Mr. Guzman exhibited a commitment to his rehabilitation. I acknowledge that this crime was devastating to Mr. Issa's family members, who have opposed clemency in this case. However, after serious consideration, I cannot discount the turnaround Mr. Guzman has made during his incarceration. I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Anthony Guzman to a total of 38 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: GUZMAN, ANTHONY CARLOS Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 58 Inmate ID: C68045
 Address: 2302 BROWN ROAD / CENTINELA STATE PRISON Facility: A-2 BLDG 219

1. Conviction Summary: PLEASE REFER TO PAGE(S) ~~3+4~~ 3+4

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
<u>PLEASE REFER TO LEGAL STATUS SUMMARY</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
PLEASE REFER TO PAGE(S) ~~5-8~~ 5-8 SUMMARY OF OFFENSE

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
I BEG FOR MERCY. I BEG THAT MY LIFE W/OUT PAROLE SENTENCE BE COMMUTATED TO A SENTENCE THAT WOULD MAKE ME ELIGIBLE FOR BPH FOR PAROLE CONSIDERATION, IN ORDER TO APPLY S.B. 260 + S.B. 261 + S.B. 224 AS I AM SOON TO BE AGE 60 WITH 37 YRS SERVED.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
PLEASE REFER TO PAGES 9-11

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

THIS PACKET OF DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING LETTERS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS #3 + #4 WAS PREPARED BY A GUZMAN, INCLUDING B/W COPIES OF MY ART WORK.

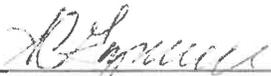
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I, GUZMAN, ANTHONY CARLOS, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of SANTA CLARA COUNTY with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

1/31/2018
Date

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of SANTA CLARA County:

Please take notice that I, GUZMAN, ANTHONY C, was convicted of the crime of 1ST DEGREE MURDER w/ SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES committed in SANTA CLARA County, California on the date of 9/19/1980. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

AC Guzman
Applicant's Signature

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Jeffrey F. Rasm, District Attorney of the County of Santa Clara do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Anthony C. Guzman, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

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Signed Jeffrey F. Rasm

Date 1/12/18

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

Name: GUZMAN, ANTHONY C.

CDC #: C68045 PID #: 11435140

OTCS010

Legal Status Summary

Tuesday January 16, 2018 08:16:57 AM

Inmate Name: GUZMAN, ANTHONY C.

CDC #: C68045

1958

Facility: CEN-Facility A [CEN-A]
PC2933 Eligible: No

Housing: A 002 2-219001L
MCC/RAC/EMC/ECC Eligible: No

CCRA: S. Walker
CCI: C. Angulo
PRCS Eligible: No

You have been committed to the CDCR to serve the following sentences.

Sentencing Overview

Term Start Date: 06/21/1983
Control Date: LWOP
Time Served: 13173 days

Total Term: LWOP
Control Date Type: MEPD
Time Remaining: N/A

Overall Max Date: LWOP

As of Date: 07/15/2016

Sentence Structure

Cmt.	County	Sentence Date	Total Time Imposed	Status	Status Date
AA	Santa Clara	06/13/1983	LWOP	Imposed	06/13/1983

Sentence Components (1 - 4 of 4)

Cmp.	Count	County/Case #	Crime (Statute)	Offense	Offense Date	Time Imposed	Relationship to Cmt./Cmp.	Credit Rate	Pre-Snt Credit	Post-Snt Credit	Vested Credit
001	001	Santa Clara/77350	PC187 [08]	Murder 1st (LWO)	09/19/1980	LWOP		0% or 0%/20% Violent or 0%/33.3% Non-violent 3rd Striker	409		
002	002	Santa Clara/77350	PC211 [05]	Robbery	09/20/1980	0y 0m 0d	Stayed to /	33.3% One-Third			
003	004	Santa Clara/77350	PC459 2nd[01]	Burglary 2nd	09/19/1980	3y 0m 0d	Consecutive (Full Term) to AA / 001	33.3% One-Third	1085	7	3
004	005	Santa Clara/77350	VC10851 [02]	Vehicle Theft - Attempt	09/19/1980	0y 0m 0d	Stayed to /	33.3% One-Third			

COMMENTS:

AA ARDTS Release Date:01-25-9999 ARDTS Release Type:LWOP CASE CDCNO:C68045

Legal Mandates (1 - 1 of 1)

Cmt./Cmp.	Mandate Type	Begin Date	Due Date	Status
AA-001	Notification Req'd - Violent Felon (PC3058.6)			Required

Dead Time

Began	Ended	Days	Type
No Rows Found			

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)

PLAINTIFF,)

vs.)

ANTHONY CARLOS GUZMAN,)

DEFENDANT)

REPORT OF
PROBATION OFFICER
Nos. 77350 & 73043 (VOP)
June 6, 1983
A. Bender, D.A.
G. Paraskou, P.D.

COURT DATA

SENTENCING COURT: Honorable R. Donald Chapman

COURT OF CONVICTION: Honorable R. Donald Chapman

CHARGE: (Information Number 77350)

Count One, Section 187 of the Penal Code (Murder),
First Degree

With Special Circumstances Found True as follows:

First Special Circumstance: that the foregoing murder
was intentional and carried out by the defendant for
financial gain;

Second Special Circumstance: that the murder was com-
mitted by the defendant while he was engaged in the
commission of Robbery in violation of Section 211 of
the Penal Code

Count Two, Section 211 of the Penal Code (Robbery)

Count Three, Section 10851 of the California Vehicle
Code (Drive or Take Vehicle)

Count Four, Section 459 of the Penal Code (Burglary),
Second Degree

Count Five, Section 664-10851 of the California Vehicle
Code (Attempted Auto Theft)

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CHARGE: (Continued)

(Information Number 73043) VIOLATION OF PROBATION

Section 10851 of the California Vehicle Code (Drive or
Take Vehicle)

DATE OF OFFENSE: (77350) Cts. 1 & 2: Between September 19, &
September 20, 1980

Ct. 3: Between September 19, &
September 21, 1980

Ct. 4: September 19, 1980

Ct. 5: Between September 15, &
September 19, 1980

(73043) Between April 18, 1979, and May 3, 1979

DATE OF ARREST: (77350) September 21, 1980 (SJPD)

(73043) July 19, 1979 (SCCSO)

CONVICTION: (77350) Found Guilty by Jury Verdict 4/25/83 as to
Counts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 *AND*

Special Circumstances as to Ct. 1, Found
True by Jury Verdict [REDACTED] - Life without
possibility of parole *imposed by Jury 5/9/83*

(73043) Arraigned for VOP & consolidated 2/17/81

CONDITIONS: None

REMAINING CHARGES: (77350) Ct. 6, Sec. 12021(a) PC (Possession
of Concealable Firearm by Felon or
Addict) was severed 3/25/82.

DAYS IN CUSTODY: (77350) 988 actual days, 494 days - 4019 PC,
1,482 total days; pres. in cust.

(continued)

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DAYS IN CUSTODY: (Continued)

(73043) 986 actual days, 493 days. = 4019 PC,
1,479 total days; def. serv. commit.
in unrelated matter at time of orig.
arr. until sent. 2/17/81; prob. hold
placed 9/24/80; pres. in cust.

AGE & DATE OF BIRTH: 25; [REDACTED] 1958; Los Angeles, CA

CODEFENDANTS & STATUS: None

SUMMARY OF OFFENSE:

The Court has heard this matter; however, the following summary was derived from the San Jose Police Department's investigation report.

(77350)

(Counts 1, 2 & 3)

The body of victim Mike Issa was first discovered October 7, 1980, 3.8 miles south of Uvas Road, Morgan Hill. The body was then taken to the Santa Clara County Morgue, where an autopsy was performed. The body was positively identified as that of Michael Issa on October 8, 1980. Evidence indicated that he had been murdered.

As of September 20, 1980, at 11:30 p.m., an investigation had begun to locate the whereabouts of Mike Issa, a victim of possible foul play. Victim Issa worked as a car salesman for Auto San Jose, 1660 West San Carlos, San Jose, California, and last had been seen at 8:45 p.m. on September 19, 1980, in the company of the defendant who was a prospective buyer of a 1968 Chevrolet Corvette. At the time, the defendant was believed to have with him \$6,000 cash in a duffle bag, but lacked an additional \$1,000 to complete the sale. The Corvette was registered to Auto San Jose, [REDACTED]

The victim was later to fail to keep a prearranged appointment at the apartment of Dennis Cory, a friend. The defendant also did not return home the evening of September 20, 1980, which was extremely unusual behavior for the victim. Two close friends of the victim went to look for him and located the car the victim was using at the time (not the Corvette). The vehicle was found on the south side of Scott Boulevard, west of Leigh intersection. It was illegally parked and was observed to have blood on the exterior, although none was noted on the ground surrounding the vehicle. No blood was found inside the vehicle

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and nothing unusual inside the trunk. Nobody in the area the previous night or day had reported any unusual sounds. The police, now being involved, found miscellaneous papers on the victim's desk, where he worked. These papers contained identification of the defendant, along with a description of the vehicle which the victim had been attempting to sell. These included one of two contract forms, an odometer record form indicating mileage, both bill-of-sale, trip slips and other notepaper. The victim's handwriting was recognized on all forms except the bill-of-sale slip "... which looked as if they had been completed by buyer of the vehicle, who signed his name: Anthony Carlos Guzman." Of all forms present, it appeared that one contract form was missing and there was no receipt for any sales transaction noted in the company receipt book.

Additional investigation, including interviews with relatives and acquaintances of the defendant, led officers to conclude he was their likely suspect. On September 20, 1980, at 4:30 p.m., a fellow employee of the victim, telephoned the defendant to talk about the victim. The defendant answered the phone. In conversation, he told the calling party that he had receipts and paperwork for the vehicle and the car was his, that he had "given Mike \$6,000" for the car. He told the caller that he did not know where Mike Issa was, ~~but the last time he saw him was on the car lot.~~ When asked by the caller where he got the money, the defendant told him it was none of his business. In an effort to scare the defendant into telling where victim Issa was, the caller told the defendant that the police were looking for him, at which point the defendant said the caller was "crazy" and hung up. Statements taken by other parties indicate that the defendant was seen to have blood on his person/clothing and other evidence.

Police were unable to locate the defendant and had reason to believe the defendant was in southern California, in the Pasadena area.

~~_____~~
warrant was sought for the defendant's arrest, and granted on September 22, 1980, and officers proceeded to the Pasadena area and returned with the defendant in custody. The defendant, when arrested by Pasadena police, was driving the 1968 Corvette. It was later found that the victim's credit card Visa credit card had been used by the defendant to rent Room 4 at the Manhattan Motel, 1523 East Colorado, Glendale.

(Counts 4 & 5)

In the process of investigating the defendant, police were to be advised by victim Rick Galli, 1121 Rhinecastle, San Jose, of a burglary. On September 19, 1980, the defendant entered the

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victim's residence to commit theft. Taken was a .25 caliber automatic, a 9-millimeter P-38 semiautomatic handgun, jewelry, a 35-millimeter camera and the victim's car keys. The defendant was identified as the same person who earlier had attempted to purchase a vehicle belonging to victim Galli. The defendant later returned in the absence of the victim's family and took the items already noted.



(73043) VIOLATION OF PROBATION

Attached for the Court's information and consideration are copies of the presentence report and arraignment/consolidation petition in this matter.

VICTIM'S STATEMENT: (Appearance unknown)

The victim's family has been notified of the time and place of sentencing and of their right to be present and heard, with or without benefit of counsel.

DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT: (Not received)

The defendant has declined to discuss the offense on advice of counsel and has not done so. He did, however, supply information as to his personal life, i.e., former employers, personal data, health, etc.

CONDUCT WHILE IN CUSTODY: (No adverse reports)

INTERESTED PARTIES:

(77350) None

(73043)

Although the defendant was on formal supervised probation when the new offense occurred, he was being actively supervised by a California Youth Authority Parole Agent. This officer then attempted to contact Parole Agent Pam Marshall, who was unavailable, but this officer was referred to another Parole Agent who had the defendant's file available. The report indicated that the defendant was discharged (dishonorably) from

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DEAR GOVERNOR BROWN,

THANK YOU! IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION #4.

I WAS NOT PREPARED TO RECEIVE THIS APPLICATION. I HAD TO TAKE A KNEE TO COLLECT MYSELF. I TREMBLE EVERY TIME I HOLD IT. MY PAPA, FAMILY AND MICHAEL FILL MY THOUGHTS. IS THIS MICHAEL'S AND GOD'S WAY OF SHOWING ME FORGIVENESS? I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGIVE MYSELF WITHOUT SOME SEMBLANCE OF REDEMPTION. AM I WORTHY OF MERCY AND HOPE FOR REDEMPTION?

EVERY DAY I PRAY IN MEMORIAL TO MICHAEL, I HONOR HIM AS MY HERO! I PRAY THAT I COULD CARE FOR MY ELDERLY PARENTS AND AUNT MARY, MY SISTER JANIE WHO AILS FROM EFFECTS OF A STROKE, ALL REQUIRE DAILY CARE.

SIR, MY CAPTAIN, AM I GETTING "CLOSER TO HOME, PLEASE RETURN ME TO MY HOME PORT, THAT I MAY KISS MOTHER EARTH"

I TREMBLE WITH ANTICIPATION FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME MY FATHER'S SON. (THIS IS A MAN I DID NOT KNOW PRIOR TO MY ARREST, YET HE BLAMES HIMSELF FOR MY STUPID MISTAKES MY SELFISH IMPERTINENCE) NO PAPA, I SAY TO HIM. I AM RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FOR MY DECISIONS. I WISH TO BE A GOOD BROTHER TO MY SIBLINGS, A GOOD NEIGHBOR, A RESPONDER TO THE WORLD. TO FINISH MY LIFE OUT IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.

I WILL ALWAYS BE ACCOUNTABLE TO MICHAEL, I WISH TO HONOR HIM WITH ALL THE GOOD I AM ABLE TO PROVIDE IN A MORE SENSIBLE AND PRODUCTIVE MANNER.

WHEN I INFORMED MY PAPA OF THIS APPLICATION - WITH OUT HESITATION:
"SHOULD WE E-MAIL THE GOVERNOR, LET HIM KNOW WE NEED YOU TO COME HOME TO TAKE CARE OF US". OTHER FAMILY MEMBER HAVE SINCE OFFERED THEIR HOME, AND WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SHOW YOU HAVE OUR FULL SUPPORT"

THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME, ENCOURAGED ME, HAVE FAITH IN ME TO BECOME A GOODMAN, OFFER THEIR HOMES TO ME!

I AM BLESSED AND I WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW!

EIGHT YEARS AGO I GAVE UP MY TYPEWRITER FOR A GUITAR, I HAVE SINCE PRODUCED MY OWN SOUND (COUNTRY BLUESY) AND PENNED SEVERAL SONGS IN HONOR OF "MICHAEL, MY PAPA", "4 GOOD MEN" I'VE COME TO KNOW AS BROTHERS! (MARK, RICK, JOHNATHAN + RAFAEL, BUT, THAT'S ANOTHER CHAPTER IN A 37 YEAR OLD BOOK.)

AGE 15, MORE MATURE THAN I WAS AT AGE 20-22.

ANOTHER FOSTER HOME AND GUARDIAN LIKE ALL THE OTHER CHILD MOLESTER AND SEXUAL DEVIANTS. BUT, I WASN'T GETTING BEAT-UP. I BELIEVED I COULD RISE ABOVE IT. MY AMBITIONS WERE TO BECOME AN OLYMPIC ALPINE SKIER, A GT RACE CAR (PORSCHÉ 911 CARRERA RSR) DRIVER. THEN A ARCHITECTURAL/DRAFTING DESIGNER. AND ATTEMPT KAYAKING THE PEACE AND MACKENZIE TO THE ARCTIC

TO SOMEONE WHO IMPACT SO MANY PEOPLE IN A TERRIBLE AND TRAGIC WAY.

PRISON, MY RETRIBUTION WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH. SANQUENTIN, FOLSOM, SAC., WHERE I MANAGED TO EVADE THE KNIFE 3 OUT OF 4 TIMES. I FINALLY LEARNED WHERE THESE ORDERS ORIGINATED. AN OTHER REASON WHY I ATTEMPTED TO SHUN MY FAMILY. I DIDN'T BELIEVE I WOULD MAKE IT THIS FAR. 1996 WAS THE LAST ATTEMPT.

SIR, I'M NOT CERTAIN IF THIS IN ANY WAY PERTINENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS APPLICATION OR MY CAUSE?

I AM NOT A SHOT CALLER OR A GANG MEMBER. I'M A NO BODY WHO LIVES WITH TOO MANY BUT WREACKING REGRETS.

HOWEVER, SINCE MICHAEL DEATH, I WILL NOT REGRET ANOTHER DECISION OR ACTION AGAIN.

I AM NOT INTO SELF EXPLOITATION IT SEEMS TACKY AND BRAGGADOCIOUS. I BELIEVE I HAVE MATURED INTO A GOOD MAN, LESSONS LEARNED. OVER 37 YEARS EARNED. I HAVE CONSOLED, COUNSELED, TAUGHT, COACHED AND SAVED LIVES OR AT LEAST THE THREAT TO INMATES AND STAFF.

"MICHAEL GAVE HIS LIFE SO YOU COULD HELP OR SAVE OTHERS" MY AUNT MARY SAYS. BLESS HER. BUT, IT'S A BAD PLAN FOR ANYONE.

THIS IS NOT THE PLACE OR HOW I WANT TO BE IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.

ALTHOUGH I KEEP ALL THE GOOD MEMORIES OF ALL THE GOOD ADVENTURES AND TASKS I'VE DONE IN MY PAST. THE FEW GOOD FRIENDS AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED ME IN MY FIRST 20 YEARS.

MAMA'S DELICIOUS BLUEBERRY PEACH PIE THE FILLED WITH CREAM OR CAMEMBERT CHEESE SERVED WITH A MILLION DOLLAR SMILE!

I HAVE MADE EVERY ATTEMPT TO FORGET ALL THE TERRIBLE EVENTS THAT OCCURRED - INCLUDING HOW THE POLICE AND D.A. ASSEMBLE AND PRESENTED THE EVIDENCE AGAINST ME. IT DOESN'T MATTER, THE RESULT IS THE SAME. I AM AT FAULT, I AM RESPONSIBLE, ACCOUNTABLE MY RETRIBUTION THE REST OF MY LIFE.

ON MY FAVORITE DAY OF THE WEEK, A SUPER BLUE MOON LIGHTS THE NIGHT SKY.

I SUBMIT THIS CRY FOR MERCY AND HOPE FOR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REDEMPTION.

WITH A SOLEMN HEART THANK YOU!

ANTHONY CLOZZMAN
N.Y.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jeffrey Douglas Hall

On July 2, 1992, 18-year-old Jeffrey Hall and several friends planned to steal Christian Sturdevant's car, and asked him to meet them near a local high school. Mr. Sturdevant arrived with his friend Mark Berkey. Mr. Sturdevant left for a while, and Mr. Hall and the others started fighting with Mr. Berkey. Mr. Hall stabbed Mr. Berkey multiple times, killing him. When Mr. Sturdevant came back, two of Mr. Hall's crime partners attacked him and tried to take his car keys, but Mr. Sturdevant fought them off and fled. On January 16, 1996, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hall to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one-year deadly weapon enhancement.

During his 26 years in prison, Mr. Hall has demonstrated a serious commitment to his rehabilitation. He is now 45 years old and has only been disciplined twice for misconduct during more than two decades of incarceration. He has participated in numerous self-help groups including Alcoholics Anonymous, Childhood Abuse and Trauma, Alternatives to Violence, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Hall has learned vocational skills through his job assignments and routinely receives excellent work ratings from his supervisors. One kitchen officer noted that Mr. Hall "has shown exemplary skill" while "maintaining excellent work habits." Another supervisor praised his work ethic and wrote, "Mr. Hall is to be commended for his positive programming and commitment and, in my opinion, I would recommend Mr. Hall for any job in or out of prison."

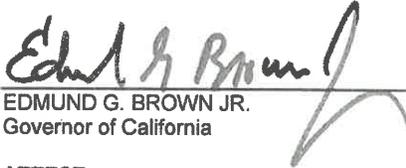
Mr. Hall was recommended for a commutation by his warden, and has earned commendations from other correctional officers as well. In 2017, a correctional officer wrote that Mr. Hall "has been an exemplary example of positive programming and behavior." Also in 2017, a correctional captain praised Mr. Hall for participation in self-help groups and said, "Inmate Hall has demonstrated an ability to work across the lines with management, staff, and inmates to create an environment conducive to rehabilitation and for the betterment of incarcerated individuals on numerous levels."

I acknowledged that Mr. Hall committed a very serious crime, which has had an enduring impact on Mr. Berkey's loved ones. However, Mr. Hall has spent many years in prison and has significantly matured and reflected on his actions. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I believe the change in my character from 26 years ago is evident." He continued, "I can only plead that I may have the opportunity to have a chance at parole to demonstrate that I am not forever a danger to society." For all of these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Hall's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jeffrey Douglas Hall to a total of 26 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, CA 95814 JAN 23 2018

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: JEFFREY DOUGLAS HALL Date of Birth: [redacted] 1973 Inmate ID: #J91686
Address: P.O. Box 4000, Vacaville, CA 95696 Facility: CSP - SOLANO

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of Conviction(s), Sentences(s). Content: NONE

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

NONE

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, JEFFREY DOUGLAS HALL, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of SANTA CLARA with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jeffrey D. Hall
Applicant's Signature

JANUARY 8, 2018
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of SANTA CLARA County:

Please take notice that I JEFFREY DOUGLAS HALL, was convicted of the crime of 1ST DEGREE MURDER, ROBBERY, committed in SANTA CLARA County, California on the date of 11-28-1995. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Jeffrey D. Hall
Applicant's Signature

JANUARY 8, 2018
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____ do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

#2) BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING A COMMUTATION

In July of 1992, at the age of eighteen, I both aided in and committed the murder of Mark Berkey while trying to steal the vehicle of his friend, Christian Sturdevant. I was found guilty of first degree murder, robbery, and the special circumstance allegation of committing a murder in the act of a felony. I was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole (LWOP). The following is a statement of the facts of the case as found by the California Court of Appeal, 6th Appellate District, Case #H014967.

In June 1992, Hall, Swokla, and Bitz were working with a traveling magazine sales crew. The three became the nucleus of a group of young people who called themselves "The Krew". During that month, Jessica Richie met defendants who were staying at a Travel Lodge on the Alameda in San Jose. Richie "hung out" and "partied" with defendants and considered them like "family".

Around this time, defendants quit their jobs with the magazine crew, and Richie, who was a prostitute, provided financial support for the group. Sometime in late June, 15-year-old Jessica Tavares met defendants at a Taco Bell and she joined the group. On June 26 or 27, Andy Gates met defendants and allowed them to stay at his apartment. Gates owned a Gerber knife which the group passed around among themselves.

The group frequently talked about leaving Santa Clara County. Defendants and Richie were not from the area. Hall was homesick; Richie wanted to avoid upcoming court appearances for misdemeanor prostitution charges; and Bitz wanted to attend a Fourth of July party in his hometown of Port Hueneme. Gates was "on the run" from a felony warrant and Tavares just wanted to go. They all talked about leaving California and going to Colorado Springs. After discussing various ways to travel, they decided to steal a car.

After several failed attempts to steal vehicles, at approximately 11 pm on July 1, 1992, defendants Richie and Tavares were at the Taco Bell and decided to leave town that night. Tavares suggested she call one of her friends, tell him she needed a ride, then beat him up and steal his car. She decided on Christian Sturdevant, who had a nice vehicle which was big enough for five passengers and their belongings.

The group agreed that Tavares would call Sturdevant and ask him to come to the Taco Bell to give her a ride to Wilcox High School. According to Richie, Swokla told Tavares to "lure" Sturdevant out of his car. One of them would then stab Sturdevant or cut his throat. They also discussed beating the victim. Hall and Bitz were present when the plan was discussed and did not object. They then went to Blinky's bar behind the Taco Bell in order to make the call. While at Blinky's Swokla gave Gates' knife to Hall.

Tavares called Sturdevant and asked him for a ride to her brother's house. Sturdevant and Mark Berkey had been to a concert that evening and Sturdevant was about to take Berkey home when he received the call from Tavares at about midnight. Sturdevant agreed to give her a ride and Berkey went along. Sturdevant did not know Tavares very well, but had no reason to distrust her. About ten minutes later, Sturdevant and Berkey arrived at the Taco Bell and met Tavares and Richie. Tavares and Richie were surprised when Sturdevant showed up with another person. Nevertheless, they proceeded with the plan, got into the vehicle and proceeded to Wilcox High School.

When they arrived at the high school Tavares and Richie got out of the vehicle. Defendants arrived and Richie walked up to them as if surprised to see them. When Sturdevant announced that they were going to leave, Tavares asked him to stay. Sturdevant asked Berkey whether he wanted to stay and Berkey responded that he did. Someone suggested that they all go into the school inner courtyard or "quad"

After about 20 to 40 minutes, Sturdevant said he was hungry, and asked Berkey if he wanted to go get something to eat. Berkey declined. As Sturdevant was walking to his Jeep, Richie told Tavares to go with him to make sure he returned. Tavares told Sturdevant that she wanted to go along for the ride. Sturdevant first drove Tavares to her parents' mobile home where she picked up her clothes. Then they went to Jack-in-the-Box to get something to eat. Tavares' mood seemed to change after they left the school, and she remained quiet during the ride.

After Sturdevant left, Richie pulled Bitz aside and told him: "If something is going to happen, let's do it now - if not, let's just leave." Richie and Bitz were approximately 15 feet from the others. Swokla was standing in front of Berkey who was sitting on a table; Hall was standing behind Berkey. The three were joking and talking; there did not appear to be any argument between Swokla, Hall, and Berkey.

Without warning, Swokla hit Berkey in the face and Hall hit him in the back. Richie and Bitz walked over. Berkey fell to the ground and all three defendants began kicking and hitting him. Berkey screamed and yelled, "What did I do wrong? Please don't kill me." Richie yelled at Berkey to shut up. She was concerned somebody would hear the noise they were making. Richie walked away from the assault and stood by the fence for a few seconds, because she was scared.

A short time later, Richie saw Swokla drag Berkey by the feet to a darker part of the school yard. As Hall started walking away, Swokla said that the victim was still breathing. When Hall went to where Swokla had dragged Berkey, Swokla told Hall to "stab him in the neck". Swokla kept saying "go for the throat". Richie watched while Swokla and Hall stood over the body for about 30 seconds; she could not remember whether Bitz was standing near the body at the time. As the group walked to the school yard fence, Hall, crying and upset, approached Richie and hugged her. He said, "I can't believe I killed somebody, I slit his throat."

Sturdevant and Tavares returned about five minutes later. Richie pulled Tavares aside and told her they had killed Berkey. Sturdevant asked where Berkey was, and one of the defendants responded that Berkey had gotten mad and walked home. Swokla started to hit Sturdevant while Bitz held him in a choke hold. At first Sturdevant thought defendants were engaging in horseplay. However, when Bitz tightened his grip and began to choke him, Sturdevant fought back. As Sturdevant started to black out from the choke hold, Richie approached and said that all they wanted were the keys. Sturdevant grabbed the keys from his pocket and threw them to the ground. According to Bitz, he also threw out money. Richie picked up the keys and ran to the Jeep.

Bitz grabbed the money on the ground and ran to the Jeep. Richie started the Jeep, and the others got into the vehicle. She drove straight for Highway 101 without stopping for Gates or their bags because they were afraid of being caught by the police.

#3) EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE REQUESTING A COMMUTATION.

I am sentenced to life without parole, and all post-conviction remedies have been exhausted through the courts. A commutation of the LWOP sentence is my only opportunity to seek a chance of parole.

#4) PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY YOU SHOULD BE GRANTED COMMUTATION

The question as to why I "should" be granted commutation implies that I feel I deserve one. I deserve what I got by being sentenced to life without parole. However, I am pleading for a commutation for the following reasons.

My youth at the time of the crime, eighteen, and the instability of my home life, as well as the absence of positive role models in my life are all a factor. I was only eighteen at the time I committed this atrocious crime. I was an immature, selfish, and very insecure teenager who strived to be accepted and to fit in with my peers, just for the sake of acceptance. The entire impetus for my involvement in the killing of Mark Berkey was the overwhelming need to be liked and accepted, regardless of the consequences.

As a boy at the age of nine, I was required to grow up and become a care-giver to my three siblings because my mother had died of cancer, and my step-father was physically abusive to all of us children. I did what I could as the oldest to shield them from his abuse. During that same year of my mother's passing, we were removed from the step-father's home because of his abuse and separated amongst other family members. This being bounced from one family member to another is where I believe my selfishness and rebellion began, because even though I was with family I mostly felt unwanted.

As I grew into my teenage years, I became angry both that I didn't get to have a childhood and that I seemed unwanted by my own family. It seemed like I just never "fit in" with their established lives. I continued in this mindset through junior high and high school, trying desperately to fit in and be accepted, but always seemingly being the outcast.

I was lost and directionless and had a serious lack of discipline in my life, including quitting on the military while in basic training simply because I felt it was too difficult and I didn't want to be yelled at anymore. All selfish and misguided reasons. I believe this lack of guidance, lack of discipline, and the desperate need to be liked and accepted led me to latch on to anyone who would befriend me. And I would do whatever seemed necessary to impress them or keep them interested in me for fear of them no longer wanting me around.

This is how I came to be involved with my codefendants and engage in these criminal activities. Right and wrong didn't matter to me at that age, only doing what I felt would keep me liked, regardless of consequences. As a result of my decision to disregard the consequences of my actions, disregard the sanctity of life, and put my misguided sense of need first, I received an LWOP sentence.

Although there is no diminishing my culpability in being involved and participating in this murder, my age at the time of the crime and my role in the killing do not indicate an irreformable state that would deem me irretrievably incapable of rehabilitation. In fact, the prosecution offered a "deal" of life without parole in lieu of a possible death penalty verdict for a guilty plea. Since the death penalty is reserved for the worst of the worst, the prosecution did not deem this case as such.

As the facts stated above show, it was Richie who provided the financial support, Gates was the original owner of the weapon, Richie and Tavares came up with the plan to choose Christian Sturdevant because of his particular vehicle, Swokla told Tavares to lure Sturdevant from his car, Swokla originally had the knife and gave it to me (Hall), Tavares asked Sturdevant to stay, Richie was the instigator to "do something", and Swokla initiated the first punch of the attack and continued to urge me to continue with the violent attack, and Swokla and Bitz continued the second assault on Sturdevant.

As reprehensible as I now find my involvement in the murder of another human being, my conduct did not show a level of sophistication that would see me as irretrievably incapable of rehabilitation. While not an excuse for my behavior, I was a misguided teenager who strove for the acceptance of those I thought were peers.

I have demonstrated personal growth and maturity that greatly separates the man I am now from the boy who committed this murder. Over the last 26 years of incarceration, I have grown and matured both spiritually and ethically. I have transformed from a directionless, selfish, immature, and insecure boy to a responsible man who values integrity and honesty, and I have developed a strong sense of self and a solid work ethic.

Through all these years, I have continued to stay in contact with my family, repaired the damage I caused to my family relationship by my anger and insecurities of the past, and I continue to have their full support to this day. Also, over these last two decades, I have come to understand and honor my faith as a Christian man. I have become increasingly active at the prison chapels as a chaplain's aide as well as teaching various Christian classes, such as New Testament Greek, for which I received an accredited Certificate of Teaching from the American Bible University in Florida.

From 2007 through 2013, I was heavily involved with the Kairos Prison Ministry where love, empathy, and human kindness were at the forefront. Through this ministry, I met and still maintain contact with several Kairos men and their families, who also are willing to aid me in the event that I am blessed with parole.

Since being allowed to transfer to both level 3 and now level 2 facilities, from the strict confines of the level 4 facilities, I have immersed myself in various programs specifically geared to help me understand why I became the person who could kill someone. This includes two separate year-long personal introspection classes and group psychotherapy classes. I also attended victims awareness classes, which focuses on the victims' lives and what they go through as victims, employing restorative justice principles which encourage us to have empathy for them and see them as human beings worthy of respect. I also completed and became a facilitator for the Alternative to Violence Program (AVP), which teaches transforming power to not use violence, as well as conflict resolution.

I am currently enrolled in a seminary level class called T.U.M.I. (The Urban Ministry Institute). I am also currently enrolled in the DEFY Ventures Program, which teaches career readiness and is an entrepreneurial incubator for business ideation and success. I have also been able to earn an E.P.A. certification in HVAC/R through my job in maintenance. The various skills I have learned through these programs and job assignment will help me to have a successful parole if granted the opportunity.

I believe the change in my character from 26 years ago is evident in both my learned and applied skills from the various self-help programs, and is also seen by my in-custody behavior and conduct. I have not received any disciplinary infractions in over 17 years, and I have earned numerous accolades from various staff, ranging from Associate Wardens all the way down to line staff. This is a direct result of making the conscious effort to lead an obedient life-style and one based on Christian morals and values. I can only plead that I may have the opportunity to have a chance at parole to demonstrate that I am not forever a danger to society.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey D. Hall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jeffrey Douglas Hall

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ricky Hamilton

In early 2011, Ricky Hamilton planned to rob Wasann Flores. On March 1, 2011, Mr. Hamilton entered Mr. Flores' home with two other young men. Mr. Hamilton assaulted Mr. Flores, before shooting him in the hip and stealing his property. On June 4, 2014, The Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hamilton to 15 years to life for attempted murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement—a total of 40 years to life.

Mr. Hamilton was 18 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for over 7 years. His application for clemency chronicled a challenging childhood, including "people getting shot, getting beaten up and every other person smoking or abusing drugs." During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Hamilton talked about being born with crack cocaine in his system causing his mother to lose custody rights; his father's death when he was two years old; at least two failed assignments to foster homes; and his mother's successful, but prolonged fight to regain legal custody. Mr. Hamilton also discussed the impact of his 16-year-old sister's death. He acknowledged adopting violence as a method of conflict resolution. Mr. Hamilton also explained his efforts to navigate as a youthful offender in an adult prison, including after the death of his mother.

In his application and in his interview with the investigator, Mr. Hamilton expressed remorse for his criminal conduct. He also related his desire for a positive and stable life, free of the violence that he committed and that he experienced. Upon reception into prison, Mr. Hamilton requested training in Building Maintenance, Electronics, Janitorial, and Office Technology. During his term, he has never been disciplined for violence or gang activity. Instead, he enrolled in college courses. Mr. Hamilton has participated in self-help programs including Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Alternatives to Violence, and Forward Thinking. In 2017, he was transferred to the Positive Programming Facility. Mr. Hamilton told the Board investigator that he was seeking a commutation because he "is not that person he once was when he was 18 years old," and that coming to prison made him realize, "this is not the lifestyle I want to live."

Mr. Hamilton was sentenced to prison for committing a very serious crime. He has since turned away from violence and toward rehabilitation and education. For these reasons I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Hamilton's sentence so that he has an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ricky Hamilton to 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Ricky Hamilton Date of Birth: [Redacted] Inmate ID: at-8982

Address: C.S.P. Lancaster P.O. Box 4430 • 93539 Facility: 42

1. Conviction Summary: NTA

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
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2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please See: Attachment 'A'

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please See: Attachment 'B'

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please See: Attachment 'C'

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Ricky Hamilton declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Ricky Hamilton
Applicant's Signature

3/27/18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Attachment 'A',
Statement of Facts;
Two Pages.

On the date of March 1, 2011, I was having drinks at home with friends and family. We were celebrating the life of a loved one whom's funeral was held earlier this day.

It was approximately 11:15 p.m. when I received a visitor, Darrin Collins, whom was a childhood friend. He had, apparently been threatened and chased away by a rival, gang member (Wasann Florey) and some of his friends.

I then accompany Collins to Florey's mother's home, where Florey then lived, in order to mediate a fair, fist fight between the two. Collins and I arrive, fifteen minutes later, and proceed towards the back, sliding door of the apartment so as to not be confronted by Florey's mother.

This, sliding door was unlocked and Collins and I entered the apartment. Upon reaching the living area, I noticed a cell phone and laptop computer which I immediately ran to steal. As I was grabbing the laptop, gun shots rang out. I fled out of the apartment the same way that...

I had come in, laptop in hands. It was subsequent to this encounter that I was arrested, tried, and convicted in the attempted murder of Wasann Florey.

- Ricky Hamilton, Petitioner

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Some important moments from the life of Ricky Hamilton

My name is Ricky Hamilton. I'm a 17 years old African American male. I was born on October 15, 1992. I was raised in Los Angeles. The area I was raised in is a pretty bad environment especially for young free minded guys and girls. While growing up, I saw a lot of violence such as people getting shot, getting beaten up and every other person smoking or abusing drugs. I learned from what I saw, and the next thing I know, I was abusing drugs and beating up people. I started smoking marijuana at the age of seven years and I smoked until I learnt positive ways of find peace.

At the age of twelve I started going to middle school. I was in a program called California Cadet Corps (C.A.C.C.) that basically prepares youth for entering in the army. I started to mess up during my middle school and towards the end of middle school, I really started messing up by gang banging; smoking weed every day; ditching school; fighting etc and all this landed me into jail. I got many traffic tickets, and I was placed on probation. On February 28, 2009 I went to jail for the very first time for a (211) robbery that I believe I didn't do. I was with the guys who were doing the robbery, which is called accessory. I went into central juvenile halls for 60 days (two months).

While I was in jail I called home on April 16, 2009 and I was told by my little brother that our little sister was stabbed. I was in shock I couldn't believe it. This news changed me somewhere at the back of my mind. I thought to myself to put all this gang banging behind me, but I was scared of unknown future. I got released on my sister's funeral day. Until today I thank god for letting me attend my sister's funeral; that was my last good bye to her. While I was out of jail, another friend of mine, Michael, also died. He got shot on May 6, 2009. I attended his funeral which was on May 14, 2009. I was out for three weeks and I got arrested again on Michael's birthday on May 23, 2009. I felt hurt, because I went to jail for gang injection which had killed Michael. This is the time when I started to regret my gang banging.

I was in jail for one month and two weeks. I went to court on June 25, 2009, the day Michael Jackson died. I was released on house arrest for two months until August 5, 2009. I finished my house arrest program without trouble. After two month of freedom I got arrested again. I believed I was kept going to jail because I'm an African American male. I believed all this because I saw many African American friends getting harassed by cops, often for unnecessary reasons. On October 13, 2009 I got arrested again for the same things which happen to be just two days before my birthday. I was highly upset because, I wanted to be out of jail and free for my birthday. I went to court on November 13, 2009, the judge got tired of seeing me going back to jail. She mentioned that she didn't want anything happen to me due to my gang banging issues and this is the reason she recommended me to go to a placement for six months.

I met with a lady named Princess Jones to get placed in a placement. She is an Admission coordinator for a placement called pacific Lodge Boys Home. I had an interview and got accepted at Pacific Lodge - PL. When I arrived at PL, I found there were a lot of rules which

I didn't like it but I had to deal with them. The first few months I was running my own program by doing whatever I wanted to do instead of learning and following PL program. Today when I look back at my early days at PL, I realize the importance of these given rules in our lives. Before PL I had lived my life in and out of Home, jail and on streets doing things which were everything but rules.

After living a few weeks at PL, I realized that I need to do well in my life, and it all started with going back to school regularly. I told myself to finish school, which later helped me stay away from trouble. I started to understand what I don't want to be in my life – a gang banger, a drug addict and an unlawful person. I started to do good so I could be like other adults I see and meet at Pacific Lodge.

PL provided me with services of a therapist, Substance Abuse counselor, Case Manager, Counselors and also an on ground PO, to help me deal with issues I was facing in my life. With the help of my therapist I realized many hidden issues tangled up within me. I had two therapists helping me from time to time; they helped me write down my goals of life, and also helped me achieve those goals step by step. While I was dealing with my issues and working on my goals, my many counselors helped me get back to a normal life by showing me right path and right ways.

Today, I am doing well in school and I have an on ground job. I have saved some money for my education and hoping to get an off ground job so I could save more money to go to college. I will finish my high school by fall 2010. I want to go to college afterward and would like to study Criminal Justice so I can help other youth, who might are ignoring truth of life and are messing up on streets. I hope I can finish my college in time and be a good probation officer, who can help other children.

Throughout the time I have been on probation, I got a lot of support from my PO Ms. Perdomo. Her help has inspired me to do good for myself in life. I have learnt my lessons in life which was hard way but I am happy because I got the chance to come to PL and learn things I didn't know before. Without the help of PL, I am not sure where I would have ended.

After losing my little sister and a good friend I don't want to lose myself in gang banging or in drug abuse. I have stopped smoking and also have stopped gang banging. Today I know my positive future. I want to be a role model for my younger brother. I don't want my brother to go down the path I once walked, it's not worth it. Today I am almost 18 years old and want to tell all young boys and girls at streets that life has a more to offer than wasting precious time in gang banging, drugs or messing up doing illegal stuff. Life offers us all many issues, just pick one issue at a time and deal with it; it will help you move up in life. Life is precious, live it well.

Attachment 'B',
Plea & Prayer

Wasann Forey never deserved to be shot in the leg on March 1, 2011. Whatever crimes he may have committed were strictly a police matter as opposed to being some, irrational excuse for me to decide that it was a good for he and Darrin Collins to engage in a fist-fight. I, furthermore, am a petty thief for adding insult to Forey's injury by then stealing someone's laptop from his mother's apartment. I owe he and his family an apology for his as well as their pain, along with the pain and frustration of a community, afflicted by such crimes. If given the opportunity, I will atone; I will add to society and never again take away.

I, Ricky Hamilton, hereby respectfully request that the firearm element of my sentencing be commuted. This grace will provide me the slim hope of eventually being able to truly and fully make amends to society.

Ricky Hamilton, Petitioner

Attachment 'C', Supportive Facts

I am so thankful for the opportunities afforded to me merely from being housed here at C. S. P. Lancaster's P.P.F. facility. Apart from studying 'Child Growth and Development' and 'Introduction to Stage Craft' among other courses provided by Pierce College, I have made big strides in correcting behaviors which got me here such as my success in several, therapeutic workshops aimed at substance abuse as well as the 'Alternatives to Violence Project' (A.V.P.) geared towards conflict resolution. It is also relevant that I've continued to grow in faith and spirit through Christ. This transformation is chronicled over years of documented study under organizations, like 'Emmaus Correspondence School', where I've completed their intermediate series consisting of thirty-two units, the 'Crossroads Bible Institute', where I've passed the 'Great Truths of the Bible' course, and 'Crossroads Prison Ministries' whom have aided me in reaching great milestones. I want only to apply all I've learned to a positive life beyond these, prison walls.

- Ricky Hamilton, Petitioner

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Michael Hansen

In August 2000, Sarah Hansen met Rodney Crain and began an affair. On one occasion, she told her husband, Michael Hansen, that she had not returned home overnight because Mr. Crain had drugged and raped her. That fall, Mr. Hansen went to Mr. Crain's home and vandalized his car three times. On January 22, 2001, Mr. Hansen waited outside Mr. Crain's home. When Mr. Crain arrived, Mr. Hansen shot him, killing him. The trial judge sentenced Mr. Hansen to a total of 19 years to life, but the Court of Appeal reversed, requiring the addition of a mandatory 25 years to life firearm enhancement. As a result of this order, on February 24, 2004, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hansen to 15 years to life for second degree murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total sentence of 40 years to life.

Mr. Hansen is now 45 and has been incarcerated for nearly 18 years. When submitting his request for clemency, Mr. Hansen wrote, "I am determined to show my remorse and rehabilitation by helping others and by giving back in any ways that I can." Mr. Hansen has demonstrated through his actions that he is committed to rehabilitating himself and helping others to do the same. Despite the pressures in prison, he has never been disciplined for any misconduct. Mr. Hansen received vocational certifications as an Offender Mentor and an Addictions Treatment Intern. He took advantage of numerous self-help programs, including Victim Awareness, Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Anger Management, and Denial Management Counseling. He receives above average to exceptional work ratings and volunteers as a mentor and a tutor. Mr. Hansen has also been praised by staff members for his positive behavior and attitude. One correctional sergeant wrote, "Mr. Hansen should be commended for his efforts to change his life and his desire to help others. These qualities show that Mr. Hansen could be an asset to the community upon release."

The trial judge served as a San Diego prosecutor for 12 years in addition to 22 years on the bench beginning in 1984. After hearing all of the evidence at trial, she felt that a sentence of 19 years to life was appropriate. Although this sentence was later reversed, her perspective on the appropriate sentence for this case is compelling. She wrote in 2015 strongly supporting the commutation of Mr. Hansen's sentence to the term that she initially intended. She noted that Mr. Hansen has been a "model prisoner" and continued, "There is nothing in Michael Hansen's life or crime to suggest he would be a danger to society if paroled during his lifetime." She wrote, "I believed at the time, and still believe, that two life sentences are grossly disproportionate to Mr. Hansen's culpability."

Mr. Crain's family members wrote moving letters to me to oppose clemency. Their pain and anger is profound and the loss of Mr. Crain still impacts their lives. This is not a decision I make lightly. However, in light of the trial judge's assessment of the case and because of Mr. Hansen's exemplary record in prison, I believe he should have an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute Michael Hansen's sentence to a total of 19 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name Hansen		FIRST Name Michael		MIDDLE Name	
Date of Birth 1973	Place of Birth San Diego, CA	Social Security Number	Prison Number T-51705		

Current Residence

Address CSP Solano P.O. Box 4000		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. D21-21-34 D21-10-50	
City Vacaville	State CA	Zip code 95696-4000	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ^{Portion of} Commutation of current sentence | <input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based upon innocence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Women's Syndrome | <input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate Release | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Why are you requesting clemency?

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense			
Date of offense 1/22/01	Date of conviction 5/7/02	Arresting agency San Diego Police Department	County of conviction San Diego
Superior court case number SCD157743	Your trial attorney's name and address <small>Kerry L. Stalgerwall, 3355 Fourth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103</small>	Sentence 40 years-to-life	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? currently serving 60 years-to-life term
Did you appeal your case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, appellate case number and status of case D040052			

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.
Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:
Your current physician's name:
Physician's address:
Physician's telephone number:
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION
Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.
Give a brief account of your offense.
Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.
Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)
When were you discharged from probation or parole?
Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.
Why you are requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

Please see attached pages/letters.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

yes

III
NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of

SAN DIEGO with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.
(Name of county)

Patrick M. Ford (attorney) 5/22/15
(Applicant's signature) (Date)

IV
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Patrick M. Ford 5/22/15
(Applicant's signature) (Date signed)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

This Notice is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 4804

To the District Attorney of San Diego County County:

Please take notice that I, Michael Hansen was
convicted of the crime of 2nd Degree murder, Personally discharging a weapon
committed in the County of San Diego County, State of California,
convicted on 5/7/02 and sentenced to 44 YEARS To LIFE

- I will submit an application to the Governor of the State of California requesting a
- Pardon based upon rehabilitation
 - Commutation of current sentence
 - Pardon based upon innocence
 - Compassionate release
 - Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
 - Other
If other, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN

Michael Hansen Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED

Michael Hansen Applicant's Signature

02/02/16
Month, Day, Year

P. O. Box 4000 Applicant's Street Address

Vacaville, CA 95696-4000 Applicant's City, State, Zip Code

This Section to be Completed By District Attorney Only

State of California

County of San Diego } ss.

I, Karl Eppel Deputy District Attorney of the County of
of SAN Diego State of California, do hereby
acknowledge receipt of notice from Michael Hansen that
he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon.

[Signed] Karl Eppel
Deputy District Attorney of the County of San Diego

Hon. Jerry Brown
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California

Michael E. Hansen
T-51705
CSP-Solano

Dear Governor Brown,

Hello, I am writing with sincere hope that you can help me and my trial judge Honorable Laura P. Hammes change my current 40 to life sentence back to the original 19 to life sentence Judge Hammes feels is appropriate. Her recent letter is included. Please commute the extra 25 to life my judge calls unconstitutional and grossly disproportionate.

Before trial I was offered a plea deal of 19 to life for second degree murder and use of a gun. The judge and DA's agreed that 19 to life would be correct. I mistakenly refused the 19 to life deal. My family and I were told not to worry about the 25 to life gun enhancement (PC 12022.53(d)) because it was just for gangmembers, drive by's and repeat offenders. My judge did not think the extra 25-to-life applied either and sentenced me to 19 to life, exactly how the DA's agreed to at the plea deal for second degree murder and use of gun (exactly what I was found guilty of at trial). Two years later the DA's appealed and the appellate court made Judge Hammes change my sentence to 40 years to life even though she did not want to. Also, the appellate court did not know how my family and I had been so misinformed about the plea offer.

Please consider the current letter from my trial judge Hon. Laura P. Hammes. There were various factors that my judge brought up. I am an Eagle Scout, served a two year mission for church, earned my BA in Spanish/Teaching at SDSU and became a substitute teacher for the San Diego Unified School District. I was also a busy self-employed painter. I was (and still am) a loving father to 3 beautiful daughters.

I was hired by the United States Border Patrol but chose to be a teacher and stay in San Diego near family as my father was getting very bad with Alzheimer's. We had to put him in a special care facility. One day, around this same time, his face and upper body was a complete bruise and his wedding ring was missing. I was so upset that they let this happen. It was an extremely difficult/emotional time when my wife told me that someone drugged and raped her.

Instead of doing the right thing, talking to someone or calling 911 to have them figure out what happened, I got mad and reacted like I was a tough family (totally irrational) protector. I put all of the current problems with my dad and wife along with my past issue (of being molested as a boy) onto this man my wife said raped her. The next day I took my dad's gun to go confront this man she said was named Rod. As he was getting out of his car I walked up yelling at him accusing him of raping my wife. My actions caused him to get scared and defensive. I immediately pulled out my gun and shot him four times. I meant to hit and kill him. I know this is all my fault. I should have never gone there. I should have never picked up a gun. I am so very sorry for my actions that night.

I have learned so much since the day that I committed such a sad crime, wrongfully taking Rodney Crain's life and causing so much pain to his family and friends. I will forever be remorseful for what I did. At trial I learned that he did not rape my ex-wife and I have not seen her since.

I am determined to show my remorse and rehabilitation by helping others and by giving back in any ways that I can. I share my story of wrongful thinking to try to prevent future tragedies like this. During the 15 years that I have been in prison I have remained disciplinary free and have been working hard in different clerk positions in education, assignment and program offices. I have been tutoring my fellow inmates working on their GED's and college classes and I help others recognize the different forms of "stinkin' thinkin'" that cause so much trouble in life. I attend various religious and self-help programs/workshops. I promise that I will be a productive member of society if I get this second chance. I will be a good father, future grandfather and counselor.

I am currently in the OMCP (Offender Mentor Certification Program) being trained to become a state certified drug and alcohol counselor. I promise to do the best I can as a counselor here in prison and also when I get out to help as many people as I can.

Please commute the extra 25 to life part of my 40 to life sentence and change it back to the original 19 to life that Judge Hammes feels is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Hansen

Michael E. Hansen

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GOVERNORS OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Hon. Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California

RE: Inmate Michael Hansen's Request for Commutation of
One of Two Life Sentences

Dear Governor Brown,

I am writing in support of inmate Michael Hansen's petition for commutation of a portion of his prison sentence. I am the trial judge, now retired, who sentenced Michael Hansen and I believe justice would be served by granting his petition.

Mr. Hansen murdered his wife's lover. He was convicted by jury in my courtroom of second degree murder with use of a gun. He is currently serving a sentence of 15 years to life for the second degree murder conviction, plus an additional 4 years for use of a gun, plus an additional 25 years to life sentence for use of the gun pursuant to Penal Code section 12022.53(d). This latter, duplicate sentence for the same act (use of a gun) under 12022.53(d), was enacted by the Legislature as a means of deterring gun use. However, this extraordinary, consecutive life sentence is unconstitutional and must be stricken if, in a given case, it is so grossly disproportionate to a particular defendant's individual culpability as to constitute cruel or unusual punishment.

At the time of Mr. Hansen's sentencing hearing, I found that imposition of the double punishment would be unconstitutional as applied to Mr. Hansen, for reasons which are put forth at length in the transcript of the hearing and included in Mr. Hansen's petition. I will not repeat them here.

The Fourth District Court of Appeal disagreed with this court that the punishment was grossly disproportionate to the defendant's individual culpability and mandated imposition of the 25 to life term in addition to the court's already imposed 19 year to life term. I believed at the time, and still believe, that two life sentences are grossly disproportionate to Mr. Hansen's culpability.

After twelve years as a prosecutor and twenty two years on the bench in a criminal trial department, I have handled murder cases too numerous to count. I have upheld death sentences in two cases. All murder is awful. Nevertheless, the law recognizes degrees of culpability in

murder. When looking only at murders, some are indeed worse than others. The jury in this case set the crime at second degree murder. This was appropriate. It was appropriate for Mr. Hansen to receive the sentence for second degree murder: Fifteen years to life with an additional four years for use of the gun. However, adding an additional life term for the gun use, assuring no possibility of parole for Mr. Hansen, puts him in the same sentencing framework as a death penalty eligible defendant who commits first degree murder with a gun while stalking a completely innocent victim, or first degree murder by cutting a victim's throat in the course of a Robbery.

Depraved, cruel and evil defendants, who kill without provocation, deserve sentences of life without possibility of parole, and in some cases, the death penalty. In contrast, Michael Hansen was a tortured young man trying to put his marriage and family back into order when he confronted his wife's lover with a gun. Mr. Hansen's wife had been unfaithful to him. She began losing weight and she became distant. Finally, she told Hansen that she had been drugged and raped by the man Hansen killed. After months of anxiety over his wife, complicated by the institutionalization of his father for Alzheimer's, the death of an uncle, the care of his mother and of his sister's children, Michael Hansen lost his reason and his self control.

Previously, Michael Hansen had been a pillar in his community, a devout Mormon, and a concerned father to his three children, as sixty letters to the court attested. A series of family tragedies, plus the unfaithfulness of his wife, drove Michael Hansen to murder the man who knowingly carried on an affair with her.

The victim, it should be noted, knew that Michael Hansen's wife was married with children when he began an affair with her. The victim did not love Michael Hansen's wife, but used her and even discussed this with his friends.

I believe that a sentence of 19 years to life is appropriate, but an additional twenty five years to life constitutes a duplicative sentence never intended by the legislature for a case such as this.

I understand Mr. Hansen has been a model prisoner. I am not surprised. There is nothing in Michael Hansen's life or crime to suggest he would be a danger to society if paroled during his lifetime.

One final note: Prior to the trial in this case the prosecutor had indicated willingness to accept a plea to second degree murder with a four year gun enhancement, in return for dismissing the additional life sentence gun enhancement. The defense rejected this proposal in the mistaken belief that by electing a jury trial Mr. Hansen would be found guilty of no more than voluntary manslaughter based on heat of passion. The defendant gambled and lost. The People won the case and then took the position that he deserved the second life sentence.

The real truth is that the proposed plea was proper and should have been the result in this case.

For all of the foregoing reasons, I support the petition for commutation of the second life sentence.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Palmer Hammes

Judge, Retired

(San Diego Superior Court 1984-2006)

Cc: Hon. Bonnie Dumanis, District Attorney, San Diego

Mr. Patrick Morgan Ford, Appellate Counsel for Defendant Hansen

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ceona Harvey

In 2006, 20-year-old Ceona Harvey helped plan a home invasion robbery of her former employers, Veronica and Sebastian Caradonna. During the robbery, Ms. Harvey's crime partners held the Caradonnas and several employees at gunpoint, and ultimately shot and killed Mr. Caradonna. Ms. Harvey was not present when the robbery and murder were committed. On April 16, 2007, the Fresno County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Harvey to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

In her application for clemency, Ms. Harvey accepted responsibility for Mr. Caradonna's death and expressed sincere remorse for her actions. She wrote, "I know now with all my heart that I did have a role in this crime and hold my responsibilities very seriously." She continued, "I am no longer that angry, vulnerable, irresponsible youth I was when I committed this crime. . . . Today I consistently understand who I am. I am confident I won't commit another crime because I have a strong desire and the tools to be successful."

Ms. Harvey has dedicated herself to rehabilitation despite serving a sentence that offered her no hope of being released. She has only been disciplined once during her 12 years of incarceration, and has never been involved with drugs, gangs, or violence in prison. She earned a vocational certification and reported that she recently completed her A.A. degree. Ms. Harvey has participated in many self-help courses, including Restorative Justice, Denial and Anger Management, Alternatives to Violence, and Conflict Resolution. She lives in an honor dorm. Ms. Harvey has the support of many members of her family, who have offered to help her if she is released from prison. She has a plan for housing, marketable skills, and a job offer waiting for her.

Ms. Harvey has also earned the respect of the prison staff who interact with her every day. In 2018, her correctional counselor reported that Ms. Harvey was "an ideal candidate for commutation" and wrote, "She utilized her time in prison to grow positively and prepare herself for the possibility to reintegrate into society. She has expressed both verbally and through her actions that she desires to have another shot at life and is choosing to do the right thing." Also in 2018, a correctional officer who has known Ms. Harvey for eight years commended her positive attitude and wrote, "Inmate Harvey has remained disciplinary free, and has good communication skills, which has been of enormous help when dealing with the difficulties of prison life. [She] has shown great strength in the face of adversity. . . . Inmate Harvey is to be commended for her accomplishments." Another correctional officer praised Ms. Harvey's personal growth and noted, "Inmate Harvey sets a positive example [for] her fellow peers and the youth, on how rehabilitation should display itself."

I understand that this crime left an enduring mark on the Caradonna family and affected many in their community. But I cannot overlook Ms. Harvey's acceptance of responsibility for her actions and her strong commitment to turning her life around since then. I believe that she should have an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether she is suitable for parole. I expect that Ms. Harvey will stay on her positive path until then, and encourage her to continue participating in programs and encouraging her peers to embrace rehabilitation as she has.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ceona Harvey to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Ceona Harvey Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1985 Inmate ID: X74715

Address: P.O. Box 1508 Chowchilla, CA 93610 506-4-39 Facility: Central California Women's Facility

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
N/A			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to L.W.O.P.P. During the commission of a robbery, Mr. Carradonna was murdered.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

During my 12 years of incarceration I have been taken full advantage of all CCWF has to offer. I have been fully active in my rehabilitation, and am no longer that angry, immature, unrelatable, trying to fit in, 20 year old I once was. Over the past 12 years

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

(See Attached)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Question #3 Continued

of my incarceration I've had good behavior, identified goals related to non-violence, compassion and education. I have focused my energy into improvement in all areas of my life. I am requesting a Commutation in hopes of receiving the blessing that my Life Without the Possibility of Parole (LWOP) sentence be reduced. This reduction will afford me the opportunity to demonstrate and prove to the Board of Prison Hearings that I am no longer that same person I once was. I am requesting this consideration to convey my personal growths, positive changes, my rehabilitation and that I am no longer a risk or danger to society that I am and will be a good citizen and positive role model.

Question #4

Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a Commutation.

On February 1st, 2006 Mr. Caradonna was murdered during the commission of a home invasion robbery. Even though Mr. Caradonna was not murdered by my hands, I am absolutely certain his death was a direct result of my actions.

It took me a few years to realize my responsibilities as I always felt that I was innocent of this crime because I had no knowledge beforehand or during the crime. I know now with all my heart that I did have a role in this crime and hold my responsibilities very seriously.

I now know that there are consequences for my actions, and as soon as I understood and accepted my responsibilities I began to grow and self-examine who I am and look at my choices. I realize that I not only took a man's life, I stole his destiny and destroyed his family. I changed the quality of their lives, assaulted their peace and their sense of security. I have made Mrs. Caradonna and her children feel fearful and unsafe and their hearts will grieve for Mr. Caradonna each and every day.

This letter is to hopefully give you some insight into my background. Growing up I resided with both parents and my sister. My home was dysfunctional, although I didn't know it at the time, alcohol, drugs, physical and verbal abuse was what I witnessed night and day, every day. At the age of seven (7), I was removed from my Mother and into my Father's care. My Dad's parenting style was to give me and my sister every material possession we wanted and needed. The home was without emotional love or communication. Due to no love in the home, hurt and pain started my materialistic development at school. Due to the lack of affection, my search for attention led me to unhealthy choices. This began to sell marijuana and then quickly accelerated to selling crack cocaine.

Many things happened during my childhood and what resulted was I became a person who gave no thought to my decision making. I was literally driven to do whatever I wanted. My behaviors had little or no consequences. Upon coming to prison I was angry, vulnerable and had an addiction. I had no clue how to deal with conflict. I would run away from it and shut down on people. I did not want to face any problems until it was too late. All of my life choices led me to where I am today. I was so lost and then I found a tough crowd to hang around because I thought it would make my prison life easier. I would be protected and nobody would mess with me. It lasted a couple of years, until one day I work up and asked myself: What are you doing? I took the initiative to start putting myself into Self-help groups to help me see where my life started to go so wrong. I learned how to break cycles by taking responsibility and accountability. I took a Self-Esteem Group because somewhere I was not recognizing my worth and in the past was looking to other for confirmation.

Cont. #4

I also took Victim's Awareness and learned how my actions affected so many people that I was not aware of it, Victim's Awareness gave me insight. For so long I didn't understand how I could be in prison if I did not murder someone. That group taught me to take responsibility and be accountable for the role I played. Mr. Caradonna's life was taken because of me.

I am no longer that 20 year old that needed acceptance from other to feel worthy. I am not that angry, vulnerable, irresponsible youth I was when I committed this crime. Not only have I grown, I have allowed positive people to teach and show me what my defects were that caused me to try to fit in and be this self-centered person. I am confident that I won't commit another crime because I have the tools now to be a productive citizen in my community. I am deeply aware of my triggers and now know how to neutralize situations. Today I consistently understand who I am. I am confident that I won't commit another crime because I have a strong desire and the tools to be productive.

Even though I am not deserving of a second chance, I am requesting my sentence be commuted to whatever the Governor deems fit. I am asking for the mercy and grace to be able to present my new self to the members of the Board of Prison Hearings.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Lloyd Herbert

In March 1997, Lloyd Herbert committed three home invasion robberies. His victims, Mary Legg, Helen Swain, and Mae Cohn, were elderly women. In each case, Mr. Herbert stole money and property after binding the women and ransacking their homes. On March 12, Ms. Swain was found deceased in her home with a piece of cloth in her mouth and around her neck. On October 20, 1999, the Los Angeles Superior Court sentenced Mr. Herbert to life without the possibility of parole for murder, seven years and four months for two counts of robbery, plus one year and four months for weapon enhancements.

Mr. Herbert has been incarcerated for nearly 22 years and is now 49 years old. In his application for clemency, Mr. Herbert wrote, "It's still hard to accept that I could have been so self-centered, naïve, callous and cold. But as time went by I couldn't ignore the fact that my actions affected a lot more people than just myself. Of course it was there all along. But eventually I began to see the pain and sorrow in the faces of my loved ones." He went on to say, "I knew I couldn't change without help, so I started participating in self help programs—they were all geared toward reprogramming my old habits and ways of thinking." Mr. Herbert told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that "Ms. Legg, Ms. Cohn, and Ms. Swain did not deserve what I did." He also stated, "I can't take back what I've done, the pain or hurt that I caused, but I can honestly say today that I've transformed my mind."

During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Herbert has demonstrated a desire to reform. He routinely receives above average work ratings from his supervisors, and was recently commended for voluntarily working additional shifts to support kitchen operations. A correctional sergeant described Mr. Herbert as reliable, respectful, and knowledgeable in his work assignment. Another officer praised his work ethic and wrote, "Herbert has shown himself to be courteous with all correctional staff members and his peers; has outstanding communication skills and many other attributes that set him apart from all other inmates."

Mr. Herbert has also participated in self-help programming, including Getting Out by Going In, Anger Management, Kairos, Prison of Peace, and Personal Insight. Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Herbert has earned commendations from staff members who see him on a regular basis. A correctional sergeant recognized Mr. Herbert for his positive behavior and wrote, "Herbert has shown himself to be respectful, well-mannered and resourceful... He also takes the initiative by facilitating as a Facilitator of Personal Insight Exploration of 60 plus inmates and helps minister to his peers during Worship Services on Sundays." A correctional officer wrote, "I commend him for his work and rehabilitation and believe he has and is working hard toward rehabilitation to make an easy transition upon his release to society." A different officer wrote, "I commend Mr. Herbert on becoming a model inmate who shows constructive behavior towards rehabilitation." Still another correctional officer wrote, "I commend Inmate Herbert on being a model inmate who shows constructive moral fiber towards rehabilitation. It is my opinion that he will serve his community well because he loves helping other people. He has taken the right steps towards rebuilding his future."

Based on his conduct in prison, and his dedication to self-improvement, I believe that Mr. Herbert has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Lloyd Herbert to a total of 23 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Lloyd Herbert Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 69 Inmate ID: P-58782
Address: P.O. Box 7500 Facility: Pelican Bay State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
None			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I went to rob a house. A woman walk in. I tied her up and put a clothing article over her mouth so she couldn't scream for help. I took her money and left and she died.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Governor Brown is currently considering Lwop Prisoner's requests for commutations of their sentences..

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

When I was first arrested my only thought and concern was how it affected me, even Helen Swain, I could only see how her death affected me. To me her death only meant that I was in allot more trouble than a robbery. It's

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, LLLOYD HERBERT declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Lloyd Herbert
Applicant's Signature

4-4-2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County: Please take notice that I, LOYD HERBERT,

was convicted of the crime of 187 PC, 211, 459, FALSE IMPRISONMENT, USE OF WEAPON

committed in LOS ANGELES County, California, on the date of 4-7-97

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Lloyd Herbert

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

LEGAL AFFAIRS

Date

Applicant's Signature

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steve Frank, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Lloyd Herbert

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon.

Signed *[Signature]*

Date 4-16-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

RIEF STATEMENT CONTINUANC

still hard to accept that I could have been so self-centered, naive, callous and cold. But as time went by I couldn't ignore the fact that my actions affected allot more people than just myself. Of course it was there all along. But eventually I began to see the pain and sorrow in the faces of my loveones.

They had taught me to be so much better, and what I gave them in return was disappointment, and I brought shame to my family.

Prison life was a wake up call. The ultimate predatory inviroment, where Gangs rule and the strongest survive. I've never had any Gang affiliations, and no matter how strong I thought I was, I was one against many. I felt helpless and just had to do the best I could. I began to despise the men around me: How could they be so mean and cruel. One day in my turmoil, I realized that all of them were a reflection of myself. I didn't like but I knew it was true, I wanted to change, I wanted to be a better person, someone my loveones could be proud of. Someone I could be proud of - and respect..

I knew I couldn't change without help, so I started participating in Self Help Programs - they were all geared toward reprogramming my old habits and ways of thinking.

The most enlightening program for me was also the most difficult for me: Victim Awareness.

It was during this course/period that I began to consider my victims. How terrified and helpless they must have felt, and what a horrifying death Ms. Helen Swain suffered.

It was all my fault Gov. Brown. I'm so sorry for what I've done. I don't know if I'll ever be able to forgive myself. I've been taught that I must learn to forgive myself so that I could become whole, but I don't know if I can. It's especially hard because I'm aware of the devastation I cause to Ms. Swain's family. All of the grief and pain I've given them. How I took their love one away from them and I could never give her back.

There is also two other people I robbed in the same way. I heard one say through the article of clothing that she couldn't breathe, so I pull it down off her mouth so she could breathe. I could never make up for that Mr. Brown.

Governor Brown, this is why I can not, in good conscience, write a statement as to why I should be granted commutation of my sentence.

I could only ask for your clemency, and give you my Word - Because I know in my heart - That if given a second chance, I will never do anything that would cause you regret for granting my request. I'm a 1st time offender. I only have (2) 115's in 21 years.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION

Sincerely Slayd Heeban

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Janett Hernandez

On February 11, 2002, after Miguel Cerda ordered his girlfriend, Janett Hernandez, to shoot Jacqueline Mendoza, Ms. Hernandez pointed the gun at Ms. Mendoza and pulled the trigger, but the gun did not fire. Mr. Cerda then took the safety off and shot Ms. Mendoza, killing her. Ms. Hernandez then helped Mr. Cerda cover up the murder by hiding the gun and washing Mr. Cerda's bloody clothes. On November 16, 2007, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Hernandez to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement.

Ms. Hernandez was 19 when she committed this crime, she is now 36 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 17 years – nearly half of her life. While in prison, she has dedicated herself to rehabilitation and describes herself as “a woman of service who mediates in helping people to recognize that there are options and different avenues.” Ms. Hernandez has only been disciplined once during her incarceration. She has participated in numerous self-help programs, including Beyond Violence, Domestic Violence Awareness, and Victim Impact. In 2017, Ms. Hernandez led an effort to translate the Bridges to Life curriculum from English to Spanish. Also in 2017, a retired chief deputy warden praised Ms. Hernandez for her work as an Inmate Peer Facilitator for the Beyond Violence and Healing Trauma programs.

In her application for commutation, Ms. Hernandez wrote, “When my crime happened, I realized I hadn't the courage to stand up for another such as Jacqueline... I failed as a friend and failed to step away from a very co-dependent and toxic relationship that was damaging to everyone around me.” Ms. Hernandez described growing up in a household that was dysfunctional, which caused her to feel emotionally neglected. When Ms. Hernandez tried to leave Mr. Cerda, he would threaten her and tell her that he would shoot one of her family members. An investigation conducted by the Board of Parole Hearings concluded that Ms. Hernandez was suffering from the effects of intimate partner battery at the time of the crime, as a result of prior and constant abuse from her codefendant. Ms. Hernandez reported, “Today I am no longer that co-dependent person who doesn't know how to speak or stand up for another person... I am a mediator and conflict resolver who helps build lives in honor of giving back....”

I acknowledge that Ms. Mendoza's relatives have opposed clemency. I do not discount the seriousness of Ms. Hernandez's crime, but the record also indicates that she was suffering from severe effects of intimate partner battery at the time of the crime. She has since distinguished herself by her exemplary conduct in prison and her commitment to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Ms. Hernandez's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Janett Hernandez to a total of 17 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Janett Guadalupe Hernandez Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 82 Inmate ID: X27637
Address: Po Box 1508 Chowchilla CA 93610 Facility: CCWF

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Jacqueline Mendoza was brutally murdered, shot on the left side of her face, she also was strangled, rape, and beaten during the time of her death. I allowed her to become a victim of my lack of self worth, acceptance, and disfuncional relationship. I aided and abetted this crime.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have changed and I know I would never commit another crime. I also want a chance to prove to you that change is possible.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Because I know how to help people who are broken from making the same choices I made. I also believe I can make a positive difference in the world today because of growth and understanding of my actions.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

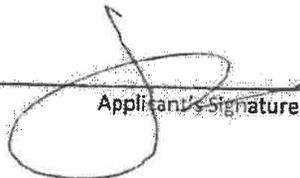
STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Janelle Hernandez X27637 declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of RIVERSIDE with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

9-13-18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

X 27637

To the District Attorney of Riverside County:

Please take notice that I Janett G. Hernandez, was convicted of the crime of

187(a)(1)(a), 12022.53 subd(b), 1902 subd committed in Riverside County, California
(a)(1)(B) & (C)

on the date of _____, I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.



Applicant's Signature

4/3/18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____ do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

I was born to a dominant 17 year old mother and a submissive father. Today I realize that I identified with my father.

My parents immigrated to the US from Mexico when I was four. My two brothers and I were left to be shared by both sets of grandparents. During this time I was molested by two different people, an older cousin and a neighbor. I never told anyone. At the age of 6, my parents sent for me to live in the US. The molestation continued. This time it was by my uncle's brother in-law. Again, I didn't tell anyone.

My household started to become dysfunctional as my father was an alcoholic, he worked sometimes and other times he got laid off. My parents struggled for years as they rented a room and lived there with us five children. My dad would go fishing and gather food from churches so we could be fed. This was my life until the age of 12. My mother decided to gain her independence as she went to Mexicali and got odd jobs. She was never home. We had live-in babysitters, and when the babysitters couldn't handle the responsibility, I was left to do the cooking, cleaning, and taking care of my six siblings.

At the age of 13, I ditched school one time. My mom decided school was over for me, so I found myself sneaking out of the house to go to school, because at school I had found that I was accepted and understood. My mother would only come home every three months, her absence became my norm.

At the age of 15, my mom would humiliate my dad more and more in front of us. They would fight and my dad would cry. This taught me how to be a happy family on the outside as I had to pretend in front of friends and others. My mom became the sole financial provider while she urged my dad to quit his job and stay at home with us because the babysitters could not handle all seven of us. Both of my parents disconnected from us. I felt like my mom only cared about money and my father was hung up on my mother. Emotionally I was neglected. I started living a double life as I was good at home and around my friends I did what others wanted, giving in to peer pressure, and I became promiscuous to satisfy my need to be loved, however it always left me feeling empty.

At 16, my mother took me to Las Vegas to get married to a boy who was 18, someone I had been dating, because I lied and told her I was pregnant. I felt free and had no responsibility to take care of my siblings. Soon I returned home, barely over a month later. At this point my parents treated me different as they no longer gave me anything and now everything was earned. I still looked for love in the wrong places and my behavior only increased.

At 17, I met Miguel, my codefendant, who was 5 years older than me. He was fun, exciting, and determined. A month into the relationship I noticed he started acting controlling and would get mad at my guy friends for hugging me. He became physical and would push my face and make verbal threats. Once he showed up at a party with a knife and I calmed him down. I tried breaking up with him but he would never take no for an answer. He made friends with one of my guy friends and would show up where I was at. This continued for two months and every time I would try to break up with him, he would threaten me and tell me he would shoot one of my family members. This is how he got me to live with him. When my parents got word of this threat they called and I lied to them and told them things were okay and I wanted to stay with him. Little by little he began demeaning me and hitting me, even while I was pregnant. He had a physical fight with my dad and then forbid me to have communication

with my family, it had to be limited. I always made excuses to why I was never around. He had me accompanied by his mother as well, who would always take his side and assume I was lying. This always resulted in me getting hit and as the relationship progressed, "no" was not an option for me. Sexually he was aggressive and no longer became by choice for me. Soon I was allowed to be around my family but he gave me a 5 o'clock curfew – not a minute later. I walked with my head down as I was not allowed to look at another person. I felt stuck, unhappy, and wanted to die. I did try to ask my mom if I could come back home and she said she could not afford to take care of me and another child. She also reminded me that women should put up with husbands behaviors for the children. Again, I felt alone and so I still pretended to show others my home was a happy home. I became submissive like my father who never spoke back and never fought back.

When my crime happened, I realized I hadn't the courage to stand up for another such as Jacqueline. It was almost easier to let her take the consequences of his anger rather than it be me. There is no justification for my selfishness that allowed Jacqueline to go through such horrific pain in that situation. Now I realize I had so many options but the person I was "then" saw no options, as I cared but did not care. I failed as a friend and failed to step away from a very co-dependent and toxic relationship that was damaging to everyone around me. Even after the crime I was not truthful and tried to protect him in statements that I falsely gave.

Today I am no longer that co-dependent person who doesn't know how to speak or stand up for another person. Who I am today is a woman of service who mediates in helping people to recognize that there are options and different avenues. I am a mediator conflict resolver who helps build lives in honor of giving back, because I know my crime against Jacqueline impacted and robbed her and everyone.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jesus Hernandez

In 1997, Los Angeles police officers spotted Mr. Hernandez driving at a high rate of speed in a vehicle that had been reported stolen in a carjacking. Police pursued and arrested him after his car collided with a light pole. On May 13, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hernandez under the three strikes law to 27 years to life for carjacking, four years for a firearm enhancement, plus a five-year prior felony enhancement—a total prison term of 36 years to life.

Mr. Hernandez was 22 years old when he committed this crime. He admitted to an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he engaged in felonious conduct because he lacked discipline, had no respect for others, and only cared about himself. He is now 44 years old and has been incarcerated for over 21 years. Over the past two decades, he has demonstrated a commitment to rehabilitation. Mr. Hernandez has been disciplined for serious misconduct only once and has remained discipline-free for more than 15 years. He has avoided prison gangs, substance abuse, and violence. In addition to vocational training in graphic arts, he has participated in substance abuse programming for over a decade, including as a facilitator of Celebrate Recovery and as an executive committee member of Alcoholic Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. Mr. Hernandez has completed self-help classes such as Victim's Awareness and Anger Management, as well as others designed to improve his public speaking and stress management. He earned his GED, and for the last several years has been enrolled in college courses. Mr. Hernandez told the investigator that he does not deserve clemency, but hopes to be released out of mercy and grace.

Several people appeared in support of Mr. Hernandez at the Board of Parole Hearings *en banc* meeting. A prison chaplain supported clemency and noted that Mr. Hernandez is an influential elder of the church who teaches bilingual classes. The president of Follow-Up Prison Ministries also supported a commutation. Several of Mr. Hernandez' family members spoke in support of clemency and offered their support. Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at the *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Hernandez.

For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Hernandez has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jesus Hernandez to a total of 21 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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(See Penal Code, § 4852.01.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Hernandez, Jesus Date of Birth: [redacted] 74 Social Security Number: _____

Address: Folsom State P. P.O. Box 715071 Represa, CA 95671 (H-93793 B5.12.04)

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Carjacking	Aug. 12, 1997	Los Angeles County	36 years to life
Robbery	Aug. 12, 1997	Los Angeles County	life
			(3 strikes)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

This crime was not something planned, it was not supposed to happen; It did happen; I was found guilty for it. But honest to God, I look back to that day and it was as if my mind was covered w/ a dark cloud, as if my right front of logic was weakened by something. Oh, I make no excuses, no sir. I chose to make a decision, that changed the course of my life.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

The reason I am requesting a pardon, is because I have broken the Law. I need your Mercy. I am a changed Person. After almost 16 years of incarceration, life in prison had taught me a great lesson; the powers of the Law are ordained by God. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I do not believe a pardon or commutation should be granted to me, on the basis of Justice. Justice and righteousness should never be compromise. I am appealing to your Mercy, Mercy alone.

5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

None

PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY YOU SHOULD BE GRANTED A
PARDON OR COMMUTATION

I was judged and sentenced for a serious crime. I violated some ones' rights by taking what did not belong to me. On account of this crime, I was given thirty seven years to life, under the Three Strike Law. Justice was executed.

Justice is the foundation and Divine Institution given by God to man, in order to govern the systems of a Nation, and all its judiciaries. Justice must be the means in which society acquires an impartial decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal cause. Justice should be feared and should never be compromised.

Based on this foundation, and under this concept, I do not believe I should be granted a pardon. Honorable Mr. Brown, I am appealing to you and to your Administration not on the basis of justice, but on the basis of Grace.

I am begging you now on the basis of Grace and Mercy to please look into my C-file, and judge for yourself Mr. Governor, the kind of person Justice had created in me.

Justice was exhibited in my crime and had condemned me to a life sentence. But now Sir. On the basis of grace and Mercy judged me for who I am today.

Mr. Governor very respectfully, allow me to go back to my family. I have been incarcerated for sixteen years now, my Father and my Mother is all I have now, and I am all they have. The rest of my brothers went their own way and had families of their own.

I cannot and I refuse to commit any crime at all, if you look into my C-file you will notice that I am disciplinary free. And I must confess to you that even though, it has been hard on me to learned discipline this way, and to stay in the right path, this experience I would not change it for nothing.

Mr. Governor, I am willing to submit to any requisites you may bestow upon me. I have a place to go, I am planning to work next to my Father in Mexico City, and get involve in a Church Ministry also in Mexico. Mr. Governor, I could not help but to speak from the bottom of my heart. I may not be educated and eloquent in my phrases, but I promise you that each word and each phrase is engulf with sincerity and Honesty, these two attributes are part of my life in private as well as in public.

I pray to my Heavenly Father, that you will find the time to read my letters, and that I will find Grace and Mercy before your eyes, and that you will allow me to return to my Parents.

Mr. Governor thank you, I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to have addressed you in this matter.

Very sincerely,

Hernandez, Jesus

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesus Hernandez". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME (S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING A PARDON OF COMMUTATION.

I consider myself happy, Honorable Governor Brown, because I will answer for myself before you, describing the circumstances of the crime (s) for which I am requesting a commutation of sentence.

In order for me to describe the circumstances of my crime, allow me first, very respectfully describe to you the state of mind that I found myself in that day, calling attention to the fact that I am not making excuses about my crime at all.

While being incarcerated the first time, I never took the time to educate myself, to learn a trade or vocation, or to try to get my GED. Instead, I had the misfortune of being introduced to drugs right away, I began experimenting with them, and I liked them. It was something new and exciting for me, all the years of my imprisonment I used drugs almost on a daily basis. At first it was recreational, then it became a tool of escape from reality; and at the end I became a slave to it.

With this new life style, I developed repressed feelings and thoughts that influenced my behavior in a negative way. I never stopped and thought about my family for a minute. I had this foolish idea that as long as my family did not know that their son was trapped in a drug addiction, I would be okay; I could stop my addiction any time I wanted I thought. I didn't.

When I was released from prison I was worse than when I first came in now I had developed bad habits, I lacked discipline, and what is worst in the life of any individual, I had not prepared myself to face trials in life with boldness and resolution. As soon as I was released from prison I began working with one of my oldest brothers, but I was unable to commit myself to my work and to his correction, therefore I quit.

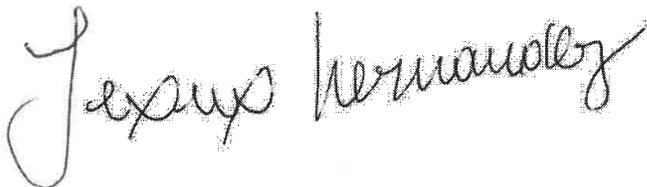
I began looking for work, praying that I might not find one that is what my Mother used to tell me. By this time I was anti-social, I had distanced myself from my loved ones. My drug addiction was getting worse; I was depressed, and always angry. I could not think correctly.

When I committed the crime I had this mental attitude. I approached my victim without compassion, and craftiness. I did not care about his feelings or my modus operandi; I was blinded by arrogance and pride. I was not concerned about my life; maybe I needed to be arrested. I did not physically hurt the victim; I do believe I hurt him emotionally.

Mr. Governor, I know that I did not steal a bag of candy; I know my case is a serious crime, and I am taking full responsibility for it, therefore I am doing my best to stay in the right path. I have changed a lot since the first time I was arrested, and I am working hard in staying disciplined. Would you please Governor, have Mercy on me?

I thank you so much for such a great opportunity Mr. Brown. May the Lord continue to bless you and to keep you healthy.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesus Hernandez". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE REQUESTING A PARDON OR COMMUTATION

It seems good to me Honorable Governor, to explain to you respectfully why am I requesting a Pardon or commutation. My second request is to ask you to please patiently hear a little bit of my background.

Right after my arrest, I was sent to Super-Max Three Strikes dorms living. 95 % of the population in my dorms were fighting life sentences under the three strikes Law.

Most of them were ex-convicts, much older than my self.

I knew I had to behave correctly, I also knew that I could not demonstrate any kind of weakness in front of my fellow prisoners, so I acted as they did, tough, showing no emotions, etc.

I noticed some of them were using drugs, others were too violent, and some others were losing hope and were becoming sociopaths.

What were my chances of surviving this life sentence? How could I overcome these social issues and be the person I am destined to be? I truly had no idea.

At first I thought that I had no other choice but to live as they did. I remember how one day I was giving the opportunity to do drugs. I said no the first time, but I was giving the same offer for a second time. I also said no! Right there and then I knew I was in trouble, because they were expecting me to behave like one of them, besides, I was just a youngster who did not know better. What happened to me next changed my destiny, my life style, my essence.

On September of 1997, I made the choice of accepting Jesus Christ into my life.

I wonder Mr. Brown, how many times have you heard someone say to you, that they have become Christians and yet have the same life style as before. It is not in my place to pass condemnation to anyone Sir, but I can only speak to you from my perspective, for what happened to me.

I can honestly say that I am no longer the person I once was. As a Believer of the Lord Jesus Christ I study the Scriptures on a daily basis. I have certificates in Homiletics, Hermeneutics, Systematic Theology, and Associates for Ministry from Harvest Bible Institute.

The Scripture have taught me what integrity is. They have taught me what honesty is, what humility is, how to love God in a personal way, how to love the person next to me with impersonal Love.

The Scripture teaches me how I must respect Authority, and how to submit to them. I am so blessed by being under the teachings of Jesus Christ Mr. Governor. I am active in my Church here in Old Folsom. I have the privilege to work in the chapel as a porter. I am given the privilege to preach and to teach the Scriptures. All of these Mr. Governor I owed to my Heavenly Father.

I have accomplished a lot as a believer, and I continue to stay focus in my personal relationship with my Heavenly Father, and to be honest with my fellow inmates and church members.

Governor Brown, I am not avoiding my responsibilities as an inmate at all. I am aware that I am under obligation to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. Allow me to explain please.

I have not received a write up in all this sixteen years. I am disciplinary free.

I am involved in all self help programs that I am able to take. Programs such as AA, NA, Anger Management, Parenting class, I have vocational certificates, I have worked under staff supervision as a clerk in the building, and in Education.

I am about to get my GED, I only miss one subject which is Math. Also next month I will be taken a placement test to enroll in College, and right now I am in the Gavel Club.

I am taking advantage of all the opportunities that I am been giving right now. I want to continue my Rehabilitation programs and Academic education.

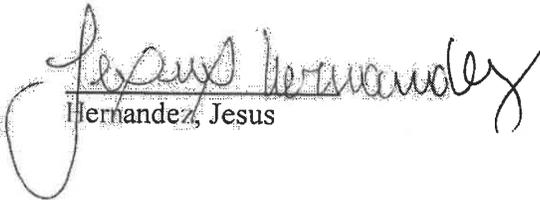
I have accomplished many things while incarcerated, and I am willing to continue to stay disciplinary free, because I believe it is a great accomplishment in my part. As of right now, I am in the lowest Level two an inmate with a life sentence can be. I cannot go lower than this.

Honorable Governor, I am at your hands Sir. I only ask you to please consider my petition, and to see for your self the kind of person I once was and the kind of person I am today.

I strongly believe that nothing in this world can cause me to commit any type of crime at all, not emotional issues, or financial issues.

Honorable Governor, may the Lord bless you with wisdom, spiritual strength, and physical. I will continue to pray for you and for your Administration.

Very sincerely,


Hernandez, Jesus

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ryan Patrick Hill

In 2004, Ryan Hill and some other gang members hired a police informant to murder Jason Jordan, a fellow gang member. Mr. Hill and his crime partners provided the informant with a gun and a map to Mr. Jordan's home. Mr. Hill was arrested days before the murder plot could be executed. On August 15, 2008, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hill to 25 years to life for conspiracy to commit murder plus 3 years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Hill is now 41 years old and has been incarcerated for over 10 years. He has committed himself to his rehabilitation through his disassociation from gangs and his dedication to education and self-improvement. In his application for clemency, Mr. Hill expressed remorse for his actions and wrote, "I can honestly admit that I was acting out of pure bravado and was foolishly attempting to impress a class of people for reasons I still do not know. I immediately realized the potential severity of what my behavior could have caused, and then eventually did cause to myself and my family."

In prison, Mr. Hill has turned his life around. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct during more than a decade of incarceration, and has never been involved in gangs or participated in violence. Mr. Hill has earned a high school diploma, an A.A. degree, and a vocational certificate in office services. He has participated in self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, Victim Awareness, and Restorative Justice. Mr. Hill has also received praise from many staff members who have supervised him. One work supervisor wrote that Mr. Hill "displays a positive attitude and works well with all staff and inmates. [Mr.] Hill is commended on his strong work ethic, ability to learn and receive instruction, as well as his positive contribution to the plant operations of this facility." In 2014, a work supervisor supported a commutation for Mr. Hill and wrote, "In my 14 years tenure with CDCR, Mr. Hill is the most upstanding inmate I have had a chance to encounter. He consistently shows a desire to improve himself, and a willingness to put in the hard work to accomplish his goals. I believe Mr. Hill would be worthy of consideration for commutation, and I believe he could return to society and be a positive influence in the world around him." If released, Mr. Hill will be supported by his family as he adjusts to life outside prison.

Mr. Hill committed a serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe Mr. Hill has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ryan Patrick Hill to a total of 17 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: RYAN PATRICK HILL Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: MCSP/C11-213, P.O. BOX 409060, IONE, CA. 95640

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
MISD, PC 12020 (A)	6/21/00	SACRAMENTO	(6) DAYS WORK PROJ.
MISD, PC 148 (A) (1)	6/21/00	SACRAMENTO	N/A

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

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5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

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I, RYAN PATRICK HILL declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of SACRAMENTO with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Ryan P. Hill
Applicant's Signature

8/14/14
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime for which you are requesting a commutation:

The conviction for which I am requesting commutation is for conspiracy to commit murder (P.C. 182/187), with a resulting sentence of twenty-five years to life.

During the early part of 2004, as an immature and foolish young man, I became involved with a motorcycle gang known as the Vagos. Within a few short months in October of that same year, along with two other Vagos members, I became involved and participated in the solicitation of a confidential informant to have fellow Vago, Jason Jordan, killed. My personal participation, under the instruction of co-defendant and Vagos' chapter president, James Cross, included showing the informant where Mr. Jordan resided along with what kind of vehicle he owned. At the conclusion of our meeting I also gave a hand written map, which had been generated by co-defendant Nick Matteson at an earlier date, to the informant who then submitted it to law enforcement as evidence.

Fortunately, on October 14th, 2004, law enforcement intervened and I was arrested, preventing any actual harm to Mr. Jordan. It should also be noted that throughout the duration of the crime, the informant was always under the careful supervision of Law enforcement. Thus further preventing the act from ever coming to fruition.

In addition to these circumstances, I feel it necessary to include the fact that while my actions were extremely egregious, I never intended to, nor was ever instructed to, participate in the actual killing of Mr. Jordan.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

I am requesting a commutation of my current sentence for mitigating factual reasons, as well as reasons based on purely pleas of compassion.

It should be noted that I shamefully admit that my past behavior absolutely warrants incarceration. However, I simultaneously and sincerely believe that a determinate, while lengthy, sentence would adequately punish me. This sentence would not only sufficiently penalize, but also allow for a realistic chance at a viable and rehabilitated return to society at still a productive age.

I truly believe that my actions coincide much for closely to the actions of a solicitation of murder for hire. Still an extremely egregious act, however, a crime garnering a much different sentence. Neither my co-defendants, nor myself, ever planned to, or were assumed to, ever participate in the physical act of killing or harming Mr. Jordan. I did partake though in the joint participation of soliciting the confidential informant. This fact was confirmed during trial with both the trial judge and the prosecution repeatedly using such verbiage as “solicited” and “solicitation” as to count one, the life term.

Along with my personal beliefs regarding my sentence, I feel it is also worth noting that both the prosecution and trial/sentencing judge felt that a life term was “an incredibly severe punishment.”¹ With the prosecutor, DDA Scott Triplett, at one point during sentencing actually stating, “It seems odd that the Legislature has created a situation where on one hand they say it is a probation eligible crime and then on the other hand it’s twenty-five to life. There is really no wiggle room. Is this a case where the court should grant probation and sentence the defendants to a year in county jail? Absolutely not. Since that is not an option, there is no alternative other than twenty-five to life.”²

Another factor in regards to my request is that of a third co-defendant, Nick Matteson’s sentence. Mr. Matteson was initially charged with and tried, along side myself, for conspiracy to commit murder. Yet due to a single juror hold-out, a mistrial was declared. Two days after the verdict Mr. Matteson was offered a plea agreement, which he accepted, to a charge of P.C. 653(f), solicitation of murder for hire.

¹ Reporters Transcripts of Judgment & Sentence, P. 11, Line 14, 8/15/08.

² Reporters Transcripts of Judgment & Sentence, P. 9, Line 6-13, 8/15/08.

I feel this is relevant due to the fact that because the prosecution was only able to successfully convict two of the three defendants to a life term offense, they then felt it equally just to convict Mr. Matteson to a far lesser offense. That offense being solicitation of murder for hire, for literally the same act with the same intended victim, Mr. Jordan.

It is in no way my intention to minimize or rationalize my past actions. The criminal behavior in which I rashly and momentarily participated in was inexcusable. While accepting full responsibility for the way I conducted myself, as well as a humble understanding that my actions absolutely warrant incarceration, I truly believe that a more merciful and appropriate penance could produce equal results.

Aside from legal or factual reasons for my request, I also humbly request mercy for more personal reasons. I make this plea with the great hope of having the opportunity to be the productive, caring, and responsible parent, husband, son, employee, and citizen that I know I was, and still am, capable of being.

One of my greatest fears is the thought that my young son, Tycho, who I abandoned by putting myself in my current situation, could possibly ever find himself in a similar situation as a result of my absence. A scenario I should have reflected on long ago, but unfortunately did not. I truly believe that together with the invaluable lessons that I have learned and continue to learn, and the fact that no one was ever harmed, I could be far more productive to my family and society if afforded a priceless, second chance at life.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation:

I believe that if I were fortunate enough to be granted any form of relief, it would be for a combination of my past, present, and future behavior.

Although my past behavior is what led me to prison, it was also only a momentary period of my life that was truly out of my normal character. I was raised in a very loving, faith-based, and predominately law enforcement employed family. So I am not absent of what it means to; practice good values, act ethically, and respect laws and authority. I truly feel that my behavior during the less than one year period that I associated with the Vagos was, and is, not at all an accurate account of who I truly am. I can honestly admit that I was acting out of pure bravado and was foolishly attempting to impress a class of people for reasons I still do not know. I immediately realized the potential severity of what my behavior could have caused, and then eventually did cause to myself and my family.

Prior to my arrest in 2004, I did not have a history of reoccurring interactions with law enforcement. I had maintained constant employment since I was fifteen years old, obeyed the law, and lived a responsible, family orientated lifestyle.

Following my arrest I was released on bond, where for roughly three years I again held gainful employment, lived as a responsible citizen, appeared for every court date, and most importantly did not have any interaction with law enforcement. I believe it is necessary to emphasize the fact that I took full responsibility for my poor behavior by appearing for dozens of court appearances, as well as a lengthy trial, all the while realizing what lay in store.

I do not mention this with the intention of being praised. However, as examples of how I truly lived the great, majority of my life. I can honestly say that during the few, brief months that I began to errantly venture down the wrong path was, and still is, not an accurate description of my true character.

Since my incarceration I have maintained the same responsible and conducive lifestyle. I have utilized my time, while in prison, to not only avoid negative behavior and maintain an exemplary record, but to also be as productive as I possibly can. I immediately began my incarceration by earning my high school diploma. I am actively enrolled in college courses, through Coastline Community College, where I am currently six units from obtaining my degree in Social Sciences, along with a certification in Business Management. I have graduated the

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

William Hoffman

In August 1997, Amy Preasmyer asked William Hoffman to kill her fiancé, Richard Cowles, Jr. After days of planning, Mr. Hoffman went into Ms. Preasmyer and Mr. Cowles' apartment, hid in the bedroom closet, and waited for Mr. Cowles to get home from work. When Mr. Cowles got home, Mr. Hoffman hit him several times with a hammer, then shot him once in the head. Mr. Cowles died at the hospital several days later. On October 8, 1999, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hoffman to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Hoffman was 18 years old when he committed this crime and has now been incarcerated for over 20 years. In his application for commutation, Mr. Hoffman explained that he "was using drugs heavily and willing to do anything to fit in and earn the acceptance of others." He wrote, "I want to tear down the false perceptions that drugs and criminality are glamorous or acceptable. I want to reveal the truth that there is only loss, pain, and suffering; not only for the victims and survivors of crime, but also for the perpetrators." He added, "I vow to continue my life of recovery and amends for the rest of my life...."

For two decades, Mr. Hoffman has focused on his rehabilitation, despite serving a sentence that offered no hope of a life outside of prison. He has only been disciplined for serious misconduct twice. He has earned his GED, an associate's degree, and certificates in Christian Leadership and Business. Mr. Hoffman participated in self-help programs, including Life Without A Crutch, Alternatives to Violence, and Victim Awareness. In 2018, an education coordinator who supervised Mr. Hoffman for five years commended him for his hard work, writing, "As a tutor Mr. Hoffman gave freely of his knowledge to help his peers improve their education and rehabilitation....Over the years I have come to believe that Mr. Hoffman's care for his fellow man is genuine and heartfelt." In February 2018, the Healing Dialogue and Action program provided Mr. Hoffman with an opportunity to meet with Mr. Cowles' mother, father, and sister. Mr. Hoffman reported that it was not until this meeting that he was able to fully understand the pain and suffering the family endured and was amazed by their compassion. Mr. Hoffman wrote, "The impact of that meeting will remain with me for the rest of my life as I strive to fulfill the family's request to reach others in the hope that they will also change their lives."

While this is undoubtedly a very serious crime, it is clear that Mr. Hoffman has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Hoffman has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of William Hoffman to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: William Travis Hoffmann Date of Birth: 1978 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
P57763 A2-228L
Address: Ironwood State Prison, P.O. Box 2199, Blythe, California 92226-2199

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On August 12, 1997, I murdered Richard Lynn Cowles at the request of his girlfriend and her friend. I ambushed Richard by striking him with a hammer and then shooting him once in the head. I am inexpressibly remorseful and ashamed by this. At the time I was living a life of criminality and believed this would get me the acceptance I wanted. (see attachment)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting commutation because I would like the opportunity to demonstrate to the Board of Parole Hearings that I have addressed my criminality and no longer present a threat to society. I have spent 18 years faithfully committed to my spiritual, emotional, and mental rehabilitation. My life is now a positive contribution to my community. (see attachment)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have identified and addressed the many factors that contributed to my criminality as evidenced by years of upright living. My life is now a complete contrast to what it was 20 years ago. Therefore, I believe I should be considered for commutation. (see attachment)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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I, William Travis Hoffmann, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

3/14/18

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, William Travis Hoffmann,
was convicted of the crime of murder with the special circumstance lying in wait [PC 187(A)*],
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of August 12, 1997.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: P57763

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Applicant's Signature

3/14/18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

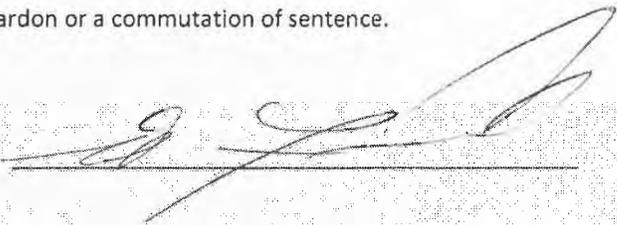
This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steven Frank Hill, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from William Hoffmann,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed



Date

3-16-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

William Hoffmann P57763
I.S.P. / A2-228L
P.O. Box 2199
Blythe, CA 92226-2199

April 9, 2018

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 94814

To the Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.

I submit this Application for Executive Clemency solemnly asking you to consider commuting my sentence. My request is not made with disregard to the severity of the crime, the impact on the victim's family and society, or the validity of my sentence. The shame and remorse I feel for murdering Richard Lynn Cowles Jr., and for the irreparable pain and devastation I have caused, is with me everyday. Therefore, I have wholeheartedly committed myself to my rehabilitation to ensure I would never victimize another person. The past 18 years have been a time of progressive transformation for me spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually. Today I am living a life of consistent moral integrity devoted to the betterment of myself and others. I am no longer the person that I was when I murdered Richard, and I hope that will become evident to you as you evaluate my application.

On August 12, 1997, at the age of 18, I callously murdered Richard Cowles Jr., a man I had never met. I did this at the request of his girlfriend, Amy Preasmeyer, and her friend, Jennifer Kellogg; although, I do not know their motives to this day. I am ashamed to confess that I laid in wait for Richard in his own home, ambushed him by striking him with a hammer, and then shot him once in the head. I wish I could convey my own horror and shame at the brutality of the murder. No person deserves to have their life taken in such a way, but this is especially true of Richard. From meeting with his family, I have learned he was a good man who positively affected the life of everyone he met.

I make no attempt to excuse or justify my choices and actions because they are absolutely inexcusable and unjustifiable. I take full responsibility. I said yes when I was asked to murder Richard, I planned his murder, I made the reprehensible decision to take his life, and afterward I chose to continually lie about my involvement. I had every opportunity to make different choices, but I did not. I am also responsible for all the choices I made which placed me in the situation to begin with.

At the time of the murder, I was using drugs heavily and willing to do anything to fit in and earn the acceptance of others. My unhealthy need for acceptance came from the feelings of rejection and inadequacy I developed from years of negative interactions with my parents and peers. I believed criminal activity, including murder, would give me the acceptance and notoriety I so greatly desired. This warped belief is evident in how I

boasted to others leading up to and following the murder. These things were normalized and glamorized within the environment I had placed myself in. It would not be until several months after my arrest in 1998 that I first noticed a change in my thinking which I can only describe as a fog lifting from my mind. My delusions slowly became evident, and I began to rationally consider my thoughts and actions. This began what the long evolutionary process that has led to my reformation.

While many factors have been involved, God has been the greatest influence on my transformation. After a long struggle against surrender, I became a Christian in September 1999. For many years my faith was essentially the only thing I relied on to change, and it continues to be the dominant factor. Over the years I have completed numerous Bible studies and Christian education courses to increase my knowledge and understanding of God's Word. However, my greatest accomplishment in this regard is becoming a graduate of The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI) in 2016. I am currently working toward a B.A. in Theological Studies. In 2015, I began serving as a deacon in the church. I became an elder in 2016, the position in which I continue to serve in various ways; such as preaching, teaching, and ministering to the community. The church community has continually been a tremendous source of support in the form of counsel, accountability, and encouragement.

Also integral to my change has been the change in the sort of people I associate and develop friendships with. I have distanced myself from those who still live a lifestyle of addiction and criminality. Instead, I now associate with those who are seeking to live a life of moral character and recovery. I am thankful that I have been able to restore my relationships with my mom and grandma after the pain and turmoil I put them through. Today I cherish them, and our relationships, as they are a constant source of love and support for me. Since 2010, my greatest source of love, support, acceptance, motivation, and accountability has come from my best friend, Eunice, who became my wife in 2016. Her presence in my life has dramatically increased my growth and maturity during the last few years.

In 2005, I began attending self-help and insight programs which have played a significant role in my rehabilitation. Victim Awareness, CGA (Criminal & Gangmembers Anonymous), and AVP (Alternatives To Violence) have been the most impactful. These programs have helped me examine myself and my past to identify, understand, and address the contributing factors and warped beliefs that have influenced my choices. Each program is unique, but I find that they have all caused me to stop, examine myself, and do the work necessary to affect change in my thinking and behavior.

Education has also been important to my recovery. I earned my GED in 2002, an A.S. in Business with honors in 2015, and an A.A. in Science & Math with honors in 2016; thereby becoming the first of my family to receive a college degree. I will receive an A.S. in Management at the end of the semester, and I am currently 24 units from my B.S. in Business Administration. I have discovered that the things I have learned in my business courses have many practical life applications; such as communication, team work, and conflict resolution. My ability to do the hard work necessary to achieve my educational goals has given me a sense of accomplishment and a confidence in my ability to succeed. In addition, I have taught myself how to type and use computers, becoming exceptionally proficient with Word and Excel.

The knowledge and skills I have acquired have provided me with outstanding employment opportunities throughout my incarceration, and they will transfer into society as well. I am also proud to have been able to tutor others at both the GED and college level; helping three men obtain their GED's.

God, healthy relationships, self-help/insight programs, and education have all been vital to my rehabilitation. Each helped me address the issues that contributed to my life of criminality and to establish a new life based on moral principles. The life I am living today, along with the things I have accomplished, demonstrate the transformation I have undergone. I have not simply abated my former lifestyle of criminality and harm; rather, I am living a contrasting lifestyle which positively contributes to my community.

In February 2018, I was given the opportunity to meet with Richard's father, mother, and sister. Personally hearing from his family the devastation and suffering they have endured on a daily basis for over 20 years crushes me with remorse and shame. I had spent years trying to imagine what they have endured, and all the ripple effects that occurred from the murder, but nothing could have prepared me for the reality of it. The compassion Richard's family showed me was even more difficult to bear and made me feel so ashamed for murdering their son and brother. They told me about Richard, the wonderful person he was, and the effect he had on others. For the first time he was not a stranger to me. I am so sorry for what I have done. What I would give to be the person I am today 21 years ago. The impact of that meeting will remain with me for the rest of my life as I strive to fulfill the family's request to reach others in the hope that they will also change their lives.

The most significant things I am doing in this regard come from my position as the lead elder in the Protestant church at my facility. The church, the Tree of Life Fellowship, has services in English and Spanish and a congregation of about 80 men. As an elder, my primary responsibility is to serve my congregation and community. Along with the other leaders, I organize and oversee nine church services/classes and six community ministries which are changing the lives of men. In addition to preaching and counseling, I lead a life group of 20-30 men. I feel this group is one of the greatest contributions I have made to my community, and even society. I have seen several member's lives dramatically changed, and they have personally shared how the class was the primary cause. I am thankful to have earned the trust of these men and to be able to positively influence their lives.

Every area of my life reflects the change in me. I am emotionally equipped to deal with rejection, conflict, and relationships in a healthy way. I have over 18 years of sobriety from all forms of drugs and alcohol. While I have rightly received two rule violations during my incarceration, neither involved drugs, contraband, or violence; and I have had none since 2010. I am a devoted husband, a parent-honoring son, a faithful friend, a productive employee, an honor student/college graduate, and a respected church leader. I strive to make every decision with wise consideration because I realize that every decision has consequences and affects myself and others.

I am not requesting commutation because I simply want to get out of prison. I am requesting commutation because, as a result of my rehabilitation, I can better serve and contribute to the interests of society upon release.

I desire to be a law-abiding, tax-paying citizen who works and serves in his community. I would like the opportunity to better fulfill my role as a husband by supporting my wife in ways I am unable to currently. For 20 years the consequences of my actions have prevented me from being there for my family as I should have been, and I would like the opportunity to be there for them now; especially as they are aging and in more need of assistance. I also hope to establish a relationship with my son which I have not been able to do during my incarceration.

Lastly, I have a passion to reach the youth before they go down the path I did. While incarcerated, I have worked to help others off that path and onto one of right living. However, I want to reach kids before they become addicts, before they become criminals, and especially before they victimize others. Inspired by Javier Stauring and Healing Dialogue and Action, I envision survivors of crime and rehabilitated perpetrators of crime coming together for the purpose of speaking to at-risk youth. I want to tear down the false perceptions that drugs and criminality are glamorous or acceptable. I want to reveal the truth that there is only loss, pain, and suffering; not only for the victims and survivors of crime, but also for the perpetrators. Preventing just one kid from choosing a life of criminality will spare countless others from suffering as a consequence of his or her crimes.

Thank you for considering my request for commutation. I would like to close by saying I am truly sorry for taking the life of Richard Cowles Jr. and for all the harm I have brought to others through my life of criminality. I vow to continue my life of recovery and amends for the rest of my life whether in prison or in society.

Sincerely,



William Hoffmann

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jason Holland

In 1995, 18-year-old Jason Holland and several other teenagers went to Michael McLoren's house to steal marijuana from him. After Mr. Holland and the others started beating up Mr. McLoren, James Farris confronted Mr. Holland. Mr. Holland stabbed Mr. Farris twice, killing him. On August 21, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Holland to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus eight years for burglary, a deadly weapon enhancement, and a great bodily injury enhancement.

Mr. Holland is now 41 years old and has spent 23 years in prison. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "At a young and impressionable age, I came into prison with no hope of ever leaving. It was quickly ingrained in my mind by the people and environment around me that there was no other opportunity left to me, or meaning to life, beyond 'making a name for myself' in prison." Mr. Holland spent years mired in gang activity and violence before realizing, as he put it, that "There was another version of prison reality, and it was the reality of rehabilitating myself, improving myself, and trying to make right the wrongs I had committed." In 2014, Mr. Holland made the decision to drop out of the gang and provided staff with critical information about gang leadership, weapons, and assaults.

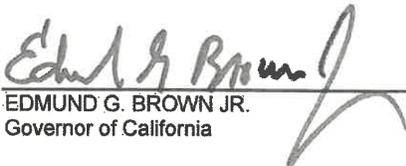
Since then, Mr. Holland has demonstrated a serious commitment to turning his life around and leaving violence behind. He earned three A.A. degrees from Coastline Community College and maintained a positive work record. He has participated in many self-help programs including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Victim Awareness, and Anger Management, and has recently begun facilitating groups for other inmates. He has also made donations to charity, worked as a literacy tutor, and participated in an Arts in Corrections program. Notably, Mr. Holland has earned respect and commendations from members of the correctional staff, including five correctional officers who supported his commutation. A self-help coordinator called Mr. Holland "a positive influence to peers and to the total work environment," and wrote, "I have observed Inmate Holland showing a desire to improve by taking advantage [of] self-help and college programs in preparation for being released back to society." Additionally, a correctional sergeant praised Mr. Holland's work performance and wrote, "Holland has proven to show that he is committed to his rehabilitation and that of his peers. Holland performs as a model inmate and is a good example to those around him."

Mr. Holland committed a senseless crime as a teenager, and continued down a dark and violent path when he came to prison. However, in the years since, he has shown a desire to transform himself and make amends for his past. Clearly, Mr. Holland has more work to do to show that he has made a permanent commitment to this new path and that he is ready to be released. But I see enough progress on Mr. Holland's part to conclude that he should have an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jason Holland to a total of 30 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jason Holland Date of Birth: /77 Social Security Number:

Address: Kern Valley State Prison; P.O. Box 5103; C3-120; Delano, CA. 93216

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
(See attached)			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(See attached commutation packet)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

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5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Jason Skip Holland, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

2/15/18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Jason Skip Holland,

was convicted of the crime of First Degree Murder/ Special Circumstances,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of May 22, 1995.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. *Inmate Number:* K24824

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Applicant's Signature

2/15/2018

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Woelfel AD, District Attorney of the County of L.A.,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Jason Skip Holland

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Date

2/15/18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Application for Commutation of Sentence

Jason S. Holland

February 2018

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CONVICTION SUMMARY

Below is a list of all prior convictions, including any in other counties, states, or countries.

OFFENSE	DATE OF OFFENSE	COUNTY OF CONVICTION	SENTENCE
1 st Degree Murder ¹	May 22, 1995	Los Angeles County	Life Without Parole
Attempted Robbery	May 22, 1995	Los Angeles County	4 years
Burglary	May 22, 1995	Los Angeles County	4 years
Great Bodily Injury	May 22, 1995	Los Angeles County	4 years

¹ With special circumstances.

I. INTRODUCTION

I, Jason Holland, ask you as Governor of the State of California to exercise your clemency power under the constitution of this state, to commute my sentence of life without the possibility of parole to the sentence of life *with* the possibility of parole, id est, 15- or 25-years-to-life; or any other sentence you deem appropriate.

This petition is not an attempt to persuade you that some miscarriage of justice has happened, and that a lesser sentence is appropriate. No, rather it is a petition that asks you to consider the man I have grown to become in prison, as I grew older from the young adult I was when I committed my commitment offense. Recent laws such as SB261 have recognized the diminished culpability of offenders under the age of 23 due to biological development in the brain still occurring. Unfortunately, as LWOP, I do not qualify for any of the new laws occurring for people convicted at the same age as I. Further, SB9 allowed for people convicted as a juvenile to petition the court for a lesser sentence after 15 years if they have shown significant progress in their rehabilitation.

II. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME

On May 22nd, 1995, I took the life of Jimmy Farris and I stabbed Michael McLoren. This happened while engaged in a teenage brawl in the backyard of Michael McLoren's family home.

The entire day leading up to the actual commitment of my crime was a series of very poor choices while in a drunken state—a bad decision in and of itself. In fact, the entire lifestyle I was living at the time was incredibly reckless, irresponsible, and thoughtless. This tragically resulted in the unnecessary loss of another teenager's life, and the grave injury of another. Not to mention the damage done to the families of my victims, their families, the families of my co-defendants, my own, and my community.

My friends and I had begun the sequence of events with underage drinking at the home of Jason Stout, another friend. The alcohol had been taken from the liquor cabinet of Jason Stout's father while he was at work. We had to leave the house before Mr. Stout returned home, and decided to go to a local park to finish the bottle of alcohol. Upon arriving at the park, I noticed a wallet sitting on the front seat of a parked van. Without thinking, I snatched the wallet. My friends and I then left. We stopped at a local strip mall and went into a store. Upon exiting the store, the woman who owned the van confronted us. This caused a scene, prompting us to leave the premises. We decided to go to the house of Michael McLoren, another teenager we knew from school. Our intent was to take his stash of marijuana, by force if necessary.

Michael McLoren was in his backyard, outside of a clubhouse, with his best friend Jimmy Farris. We jumped over the fence to go into the backyard and entered the clubhouse. We confronted him for the marijuana; he did not give it to us. I initiated a fight. During this fight, I

stabbed him four times, and Jimmy Farris twice. We ended up leaving the premises in a panic without taking the marijuana.

It was not my intention to kill anyone. At the time, I was living not only a reckless, but a *clueless*, life. I had seen people stabbed with little injury; I had friends who had been stabbed with little injury. For some strange reason, on that day, it did not resonate with me that stabbing Jimmy Farris with a pocketknife would kill him.

The series of events that day were interpreted as a crime spree. In addition to Jimmy Farris' father being a police detective for the LAPD, the political climate at the time was such that the prosecutors' in our case pursued our convictions for felony murder with intensity—perhaps rightfully so. The result was that while one teenager died, four others were sent to prison with life sentences and a community was grief-stricken all the way around. I myself ended up with life without parole and a lifetime of regret.

I have come to realize that at the time, not only did I have a misguided value system but also I simply did not have a very sophisticated thought process or sense of responsibility. I distinctly remember the moment in which I learned I had taken a life, and the sinking realization that it was an action that I could not take back. Up until that moment, I had been under the impression that I could always make reparations for the bad things I was doing; yet this was an act of finality that has taken me a long time to come to grips with, and that I am still dealing with to this day.

The understanding that I have now did not happen overnight. It has taken a lifetime to internalize and process.

III. REASONS FOR REQUESTING A PARDON/COMMUTATION

Until 2014, I was living a life that ultimately became meaningless. At a young and impressionable age, I came into prison with no hope of ever *leaving*. It was quickly engrained into my mind by the people and environment around me that there was no other opportunity left to me, or meaning to life, beyond “making a name for myself” in prison. In the mid-90’s, with an intensely hostile CDC environment, I was sent to one of the most violent prisons in the state and left to sink or swim of my own accord. Fearing for my own survival, I adopted the so-called “convict code” of violence, criminal mentality, and belligerence. I climbed my way close to the top of the prison pecking order and saw no point in changing, because I foresaw no better outcome. Though I had come to the realization that I was living a meaningless existence, I saw no alternative, which offered any value. I only knew one possible version of prison reality.

It had become clear to me that even though I had thought along the way that I was doing things for the right reasons—or at least reasons that made sense *at the time*—that ultimately I was living a duplicitous life. At the time when I really began to question how my life had ended up where it was, and how it was impacting everyone else in my life past or present, I was dealing with a near constant state of internal conflict. My peers were looking to me as a leader, but I only felt like a fraud. My family in the free world looked to me as a good person struggling with tough circumstances, yet they did not know about my involvement with the criminal underworld inside prison. It became apparent that I could not continue along this path without committing actions that would somehow lead to someone being harmed. I had created a ‘Gordian Knot’, and all that was left were the tough decisions.

I then took notice of the growing rehabilitation movement. I watched as opinions began to change, and policy and legislation began to get passed. I had conversations with friends and

IV. REASONS WHY PARDON/COMMUTATION SHOULD BE GRANTED

a. Introduction

I am no longer the person who killed Jimmy Farris and stabbed Michael McLoren. I am no longer the person I was when I came to prison twenty-three years ago. I am no longer the person I was during the hopeless period of my incarceration, when there seemed to be no alternative for a better future.

Today, I am a conscientious man. I have a moral compass, which led me to embrace principles, which guide me to not only behave in a moral way, but also to constantly consider how I am contributing to my community. I have chosen to pick up the burden of living the self-examined life, while recognizing that I have an obligation to my fellow man and myself to consistently live as an example of my best self.

Looking back at my history, and comparing it to the changes I have made towards my rehabilitation, one may argue that I have not done enough to merit consideration for parole. Indeed, this may be true. I am merely asking that I be afforded the opportunity at some point. I believe that the following narrative will allow you to see that I have made significant strides to show, at least, that there is something good and human, thus something redeemable, within me.

b. The Road to Redemption

i. Corcoran SHU

In January of 2014, I received a visit, which served as the catalyst for my change. During this conversation, a friend told me that whether I realized it or not—through decisions of my own or decisions I allowed other people to make for me—I had put myself, *literally*, into a box.

loved ones who told me what was happening, and how I was ruining my life, and I finally realized that I was simply *wrong*. There was another version of prison reality, and it was the reality of rehabilitating myself, improving myself, and trying to make right the wrongs I had committed.

I have been on the road to this moment in my life for nearly twenty-three painful years in prison. The last four of these have been some of the most intensely difficult, as they were devoted to things I was very unfamiliar with. I needed to come to grips with completely destroying my criminal persona, which had been a part of me for over twenty years. I had to learn not just to challenge my thinking, but *how* to challenge it. I had to learn a new paradigm for morality, value, and socially acceptable behavior. I had to learn to recognize how and why the way I reacted to things in life were entirely and completely inappropriate, detrimental, and morally unacceptable.

Additionally, in over two decades of incarceration, I have never seen a climate as favorable to rehabilitation as there is today. To be fully transparent, this is a platform to show rehabilitation, and I would be remiss to neglect it.

And if I ever wanted to live a different life, I was going to have to make some real difficult decisions. As I have mentioned earlier, I had come to accept the fact that I was living a meaningless existence.

The conversation gave me serious pause. While I was already having doubts about my lifestyle, this discussion caused me to begin questioning my belief system in earnest. At the time, I was deeply entrenched in the prison gang culture; but over the next few months, I decided to begin making real changes in my life. This led me to finally walk away from the prison gang life and the persona I had created to live within it.¹

During this transition, I was participating in **correspondence courses**, and I began to learn about things like scripting and other cognitive awareness tools.² These courses were showing me that I had not only been programmed, or "scripted," to behave certain ways, but that these scripts could be changed. This could lead to different outcomes in a person's life, if a person chose to do so.

The next pivotal insight I had occurred while taking the **Addictive & Criminal Thinking** course while at Corcoran State Prison's SHU during my debriefing.³ This course is what taught me about "thinking distortions" and "thought maps," and how they are created. These thought maps are a person's thinking strategies and patterns for solving problems or obstacles in life. In criminals, these thought maps are filled with an excessive amount of thinking distortions—faulty or incorrect ways of thinking that become engrained as patterns. Further, this course helped me to gain insight into how my own thought map was created from my youth, prior to

¹ Exhibit A. Non-active/Validation chrono

² Exhibit B. ACCI completion certificates

³ Exhibit C. Addictive & Criminal Thinking completion chrono

any actual criminal history at all. This was the point when I started to realize that childhood factors in my upbringing had been internalized in a way which caused me to develop thinking distortions. For example, I used to equate being wrong about something with being unacceptable as a person. The distorted reasoning was that if I was wrong about something, I was not good; if I was not good, I was bad. If I was bad, I was unacceptable. This realization made me realize that if I was wrong about something, I was simply *mistaken*. It had no bearing on my worth as a human being. This insight really allowed me to begin on my path to internal healing and, in essence, a rebirth.

I next took a class at Corcoran called **Coping Skills**⁴. This class was essentially group therapy, where the group discussed healthy ways of adapting to our environment as opposed to the ways we adapted when we were criminally active. I discovered a lot of other people were struggling with the same issues I was struggling with—things like how to deal with frustration in a healthy way, establishing a new identity for myself, and forming a new social circle. This group helped to emphasize to me the need to have a stable support group inside prison as well as outside.

This was also when I first **enrolled in college**, and began to further my education. My goal was to get Associate Degrees in both Business and Social and Behavioral Sciences. These college classes are something I am still involved in today, and upon completion of the current semester at the time of writing this, I will be one class away from completing these degrees as well as an additional one in American Studies.⁵

⁴ Exhibit D. Coping Skills completion chrono

⁵ Exhibit E. Coastline Community College records

ii. Transitional Housing Unit—KVSP Facility 'D'

I was transferred to the Transitional Housing Unit at Kern Valley State Prison, Facility 'D', in November of 2015. I was given a job as a teacher's assistant helping fellow inmates prepare for their GEDs. I created a curriculum to teach algebra, the subject on the GED test which most people struggle with in prison.

In March of 2016, I was selected by the facility captain, K. Hixon, to participate in a rehabilitative program-planning meeting with headquarters staff assigned to the SHU Step Down Program Team. For this, I received a laudatory chrono from Captain Hixon thanking me for my contributions towards establishing an effective program.⁶

During this time I was also placed in **Narcotics Anonymous**, a twelve-step program aimed at helping people overcome with addiction to controlled substances. I was in the program for only a few months due to my short stay in the THU program, but it was a rewarding experience in that I was introduced to the twelve-step model and able to internalize how to apply them to my life.⁷

However, the program I participated in THU that had the most impact on me was called **Self-Reconstructive Therapy**, designed and taught by Dr. Dan Eppler.⁸ This program examines how habits are formed through neurological pathways, and how to recondition them through intention and repetition. This course differed from traditional cognitive behavioral therapy in that it includes a moral element in its philosophy, focusing on the need for such things as altruism and right conduct. This group coincided with my personal studies into neuro-

⁶ Exhibit F. Step Down laudatory/captain's chrono

⁷ Exhibit G. Narcotics Anonymous chrono

⁸ Exhibit H. SRT completion chrono

associative conditioning, which leans heavily into the idea that we have the ability to rechart our trajectories by changing our habits.

I was also able to complete the course work for **Anger Management** before leaving. This was another course conducted in a group setting that consisted of participants reading from a workbook and then discussing what they got from the material. The biggest take away for me was being able to identify my own triggers and developing a relapse prevention plan for dealing with these triggers.⁹

iii. KVSP Facility 'C'

Upon completing the THU process,¹⁰ I was moved from KVSP Facility 'D' to Facility 'C'. I was fortunate enough to get involved with not only the rehabilitative groups that the facility offered, but also some of the efforts being put forth by the inmate population to contribute back to the outside community.

My first introduction to these efforts was as a facilitator for *Pioneer Peace Day*, a fundraiser held by the facility newspaper for CASA of Tulare County, a child-advocacy group in one of the poorest counties in California. My role as facilitator was to man the "Peace Wrap," a symbolic exercise in dedication to prayers for peace. The full account of this can be found in the attached exhibit.¹¹

During the Fall semester of 2015, I managed to make the **Dean's List** at Coastline Community College for the first time. The requirements for making the list are maintaining a GPA of 3.5 while taking 12 units or more. I managed to do this while taking 15 units, with the

⁹ Exhibit I. Anger Management completion chrono

¹⁰ Exhibit J. THU completion chrono

¹¹ Exhibit K. Peace Day article/captain's chrono

letter stating that I was one of only 274 individuals out of a body of 15,000 to achieve this honor.¹²

Throughout the time of my incarceration, one of the productive activities that I often turned to as catharsis was artwork. I began to draw to impress a girl who was visiting me in 1998, and wanted to make her smile. In time, I began to ask myself, "How good can I get?" And so I stuck with it, and practiced it, and became good at it. I have since been commissioned for work on the streets, have had work sent all around the world, and art continues to be a large part of my life. Because I became known as a good artist, I was placed into multiple **Arts In Corrections program**, and have been asked by facility staff to do various personal art projects such as murals for photo sales. I have enclosed a few chronos that I have received for Arts in Corrections, as well as a few **examples of my more accomplished artwork**.¹³

iv. Executive Secretary, IAC

In February of 2017, I was elected by the inmate population to serve as the **Executive Secretary of the Facility 'C' Inmate Advisory Council (or IAC)**.¹⁴ The IAC serves as a liaison between the inmate population and the facility staff, and my duties were officially to take minutes of meetings, distribute paperwork and notices, and disseminate information on matters of importance. *Unofficially*, I serve as an all-around program facilitator.

On Facility 'C', we have an extensive and unique emerging rehabilitative model, one that is constantly evolving and shifting because of the dynamics of the people involved and the climate of the times. At any given time, we are **managing twenty groups or courses** within our

¹² Exhibit L. Dean's List letter (Coastline Community College)

¹³ Exhibit M. Artwork

¹⁴ Exhibit N. Minutes of IAC Election (Executive Secretary)

facility, which fall under the heading of rehabilitation in some way or another.¹⁵ I work with a team of individuals with diverse strengths that are uniquely suited to meet these needs. We manage the various tasks involved with these groups from conceptualization to the administrative processes needed.

My role often takes the form of a troubleshooter for inmate grievances. It is taken as a matter of course that I am going to be able to function in a hostile atmosphere with frustrated inmates, and that I will be able to communicate effectively in order to quell the situation, without putting a target on my or any other back. For example, on any given day, I handle a variety and wide range of concerns from the inmate population, or the staff if I am tasked to either convey information or find a resolution to an issue.

Because of my new position, I was now assigned to an office in the facility chapel. I was afforded the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with inmates who were working on some of the more innovative and impressive projects on the yard. One of the first projects that I was able to take active part in was the **creation of the Reflective Writers Guild program**¹⁶ for inmates on C-Status, or disciplinary status. This twelve-week program gave C-Status inmates assigned writing prompts, and required research, conversation, and insight on a variety of virtues and concepts. It culminates in a written essay for the facility captain and facility chaplain, as well as enrollment in a critical thinking/life skills course. While the carrot is that it gives these troublesome inmates an opportunity to get off of C-Status early, the idea behind it is to intrigue them into becoming interested in the programs that are available. It is something of an 'escape

¹⁵ Exhibit O. Inmate Activity Group Fact Sheet

¹⁶ Exhibit P. Reflective Writers Guild proposal/packet

hatch' from their bad habits, which ultimately invites them to take part of rehabilitative efforts on the yard.

Part of the inspiration for the program above was a class called **Life 101**¹⁷, taught by the facility 'C' chaplain Ron Krantz. Life 101 is a critical thinking and life skills class that identifies objective morality, and the importance of acknowledging human dignity. It delves into such topics as honoring one another's potential (or *teleos*), and the merits of citizenship, community, and collegiality. The course material is advanced and participants are required to question what they know and how they know it on a multitude of levels, and ultimately whom they are and how they came to be that way. It is essentially the intellectual man's guide to confronting the question of whether God exists, and the how then shall we live.

I was also selected to participate in the first **Toastmasters Club** ever held on Facility 'C'. I had the good fortune of being elected to the position of Executive Treasurer, responsible for managing the funds of the entire group. Toastmasters Club is an internationally known organization with a motto of "friends helping friends succeed." This group has been instrumental in helping me get a good grasp on the skills of public speaking.¹⁸

During this same time, I was also participating in correspondence courses through the **Partnership for Re-entry Program (or PREP) called "Turning Point—Part 1."**¹⁹ This is an extensive course broken into modules that require inmates to answer questions dealing with a range of topics such as personal inventories and victim empathy. It took me several months to complete this correspondence course. The biggest takeaway I received from this course was

¹⁷ Exhibit Q. Life 101 completion chrono

¹⁸ Exhibit R. Toastmasters Club material

¹⁹ Exhibit S. PREP completion chronos/certificates

that it forced me to really confront and answer the questions on much more than a superficial level, and I got a much better understanding of myself than I would have if I had not done the coursework.

In March of 2017, I received a certificate of achievement for the InsideOUT Writers program.²⁰ I had first begun participating in this program while in the THU, and was placed into the Facility 'C' program once I had completed the THU process. This is a program where inmates share written works based on writing prompts assigned by volunteer facilitators. This class was instrumental in finding the ability to share vulnerability in a group, and articulate myself in a way that was different from the sterile prison environment I had become accustomed to. A big reward for doing so was that I found that many of my classmates dealt with some of the same struggles that I did, and though I had connected with fellow inmates in other classes, this was the first class that built strong bridges in a very short amount of time.

Throughout much of the second half of 2016 and the beginning of 2017, the yard embarked on a massive campaign to try and attract the Defy Ventures to the facility. One of the final stages of this campaign was a large group photo of the inmate population, with a massive banner reading "WE WANT DEFY." I was asked to help design and draw this banner with a group of my coworkers and my brother, and the campaign was ultimately successful. Defy Ventures arrived on the facility in spring of 2017, and I was one of the people tasked with helping facilitate its commencement. I was also lucky enough to be a part of the first class, which started with 70 participants.

²⁰ Exhibit T. InsideOUT Writers certificate

Defy Ventures is a select fellowship program geared towards grooming people with criminal histories for management and leadership roles. Participants are educated in a variety of subjects from character development to social etiquette, from business ideation to market research. Incarcerated participants actually sit down with venture capitalists and other businessmen and women to discuss business concepts and receive feedback, and the program culminates with a Shark Tank-style 'Rocket Pitch' competition. Contestants compete to receive start-up capital upon their release, and I am proud to say that I won first place in the competition out of a class of the 46 participants who completed the program.²¹ Beyond winning the competition, one of the biggest takeaways from Defy Ventures was the connection that I felt with my class members and with the outside volunteers at the end of the program. It was a transformative process.

My most recent accomplishment was **completing the Avatar BPH Preparation** course offered by the Anti-Recidivism Coalition's Hope & Redemption team. This group of ex-lifers visits prisons to share their insight and knowledge into what it takes to authentically and successfully change your mindset, and ultimately your life, for the better so that you can contribute back into the community in a successful way, and construct a sustainable future. The group that I attended specifically focused on Board of Parole hearings. During the graduation ceremony, I was asked to speak on what the class meant to me, and I have enclosed a copy of that speech for your review so that you can understand the full value of this course.

²¹ Exhibit U. Defy Ventures completion certificates/chronos

c. Looking Forward

At the time of writing this, there are several projects that are currently underway that I have dedicated considerable time and energy towards. These projects, which are fully inmate-generated and driven, could potentially have a tremendous and measurable effect on the way rehabilitation is approached in the California correctional system.

The first phase of these efforts has taken the form of what we term a **Progressive Program Unit proposal**.²² This program reinforces positively programming inmates while incentivizing those who have not yet committed to personal growth. Furthermore, this acts as a first step towards implementing a bigger program that we have termed the **Cyprus Ambassadors program**.²³

The concept behind the Cyprus Ambassadors program is to change the way CDCR approaches rehabilitation and make it more effective, while having inmates drive these efforts through peer mentoring, effective communication, and inmate-staff cooperation. While the concept of the program is fully inmate-generated and driven, in order for it to be successful, it will require the assistance of administrative staff as well as outside resources that have already made a commitment.

Due to the unique makeup of the team of inmates who work together here at Facility 'C', we have realized that we have something other prisons do not: the inmates here know how to draft proposals, facilitate groups, run fundraisers, create curriculums, and teach other inmates in an effective manner. This is differentiated from someone being simply titled a 'facilitator' in a group; these are intentional, motivated actions towards improving the standard

²² Exhibit V. Progressive Programming Unit proposal

²³ Exhibit W. Project Cyprus outline

for inmates, their quality of life, working environment for staff, and ultimately a better future for all parties—including society, because our end goal is lowering recidivism rates.^{24 25}

²⁴ Exhibit X. Kern Valley 180 Podcast material

²⁵ Exhibit Y. Fourth Dimension Project material

V. CONCLUSION

To reiterate my introduction, this petition is not an attempt to minimize the pain that I have caused through my actions, nor to suggest that any amount of time served in prison equates to the life of Jimmy Farris or the trauma to Michael McLoren.

This petition is my illustration of the man that I have become, and how I hope to impact people in the future through a life dedicated to making amends for the wrongs I have committed.

I am not requesting release from prison; I am only requesting the opportunity to appear before the parole board and weigh myself against their rigorous test for suitability for reentry into society. If given the opportunity to do so, I will rise to the occasion.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Holland
February 2018

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Gerald Holton

In 1995, Gerald Holton hit Jerry Gilchrist in the head with a pipe during a robbery. Mr. Gilchrist later died as a result of his injuries. On July 9, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Holton to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus six years for firearm and prior felony enhancements.

In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Holton explained that he had a serious, long-term drug addiction before he came to prison, and that he committed this crime to get more money for drugs. He reported that he is now sober and hopes for the opportunity to earn his release on parole and show that he is a different man than he was at the time of the crime. Mr. Holton is now 61 years old and has been in prison for 23 years. He has only been disciplined twice for misconduct during over two decades of incarceration, and has never been involved with drugs, gangs, or violence in prison. He participated in self-help groups, including Criminal Thinking and Relationships, as well as several Biblical programs. Mr. Holton has maintained a positive work record and participated in several events for charity. In the event of his release, he plans to live with family, support himself with a clerical job, and help raise his grandsons.

Additionally, Mr. Holton's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Holton.

Mr. Holton spent many years mired in drug abuse and criminal activity before coming to prison. Since then, he has shown a genuine commitment to turning his life around and dedicating himself to his rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Holton's sentence so the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Gerald Holton to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Gerald Wayne Holton Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 57 Social Security Number: 559-08-2658

Address: 616-1614 P.O. BOX 4000, Solano State Prison, Vacaville, Ca.

1. Conviction Summary:

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List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
HS, 11350(A) Poss Cocaine	7-1-87	Los Angeles	1yr 4months
HS, 11350(A) Poss Cocaine	6-21-90	Los Angeles	2 years
PC, 459 2 nd deg Burglary	2-13-92	Los Angeles	2 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was on drugs at the time I robbed and attacked my victim. My victim died after surgery. I was found guilty 14 months later and sentenced to Life without the Possibility of Parole +6 years. I was heavy on drugs for a couple of weeks.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation after 22 years inside. I have been a Model Inmate and have not been in trouble for 14 years. I have accomplished a GED and am doing a Mail-in Christian Program called Crossroads.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have paid my debt to Society and have a job waiting for me with family in Portland, Oregon. My brother owns a State Farm Insurance Company and I have Clerk Skills.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Not Applicable

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Gerald W. Holton declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Gerald W. Holton
Applicant's Signature

November 29, 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Gerald W. Holton,
was convicted of the crime of 187 Murder, 211 Robbery,
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of May 21, 1995.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon.
- Commutation of sentence. *Inmate Number:* D-34639

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Gerald Holton

Applicant's Signature

November 29, 2017

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Wreiff AD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Gerald Holton

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Wreiff

Date 12/12/2017

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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Prior Convictions, Application for Exec. Clemency

Gerald Wayne Holton D-34639

PC 459 2nd deg Burglary with Enhancement

667.5(B) Enhancement 2-13-92 Los Angeles 1 year

DID COUNTY (HS 11360(A) sale of Marijuana 6-25-85 Los Angeles)

Time on → (HS 11360(A) sale of Marijuana 12-21-84 Los Angeles)

1st offense → Violation of Probation 7-15-86 Los Angeles 2 yrs

in Prison

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Daniel Hopper

In 1999, 17-year-old Daniel Hopper was with several fellow gang members when they were approached by James Guadagno, a member of a rival gang. Mr. Hopper pulled out a gun and shot Mr. Guadagno, killing him. On September 29, 2000, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hopper to 25 years to life for murder plus an additional 25 years to life firearm enhancement – a total term of 50 years to life in prison.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Hopper discussed the significant changes he has made in his life since committing this crime. He wrote, "I am fully persuaded that a profound and fundamental work has taken place in my heart and soul, the kind of work necessary for me to be a good citizen, community member, and contributing servant-leader to the state of California. I am pleading for that opportunity, namely to demonstrate my value in society."

The warden of California State Prison – Solano recommended Mr. Hopper for a commutation of sentence. Mr. Hopper is now 37 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 20 years. He has only been disciplined once and has never been involved with gangs, violence, or drugs. Mr. Hopper earned his GED, completed several vocational certifications, and routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors. He has participated in many self-help classes including Criminal Thinking, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Anger Management.

In addition to the warden, Mr. Hopper has been commended by many members of the correctional staff who have witnessed his profound transformation. One officer who has known Mr. Hopper for 16 years supported his commutation and wrote, "He will be a powerful asset and resource in any community. He demonstrates the characteristics of a caring, supportive, patient, committed, and intelligent man." Another officer praised Mr. Hopper's "exemplary change" and wrote, "I look forward to seeing Mr. Hopper as a free man and continuing to work with him in educating law enforcement...about gangs, violence, prevention, intervention, and creating a safer California." Mr. Hopper helped establish the Youthful Offender Program at Solano in 2015, and worked as a lead mentor for the program. In 2017, a correctional counselor praised the work he has done for the program and said, "Inmate Hopper has shown a true commitment to furthering his pro-social and Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor certification skills by helping others change their lives....Through these functions he has demonstrated the asset he is to CSP-Solano's rehabilitative mission."

I acknowledge that Mr. Hopper's senseless actions have had lasting consequences for Mr. Guadagno's family members, who continue to feel pain and loss these many years later. However, I cannot overlook the extraordinary transformation that Mr. Hopper has made in prison. I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Daniel Hopper to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Daniel Arturo Hopper Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 81 Inmate ID: P-93616

Address: PO BOX 4000, Vacaville, CA 95696 Facility: C.S.P Solano

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Assault with a deadly weapon	7-7-95	San Diego	281 days
Aggravated battery (two counts) (Enhancement) Great Bodily Injury			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On April 20, 1999 I made the horrible decision to shoot and murder James Guardagno, a 16 year-old youth, in an instance of retaliation against the rival gang, Clarence Street Locos. Earlier that evening, they had entered Nestor gang territory, vandalizing the area, and chasing out some fellow members of the Chicos clique. I believed I was

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have been inspired by some of the men who have had their sentences commuted. Also, the opportunity the Governor is providing inmates. Finally, many men and women (inmates, staff, friends, and family) have encouraged me to do so, believing my life in prison has been exceptional.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I am fully persuaded that a profound and fundamental work has taken place in my heart and soul, the kind of work necessary for me to be a good citizen, community member, and contributing servant-leader to the state of California. I am pleading

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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I, Daniel Arturo Hopper, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of San Diego with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Daniel Hopper
Applicant's Signature

3-2-18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Diego County: Please take notice that I, Daniel Arturo Hopper,

was convicted of the crime of First Degree Murder,

committed in San Diego County, California, on the date of April 20, 1999.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.


Applicant's Signature

3-2-18
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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being challenged by Clarence and that my own gang expected retaliation. I was angry, felt humiliated, was motivated by deepseated insecurities, and wanting to prove my courage, loyalty, and reasons for higher status. Hiding behind a gang and a .32 caliber pistol, I cowardly squeezed the trigger, ending the young life of James and introducing unspeakable pain, loss, grief, mental anguish, fear, sense of helplessness, and a host of other tormenting evils into the life of the Guadagno family.

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for that opportunity, namely to demonstrate my value in society.

(Allow me to elaborate on some of the most recent ways I have served and positively impacted both prison culture and our local communities outside of prison.)

I believe I have contributed substantially to the progress of CDCR's rehabilitative and educative efforts. I have worked alongside of Lt. Ojo, Public Information Officer (Solano) and I.G.I/I.S.U officer Medina in educating various community colleges on criminality and some of the enhanced forms of intervention conducted by mentors at the Long-Term Offender Program (L.T.O.P). I was instrumental in the statewide development of CDCR's Youthful Offender Program (Y.O.P),

under the supervision and leadership of Ms. Chu, CCIII (C.S.P-Solano), and Capt. Mike Masters (CDCR headquarters) - our Y.O.P curriculum and basic format became a guiding framework for other institutions. I served as a major consultant for the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), working with Mr. Joe Orlando, CDCR Public Information Officer, on producing an orientation video for youth offenders soon to arrive to CDCR.

On a larger scale, I have had multiple opportunities to advance the clear message of human change with the L.A Times interview (Sunday, April 23, 2017 with Jazmine Ulloa), Capitol Public Radio (KXJZ 90.9 FM with Sally), KTVU Channel 2 (San Francisco with Claudine Wong), and Univision, Sacramento (19.2 with Jose Ramos). The first two were opportunities made available by Ms. Krissy Khokhobashvili, Public Information Officer (headquarters), as ways to convey the power of rehabilitation and the major role recently passed California legislation (SB 260, SB 261, Proposition 57, and the like) has had in encouraging inmates addressing their antisocial characteristics to continue.

In more recent times (approximately one year in the making), I was part of a think tank which conceived, initiated, and facilitated the development of an early intervention at-risk youth program. I serve alongside of Pastor Phil

Lockwood, local minister at Living Hope Church (Dixon), Ms. Chu, CCIII (C.S.P. Solano), Lt. Ojo, Public Information Officer (Solano), Dr. Youseff Elmanawy, Clinical Director (Substance Abuse Program, Solano), and other community leaders in developing A.L.P.H.A Project (A Life of Purpose Hope and Achievement), a unique, early intervention, community focused, outreach program that works with at-risk youth in the Dixon school district. I am one of eight inmate CATC certified mentors. I combine evidence-based approaches with my life story as a way to help these youth understand the meaning of choices and the significance of consequences. We have seen that this facilitates a more responsible approach to how they live life and approach change.

Again, while these are some of the more recent engagements I have undertaken (all the above in the last three years), in partnership with CDCR administrators and community leaders, they are only a small fraction and expression of approximately eighteen years of my efforts to impact as many as possible with the message of fundamental human change, and how it can powerfully influence our society as a whole. The broader narrative that fuels my endeavors (secular and faith-based), and gives meaningful direction to my life, is the Gospel of Jesus Christ ~ the relationship which secured my life time of service.

SCOTT B OLIFANT
Attorney at Law

Member of the California
and Nevada Bars

November 24, 2015

Via Certified Mail No. 7014 3490 0001 5196 1610

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of the State of California
Governor's Office
State Capitol
Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: Application for Executive Clemency of Johanna
Ceniceros (a.k.a. Johanna Hudnall) Inmate No. 79576,
Florence McClure Women's Correctional Facility, Las
Vegas, Nevada

Dear Governor Brown:

Please find the enclosed Application for Executive Clemency. It follows a long and frustrating process through the judicial system that was unsympathetic to the procedural hurdles created by incarceration in Nevada pursuant to the interstate compact.

Specifically, Ms. Ceniceros, (a.k.a. Johanna Hudnall) sought relief pursuant to California Penal Code §1170. The procedural difficulty that arose is that the statute only affords standing to the California Department of Corrections (CDC), and in practice requires a recommendation from the case worker of the facility where an inmate is incarcerated. Ms. Ceniceros sought this recommendation based on her inmate record, but was unable to obtain it because of the Nevada law which prohibits any prison employee from making any recommendation regarding an inmate's parole application or status. Ms. Ceniceros is presently incarcerated at the Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center in Las Vegas, Nevada because she had been raped during her prior prison sentence.

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Based on the forgoing impasse, I prepared a petition for Mr. Jeffrey Beard, Secretary of the Department of Corrections. I had hoped he would address the problem procedurally if not substantively. He never responded directly. I followed up with the CDOC's legal department. Ultimately, they stated in an e-mail that I should pursue Ms. Cenicerros' relief in Court. I did.

The Superior Court dismissed the motion without addressing the specifics of the standing issues, or the claim of delegation of duties based on the e-mail from CDOC's lawyer. The Court simply denied the motion on lack of standing grounds. The Court of Appeal found the denial was not an appealable order. The California Supreme Court refused to grant review.

Substantively, Ms. Cenicerros has demonstrated substantial rehabilitation. While imprisoned she has pursued and successfully completed every educational opportunity afforded her, assisted numerous other inmates in pursuing their educations, participated in inmate panels with the prison administration regarding relevant issues and even made charitable contributions to worthy organizations from her prison earnings.

Ms. Cenicerros' conduct relating to rehabilitation and fitness to rejoin society is set forth in the initial petition to the CDOC with related exhibits that is submitted here in CD format. Additionally, the unsuccessful motion for relief pursuant to Penal Code §1170, the Court's order and the Appellate Court's denial of review are on CD format as well.

The legal and equitable considerations support commutation as well. Presently a substantial number of inmates are being released who have done far more harmful acts to society such as murder after serving 15 years. Ms. Cenicerros' crimes, while admittedly substantial, have not caused any physical injury to anyone, her restitution of less than \$1,000.00 is fully repaid and cannot constitute the permanent financial ruin of anyone. Now, having served over 13 years in prison, the comparative severity of her crimes with those of persons being released for approximately the same amount of time served for far more serious crimes, is greatly disproportionate to the entire 36 years, 8 months she must serve for her crimes as sentenced. It is wholly inequitable to the taxpayers as well. They will pay over 1 million dollars to keep her imprisoned for another 19-20 years even if she is granted parole. She has a strong potential for being a contributing member of society rather than a burden. (Dr. Stone's psychiatric evaluation, exhibit 15 to the initial petition to the CDOC.)

In Conclusion, I believe Ms. Cenicerros is an appropriate candidate for commutation of her sentence. I am confident that upon thorough review, you

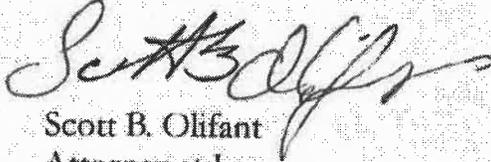
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will agree this is more than a *pro forma* petition, but a case where an imperfect person became the victim of an imperfect system (rape by a prison employce) and then descended into substance abuse from the trauma, reoffended, was sentenced to an extremely harsh sentence of 36 years, 8 months, and then has risen above the trauma and limitations of prison to educate herself, help others and prepare herself for a final opportunity to be a contributor to society rather than a burden.

With all other avenues of redress unavailable, I humbly request that you bestow this most generous act of kindness on Ms. Cenicerros, and grant her freedom via a commutation of sentence.

Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,



Scott B. Olifant
Attorney at Law

Enclosures and exhibits

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Johanna Hudnall

Between November 2001 and February 2002, Johanna Hudnall committed a series of burglaries, many against elderly victims. On May 23, 2003, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Hudnall to 36 years and 8 months for seven counts of burglary, a prior felony enhancement, a defenseless victim enhancement, forgery, and possession of a controlled substance.

Ms. Hudnall has now been incarcerated for nearly 17 years. In her interview with the Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Ms. Hudnall said that at the time she committed these crimes she was an addict. She further relayed that she has now been clean and sober for 15 years, thanks to the help of many people and programming that taught her how to identify her addiction and manage it. In her application for clemency, Ms. Hudnall stated that she takes steps every day to make the remainder of her life count.

Since coming to prison, Ms. Hudnall has been dedicated to turning her life around. She has only been disciplined for misconduct once. She completed paralegal training and a college degree. Ms. Hudnall has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Addiction Recovery Program, Restorative Justice, and Beyond Violence. She has served on the Stop Prisoner Rape board of advisors. The Nevada Department of Corrections, where Ms. Hudnall has served much of her sentence, reported that she completed "nearly every program offered" there during her incarceration. One instructor wrote, "Johanna is a team player. She accepts responsibility and tactfully deals with others by example." In 2009, a program associate wrote that Ms. Hudnall "has demonstrated a dedication to improve herself and her community that should not be ignored or overlooked. She found positive and constructive ways to contribute to society, even from behind bars, and has become a powerful voice in the struggle to end sexual violence in prisons." In 2007, the co-executive Director of Stop Prisoner Rape supported clemency for Ms. Hudnall and wrote that she "has played an integral role in [Stop Prisoner Rape's] advocacy work" and, if released, "would undoubtedly continue her hard work on behalf of others."

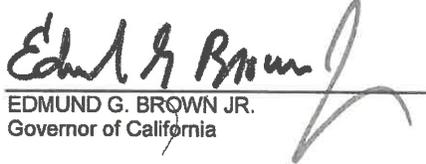
Additionally, Ms. Hudnall's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Ms. Hudnall.

Ms. Hudnall committed a series of crimes against vulnerable victims while she was struggling with addiction, but it is clear she has shown dedication to her rehabilitation and sobriety. I believe she has earned an opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Johanna Hudnall to make her eligible for immediate parole consideration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Johanna Cenicerros Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 65 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 4370 Smiley Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89115

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Burglary	1996	Sutter	4 years
(See Abstract of Judgment - Attached)			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(See Attachment)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

The Inmate has demonstrated evidence of rehabilitation. Moreover, principles of proportionality, equity and wise use of public funds all favor commutation of sentence over continued incarceration. (details are provided in the attachments / Exhibits)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

The inmate has already served 13+ years for crimes that are not factually violent, only statutorily classified as violent per Cal. Penal Code §667.5. The inmate has demonstrated rehabilitation, remorse, repaid full restitution and has job prospects and viable living arrangements. (see Attachments)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Not Applicable

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This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Joaquin County: Please take notice that I, Johanna Cenicerros

was convicted of the crime of First Degree Residential Burglary (7 counts)
and Forgery and Possession of a controlled
Substance. (1 count each)

committed in San Joaquin County, California, on the date of March 14, 2003

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Johanna Cenicerros (A.K.A. Johanna Hudnall)

Applicant's Signature

11/23/15

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____

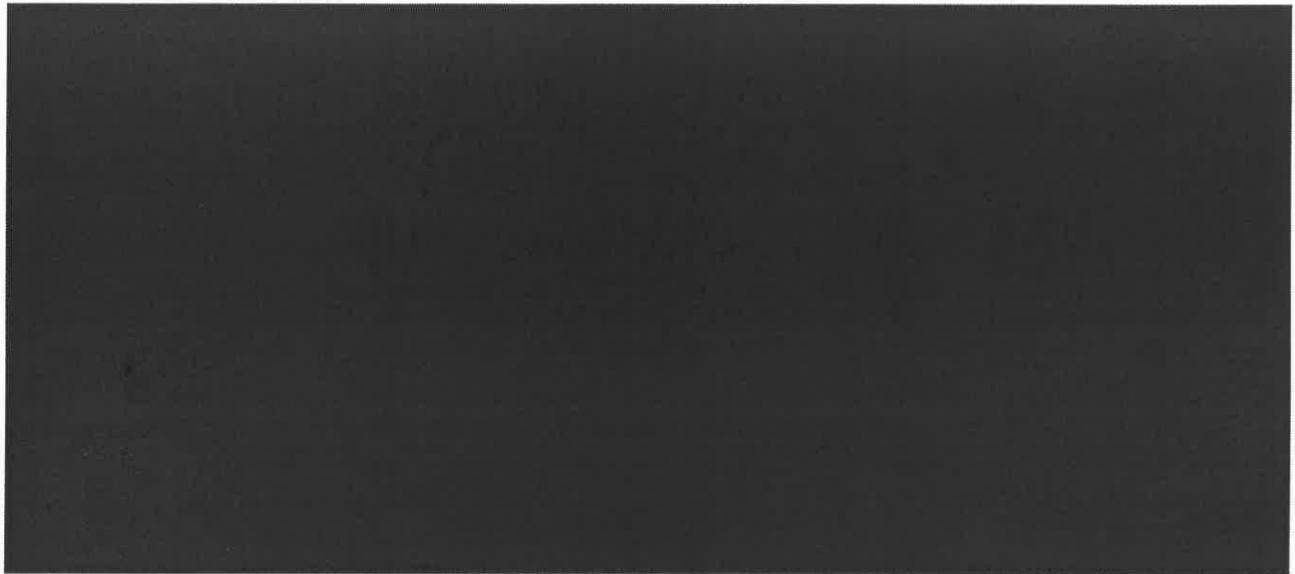
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capital, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Factual Summary of Crimes



Second Strike Convictions

Ms. Cenicerros was convicted of seven counts of first degree burglary on March 14, 2003. Ms. Cenicerros freely admits that she was suffering from a substantial substance abuse problem at the time. For this reason she has no real recollection of the burglaries. She is aware that, according to the police reports, she took a checkbook from one of the homes and sought to cash a check for \$400.00. She was also found in possession of a controlled substance when arrested. These facts account for the other non-burglary conviction at the time of the trial.

It is important to note in mitigation that while incarcerated on the first offense noted above, she was sexually assaulted (raped) by a prison employee. The State of California has admitted this occurred. It is referenced in the transmittal letter from the California Department of Corrections to the State of Nevada where she is currently serving her sentence. (Attached as an exhibit to this application for executive clemency) It is also important to note that Ms. Cenicerros has made full restitution as per the order of the Court.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Angel Isarraras

In 2008, 17-year-old Angel Isarraras and several fellow gang members confronted Deryon Williams and Kevin Carr about their gang status. Later, they returned with a gun and Mr. Isarraras and one of his crime partners opened fire, hitting Mr. Williams, who survived. On October 20, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Isarraras to seven years to life for each attempted murder, plus 45 years to life for two firearm enhancements – a total term of 59 years to life in prison.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Isarraras expressed sincere remorse for his participation in this crime, and explained that he has come to realize that he must make amends for the errors he made as a young man. He wrote, "The way I plan to accomplish that is by becoming a man of service to my community and doing volunteer work wherever I am needed."

During more than a decade of incarceration, Mr. Isarraras has made strides toward his goal of turning his life around and helping others. He earned his GED and is currently taking classes from Palo Verde Community College. He completed two vocational certifications and has been commended by his supervisors, including one who praised his leadership skills. Mr. Isarraras has participated in self-help programs including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Awareness, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Isarraras has also been active in a youth diversion program that counsels young people against getting involved with gangs and criminal activity. He reported, "[O]ne thing I have noticed about sharing my story is that, it not only raises awareness to teenagers about what's to come if they make poor choices like I did, but I also want to show society that with help change is possible." In 2018, a correctional counselor praised Mr. Isarraras's leadership in the program and wrote, "As a mentor he has realized the importance of public safety through rehabilitation and this has benefitted his own insight." Mr. Isarraras also has a strong plan in place in the event of his release; he will live in a transitional housing program then with his wife, who has offered to help support him as he returns to the community.

As a teenager, Mr. Isarraras committed a reckless crime. Since coming to prison, he has demonstrated a real commitment to his rehabilitation and now sets a positive example for those around him. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Isarraras has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Angel Isarraras to a total of 17 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Angel, Isarraras Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 790 Inmate ID: G-39507

Address: P.O. Box 2199 Blythe CA, 92226 Facility: I.S.P B#1-240

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Grand theft auto	5-10-05	Los Angeles	Probation
Acessory To Robbery	8-20-06	Los Angeles	3months camp

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see Attachment A

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see Attachment B

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see Attachment C

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

Attachment A

#2. Circumstances of the crime I am requesting a Commutation for.

On January 23, 2008, I attempted to murder Mr. Deryon Williams and Mr. Kevin Carr. ON the day of the crime my co-defendants Jorge Abeica, David Negrete and I arrived at a gas station. As I went to go pay for gas, I noticed Mr. Williams and Mr. Carr approach Negrete and I assumed that there was an issue between them. I did not know at the time that they were only asking Negrete for some change/quarters. I then hurried out of the gas station and confronted Mr. Williams and Mr. Carr. I exclaimed my gang affiliation and they responded with claims of association to a rival gang. At that moment I viewed their association as grounds to fight, so I approached them to do just that. At that point in time Mr. Williams stepped back grabbing at his waist as if he had a gun. I immediately froze in fear of the gun I thought he had. Mr. Williams and Mr. Carr then began walking away all the while Mr. Williams grabbing at his waist as if he had a gun. As soon as Mr. Williams and Mr. Carr left the gas station I was left feeling angry, disrespected and vengeful. At that moment I decided to go get a gun from my co-defendant Negrete's house. Once I had the gun, we went in search for Mr. Williams and Mr. Carr. When I saw Mr. Williams and Mr. Carr I told my co-defendant Abeica to stop the car. I then exited the vehicle and fired multiple shots in the direction of Mr. Williams and Mr. Carr, striking Mr. Williams in the buttocks area.

On January 23, 2008, I made the poor choice when I attempted to murder Mr. Deryon Williams and Mr. Kevin Carr not only because I felt disrespected and challenged, but also because at that time I was already angry, short tempered, impulsive and lacked the coping skills to deal with my bottled up feelings. So when I put myself in the situation of confronting Mr. Williams and Mr. Carr and I noticed that Mr. Williams reach for his waist as if he had a gun, that triggered me to no longer feel safe because it reminded me of the time I was shot at fifteen and seventeen years of age, which left me traumatized. I had already told myself that "If trouble comes my way not only am I going to shoot first, but I am going to shoot to kill." and that is exactly what I did to Mr. Deryon Williams and Mr. Kevin Carr.

In that moment I was careless, I was selfish. In that moment I did not think about the consequences and the repercussions were nowhere near my mind. The only thought that came to mind was the selfish gain I would receive from the gang.

Attachment B

Isarraras, Angel
G39507

#3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation?

I am humbly requesting a commutation because ten years after I attempted to murder Mr. Deryon Williams and Kevin Carr, I am truly sorry and I take full responsibility for my actions. I now understand that nothing gives me the right to hurt people the way I hurt Mr. Deryon Williams and Mr. Kevin Carr.

One thing I have learned about myself from that point in time is that not only was I emotionally broken because growing up seeing my father was more dedicated to his life of addiction than living his life with his family. That made me grow resentment towards him because I saw how my mother had to step up and be both Mom and Dad, which she did just fine. However, that wasn't enough for me because deep down inside I yearned for my father. So I began to look for that father figure elsewhere, and I found it in my older brother. Which he was a loving brother to me.

However, my brother was already deep into the gang life style, he was already coming in and out of jail, and addicted to drugs. So what he began to teach me was all the negative traits that would help me survive out in the world, rather than to live a normal life with my family.

So, what prison has taught me in the past ten years is that not only is it my responsibility to make amends for using my own personal struggle as an excuse to victimize everyone in my community, but I'm also committed to making things right with Mr. Deryon Williams and Mr. Kevin Carr because I now understand that they as well as their families did not deserve to get hurt the way I hurt them.

#4, Provide a brief statement why you should be granted a commutation.

Dear Governor Brown,

I acknowledge that the person I use to be is not deserving of any special treatment. However, what motivates me today to humbly come before you and ask for a second chance at life, is the fact that after my father passed away on January 3, 2017, not only did it change my life for good, but what helped me to mourn and finally find the peace to fill the void I have had my whole life is coming to the realization that I need to pay the debt I have with Mr. Deryon Williams and Mr. Kevin Carr, their family, my co-defendants and their families, my family and society as a whole. By honoring my father and being a good son to my mother. Being a good husband and step-father. Being a good rolemodel to my family. Lastly, being a respectable member of society.

The way I plan to accomplish that is by becoming a man of service to my community and doing volunteer work wherever I am needed.

If granted a commutation I will not only use this opportunity to continue to make amends to Mr. Deryon Williams and Mr. Kevin Carr, but I will also continue to do some of the work I am honored to do here at Ironwood prison. (Sharing my testimony with the local high school) because one thing I have noticed about sharing my story is that, it not only raises awareness to teenagers about what's to come if they make poor choices like I did, but I also want to show society that with help change is possible.

In conclusion, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to not only present my case, but also for allowing me the opportunity to humbly ask for a second chance at life.

Sincerely,



Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Fateem Jackson

In August 1998, Fateem Jackson and Temeria Garner approached Artashes Kazaryan with a gun and demanded his car. When Mr. Kazaryan refused, Mr. Jackson shot Mr. Kazaryan in the back of the head and arm. Mr. Jackson and Ms. Garner then stole Mr. Kazaryan's car. Mr. Kazaryan survived his injuries. On April 16, 1999, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jackson to 18 years for carjacking, 15 years for a prior felony enhancement, and 3 years for a great bodily injury enhancement – a total of 36 years.

Mr. Jackson is now 42 years old and has been incarcerated for over 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Jackson expressed his sincere remorse for the victim and victim's family. He wrote, "I constantly think about the harm I caused Mr. Kazaryan and his family; as well as my family whom I abandoned and disgraced...With a healthy sense of guilt and remorse, I intend to make amends by never forgetting what I've done, and honoring the survivors of my criminal acts through positive service."

During more than two decades in prison, Mr. Jackson has been dedicated to transforming his life. He is currently enrolled in college courses and has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Guiding Rage into Power (GRIP), Domestic Violence, and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. Mr. Jackson also completed training to become a certified domestic violence facilitator. A correctional lieutenant who has observed Mr. Jackson facilitate the GRIP program wrote, "Mr. Jackson's life-walk at San Quentin is indicative of someone who has undergone a value and character change...I express to you today that I observe Mr. Jackson, a mature, level-headed, goal-oriented adult, who has educated himself to assimilate back into society and he has developed into a role-model for other incarcerated men." The founder of the GRIP program wrote that Mr. Jackson "is one of my best facilitators and in my 21 years of service he ranks one of the very best students I have ever had." In the event of his release, Mr. Jackson plans to live in transitional housing, and he was offered employment as a facilitator for GRIP.

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and has worked hard to set a positive example for his peers. As a result, he has earned an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Fateem Jackson to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State


Fateen L. Jackson
J11772
CSP-San Quentin
San Quentin, CA 94974

Governor Edmund G. Brown
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Date: November 1, 2017

To: Governor Jerry Brown

Re: Clemency; Time Commutation; Fateen Jackson CDCR# J11772.
Supplemental document.

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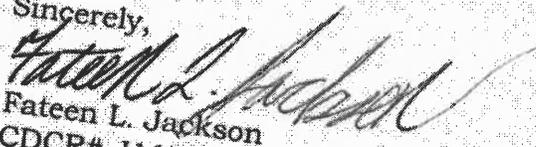
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

On September 4, 2017, I submitted an application for clemency to the Governor's office. In Attachment "1" of the application where it states to list all prior convictions, I demonstrated my adult record, however, I inadvertently omitted my juvenile record. I have no written copies of any of my juvenile adjudications. However, in good faith I would like to disclose the facts to the best of my recollection and knowledge.

Between the years 1991 and 1992, I received probation for two charges of Grand Theft Auto and was sent to a boys' camp for petty theft. I cannot fully recall the exact dates.

It is my sincere apology for not disclosing this bit of information in my initial application packet. I hope that this informal letter can be included with my official application, and collectively be given consideration. Thank you.

Under the penalty of perjury I declare that the forgoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

Fateen L. Jackson
CDCR# J11772

Cc: The Honorable Jackie Lacey
District Attorney
211 W. Temple St., Suite 1200
Los Angeles, CA 90012



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Fateen L. Jackson Date of Birth: [redacted] 76 Inmate ID: J-11772
Address: San Quentin State Prison/San Quentin, Ca. 94974 Facility: North Block 3W7 Upper

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.
Offense(s) Date of offense(s) County of conviction(s) Sentence(s)

Please see additional pages marked as attachment "1" (1 of 1)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see additional pages marked as attachment "2" (1 of 1)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see additional pages marked as attachment "3" (1 of 1)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see additional pages marked as attachment "4" (2 of 2)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

This application is submitted in pro-per

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Fateen Lateef Jackson, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Fateen L. Jackson
Applicant's Signature

September 4, 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Fateen L. Jackson,
was convicted of the crime of Penal Code § 215 Carjacking; § 12022.7 GBI, 12022.5 Use of
Firearm
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of August 11, 1998

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Fateen L. Jackson
Applicant's Signature

September 4, 2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Woelf HD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Fateen Jackson

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara woelf

Date 9/14/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

ATTACHMENT "1"
CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

Adult record

Committed at age 21

Controlling Offense:
carjacking, great bodily
injury, use of firearm
case no. Ba175386

Date:
8-11-1998

County:
Los Angeles

Sentence:
36 years
(enhanced by
prior robbery
conviction as a
2nd Striker)

Prior Criminal Record

Committed at age 21

Possession of Firearm
Case No. TA051712

8-20-1998

Los Angeles

32 Months
(ran concurrently
with controlling
offense)

Committed at age 16

2nd Degree Robbery
Case No. NA017113

8-13-1993

Los Angeles

5 Years
(housed in then
California Youth
Authority)

Note: See Appendix "A"

Part 2

I was two weeks shy of my 22nd birthday on August 11, 1998. Shamefully, I and my eighteen year old accomplice, Tarina Garner, attempted to rob Mr. Artashes Kazaryan at gunpoint. I held the illegal firearm to Mr. Kazaryan and forcefully demanded his possessions. He rightfully refused, which sent me into a rage. Fueled by my PCP intoxication, I impulsively shot Mr. Kazaryan two times. In a vicious and cowardly way, I removed him from his vehicle and cruelly left him lying in the street barely holding on to life as I stole his vehicle.

I was apprehended and arrested on August 20, 1998. Originally, I was only charged with possession of an illegal firearm (the same illegal firearm used to severely injure Mr. Kazaryan). Then on December 3, 1998, while still in custody, I was charged with attempted murder, carjacking and the use of a firearm.

I plead guilty in a plea agreement and was convicted of carjacking, great bodily injury, and use of a firearm. I was sentenced to an aggregate prison term of thirty-six (36) years. Currently, I've been incarcerated for nineteen (19) years. See Appendix "A" p. 2 - 3 of 5

I truly thank you Honorable Governor Brown for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Fateen L. Jackson
CDCR# J11772

Note: The 36 year sentence was enhanced because of a prior felony. I was sentenced as a second striker.

Part 3

For a prolonged period in my life I was lost in a mind-state and belief system that distortedly affected my judgment. I was damaged for a long time by developmental trauma from my early years. I became troubled because I didn't have the tools to cope with my emotional and mental hardships. Therefore, I suppressed it. However, it came out at times, impulsively and violently.

To be clear, these factors are not excusable reasons to justify my violence. I made a choice and I hold myself accountable for that. However, I now have a full understanding where my past impulsivity and tendency for violence come from. With this self-understanding I became remorseful for the harm I caused Mr. Kazaryan and vowed to refrain from acting out violently even again. Nobody deserves to be hurt because I was unable to deal with my own pain.

I learned from several peer/prisoner group programs on how to cope with my mental and emotional struggles with self-love, empathy, and compassion. I constantly think about the harm I caused Mr. Kazaryan and his family; as well as my family whom I abandoned and disgraced. I aim to make amends and redeem my wrongs.

I believe that I could be an asset in society as an ambassador for healing and peace. Sharing my experience with people at risk could possibly deter them from going down the same road I took. I now understand how important public safety is and that many communities continue to suffer from senseless violence by emotionally illiterate people.

With a healthy sense of guilt and remorse, I intend to make amends by never forgetting what I've done, and honoring the survivors of my criminal acts through positive service. Furthermore, CDCR has determined that I am a low risk to recidivate in my risk assessment (see Appendix "B").

Humbly, I'm not in the position to say that I deserve clemency or a time commutation. I only hope to receive one through the basis of my authentic change.

I truly thank you Honorable Governor Brown for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Fateen L. Jackson
CDCR# J11772

Attachment 4

Part 4

Shamefully, early in my incarceration I continued to misbehave from old belief systems that kept me in arrested development. My past gang and criminal conduct were the results of that old selfish belief system that disregarded others. Gratefully, I no longer hold those destructive belief systems anymore. Furthermore, I have been disciplinary free for many years now.

My epiphany occurred within my seventh year in prison when I decided to change my life around. Because previous prisons I was housed in lacked self-help programs, I began a self-help correspondence course called Criminon. (See Appendix "C") I completed all seven modules and desired to do more for my rehabilitation and redemption.

Upon arrival at San Quentin State Prison in 2012, I felt fortunate to be at an institution that would support my rehabilitative efforts. I immediately got involved with various programs at San Quentin. They all were beneficial to me and the most notable were "Houses of Healing" - "Guiding Rage Into Power (G.R.I.P.)" - "Restorative Justice" and "Criminal & Gang Anonymous (C.G.A.)." (See Appendix "D")

These programs taught me how to take accountability for my actions, reconcile past traumas, identify any unpleasant emotional arousal, and employ tools to cope with them in healthy ways. I learned about the cycle of addiction in criminality, gang activity, and substance abuse. The unmet needs behind them were revealing. Most importantly, I learned about the wide impact my violent acts had on my victim Mr. Kazaryan and his family; also the adverse impact it had on my family and the larger community. I hope to be part of the solution by helping to reduce levels of violence in the community.

In addition to my personal change, I was twenty-one years old when I committed my offense against Mr. Kazaryan. Again, I make no excuses for committing my crime. I am guilty and responsible. However, because I was sentenced under the "Three Strikes" law as a "Second Striker" with a determinate sentence, I am considered ineligible to get a Youth Offender hearing under Senate Bill 261. This bill gives youth offenders an opportunity to earn their release through the Board of Parole Hearings if the crime was committed under the age of twenty-three. Determinate sentence offenders with lengthy terms are afforded this opportunity after serving fifteen years in prison.

Penal Code 667(a) and 1170(a - d) has precluded me from participating in the rehabilitation process that ensure public safety. Although, I accept my prison sentence as fairly imposed, however, I hope to be granted this request for clemency to earn my release back into society. The suspension of the second strike enhancement would make me eligible for a youth offender hearing with the BPH. Furthermore, if Senate Bill 261 were available at the time of my guilty plea, it's possible that my sentence could have been different.

I am humbly requesting for the second strike enhancement to be forgiven whereas I could have an opportunity to receive a youth offender hearing with the BPH; or whatever the Governor's office deems appropriate.

Sincerely,



Fateen L. Jackson
CDCR# J11772

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Tyrone Jackson

On November 24, 1978, Mr. Jackson fatally shot two of his male associates, and kidnapped a female associate at gunpoint. The woman was later released unharmed. On March 27, 1979, Mr. Jackson was sentenced by the Los Angeles County Superior Court to eleven years in state prison. Due to a November 7, 1978 change in the law, Mr. Jackson was returned to court for resentencing. Subsequently, on October 12, 1979, Mr. Jackson was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.

Mr. Jackson has now been incarcerated for forty years. He is 64 years old and has not been disciplined for over a decade. Mr. Jackson suffered a stroke in 2007 that left him with memory problems, paralyzed on one side of his body, and unable to speak. In February 2018, his primary care physician made a referral to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for medical parole, noting that Mr. Jackson is bedbound and therefore needs staff assistance with bathing, eating, dressing, and other activities of daily living. Mr. Jackson was found ineligible for medical parole due to his prison sentence. When he was interviewed by an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings in 2018, Mr. Jackson was wheeled into the meeting in his bed due to his physical condition. The investigator reported that Mr. Jackson used to communicate primarily through written notes, but can no longer read.

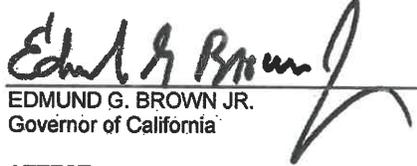
Mr. Jackson's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Jackson.

I do not discount the fact that Mr. Jackson's crimes show a complete disregard for the lives of his victims. However, he is currently bedbound and poses no threat to the community; it is plain that his continued incarceration serves no public good. I believe that Mr. Jackson's sentence should be reduced so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Tyrone Jackson to a total of 40 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

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This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name		FIRST Name		MIDDLE Name	
JACKSON		TYRONE			
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Social Security Number	Prison Number		
█/54	LOUISIANA	█	C-04301		

Current Residence Address		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc.	
7707 South Austin Road		D1-119	
City	State	Zip code	
Stockton	California	95215	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Commutation of current sentence | <input type="radio"/> Pardon based upon innocence |
| <input type="radio"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Compassionate Release | <input type="radio"/> Other |

Why are you requesting clemency?

Because I am incapacitated by a chronic illness, (STROKE).

Conviction Information

Commissioned Offense			
Date of offense	Date of conviction	Arresting agency	County of conviction
11/24/78	10/16/79	LAPD	LOS ANGELES
Superior court case number	Your trial attorney's name and address	Sentence	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any?
#36478	Mr. Cheroske	LWOP	NONE.
#A194265	Address Unavailable		

Did you appeal your case? Yes No
If yes, appellate case number and status of case

A 194265, AFFIRMED.

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY

Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

Complete this section if you are presently in prison and request clemency due to a medical condition.

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency: **On January of 2007, I suffered a stroke, the effects of the stroke left me paralyzed on the right side of my body, I also lost the ability to speak and (see additional page)**

Your current physician's name:

Ward of the State.

Physician's address:

Physician's telephone number:

Have you applied to the Department of Corrections or the Board of Prison Terms for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? Yes No

What was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence and are eligible for the pardon of your conviction under Penal Code Section 1170.

Give a brief account of your offense.

N/A.

Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.

Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)

When were you discharged from probation or parole?

Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.

Why you are requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section only if you are currently under sentence and applying for clemency.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

N/A.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

COMMITTEATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section only if you are currently under sentence and applying for clemency.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

N/A.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMITTEATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section only if you are currently under sentence and applying for clemency.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

See Compassionate Release Response on pg 3.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

III
NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.

(Name of county)

X Jackson T C-04301
(Applicant's signature)

7/13/15
(Date)

IV
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Prison Terms for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

X Jackson T C-04301
(Applicant's signature)

7/13/15
(Date signed)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

To the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES County: LOS ANGELES
County of Conviction

Please take notice that I, TYRONE JACKSON, was
Full Name - First, Middle and Last
convicted of the crime of 1st Degree Murder & Kidnapping
Give offense and Penal Code section
committed in the County of LOS ANGELES, State of California,
County of Conviction
convicted on 10/16/79 and sentenced to Life without Possibility
Date of conviction Sentence of Parole

I will submit an application to the Governor of the State of California requesting a

- Pardon based upon rehabilitation
- Commutation of current sentence
- Pardon based upon innocence
- Compassionate release
- Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome

Other
If other, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN

TYRONE JACKSON
Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED

Jackson T C-04301
Applicant's Signature

Jul / 13 / 2015
Month, Day, Year

7707 South Austin Road
Applicant's Street Address

Stockton, California 95215
Applicant's City, State, Zip Code

This section to be completed by District Attorney Only

State of California

County of Los Angeles } SS.

I, John Morris for District Attorney of the County of
of Los Angeles, State of California, do hereby

acknowledge receipt of notice from See above that
Name of Applicant

he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon.

[Signed]

John Morris
for District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
ADDITIONAL PAGE.

1 My cognizant memory. Due to the limitations of my health it has
2 become impossible to complete my sentence without the assistance
3 of others. The terms of my conviction did not include me becoming
4 dependant on other inmates to do my time.

5 I admit my wrong doings and am in no way trying to diminish my
6 crimes against my victims, their families and society as a whole.
7 My plea is that of an old man who after 30 years of incarceration
8 is pleading for relief based upon my presence and physical demands
9 make me a burden on the state. also, my being disabled makes me a
10 potential victim in this predatory environment which as stated
11 before is not a condition of my sentence.

12 I also included commutation of current sentence with the hope
13 that if I am denied clemency, a resentancing that would allow my
14 custody level to change, ie (25 yrs to life), would allow me to be
15 moved to a level III or level II institution that can meet my
16 medical needs. Because at this date CDCR does not have a facility
17 to house level IV inmates of my age or medical demands.

18 I close with many thanks in the time committed towards
19 consideration of clemency and or commutation of sentence.

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27 Dated: 7/18/15

Jackson T C-04301

Tyrone Jackson

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Dean Jacobs

In 1997, a group of gang members stabbed Michael Gonzalez to death in rival gang territory. Dean Jacobs was convicted of participating in the crime. On August 8, 2008, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jacobs to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one-year deadly weapon enhancement.

In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Jacobs denied being present for this crime, but accepted responsibility for Mr. Gonzalez's death because he was an active gang member at the time and encouraged others in the gang to prove themselves through acts of violence. In his application for clemency, Mr. Jacobs wrote, "I wish to atone for my crimes and actions; to be a part of society again; and help prevent other young people from making the mistakes I have." Mr. Jacobs has been a model inmate throughout his incarceration. He dropped out of his gang and has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his GED and is currently pursuing an A.A. degree from Palo Verde College. Mr. Jacobs participated in several self-help programs including Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Alternatives to Violence, and Nonviolent Conflict resolution. He has maintained a positive work record and participated in charitable events.

Additionally, Mr. Jacobs's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Jacobs.

I acknowledge that Mr. Gonzalez's family has been deeply affected by Mr. Jacobs' actions, and wrote to me describing the ongoing pain they feel as a result of his loss. However, I cannot overlook the significant transformation that Mr. Jacobs has undertaken. It is clear that he has made a serious commitment to changing his life and encouraging others to do the same. For these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Jacobs's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Dean Jacobs to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Dean Jacobs Date of Birth: [redacted]-75 Social Security Number: 604-03-6938

Address: Dean Jacobs #G-30030, I.S.P., P.O. Box 2199, Blythe, CA 92226

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Grand Theft Auto	April 1995	Orange	16 Months Prison
Possession of Gun	1993	Orange	45 days County
Brandishing Weapon (not a gun)	1993	Orange	60 days County

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I had foolishly joined a gang in high school, and continued with it into early adulthood. This gangs rival, had killed two members by 1997. That same year I, disgustingly, fomented other members of my gang to seek revenge. Unfortunately on 10/6/97 they killed Miguel Gonzales, a rival gang member. Police believed that I was actually there for the crime. I am still convicted.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a pardon chiefly because I was not physically present for the murder, and have spent 13 years incarcerated for it. I fully deserved to spend those 13 years for the parts I did play in this crime. But I don't believe I deserve a Life sentence. I also wish to be free so that I can help others not go down the path I did. I have already helped a few from in here, and long to help many more.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I believe I should be granted a pardon because I have greatly evolved from the ignorant selfish person I use to be. I wrote about this transition in a tell-all memoir (see attachment) and put it online to help others. After 7

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5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Dean Jacobs declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Orange with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Dean Jacobs
Applicant's Signature

7/13/14
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Orange County: Please take notice that I, Dean Jacobs,

was convicted of the crime of First Degree Murder,

committed in Orange County, California, on the date of 10/6/1997.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. *Inmate Number:* _____

Dean Jacobs
Applicant's Signature

7/11/14
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, E. Rome, Deputy District Attorney of the County of Orange,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from DEAN JACOBS,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed E. Rome
Date 8/1/14

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

For: Dean Jacobs

(Section 4, continued):

a year of many people reading it, I have received many positive responses from people. Most notably from parents who have kids that were heading down the wrong path. — I have no doubt that a lot of them would vouch for this, if you would give them an ear.

I was convicted in 1999; after 4½ years of having a Life sentence, my conviction was temporarily overturned; my family believed so much in my innocence, that they put up their only house to bond me out while I waited for a new trial. That trial was postponed over and over for almost four years. During that time I never attempted to run; and never returned to my former gang lifestyle. Instead, I reconnected with family; stayed employed; traveled the world to enjoy life; and showed up for every single court date. — Despite having a Life sentence hanging over my head.

With all due respect to the Justice System, I don't believe I can receive a fair trial in Orange County. I am still actively seeking a new trial; but I humbly beg you to please grant me a pardon. The D.A.'s office will never believe my claim that I did not stab Miguel Gonzales. And even if you too believe that I was present for his murder; I hope and pray you will take into consideration everything I have accomplished since my conviction. In addition to helping parents of teens

With my memoir, I have earned my G.E.D. ; I have "Dropped Out" of the Main Line prison population, into the S.N.Y./P.C. population and in the 13 years incarcerated since my conviction, I have not a single disciplinary write-up.

Make no mistake : I fully acknowledge that my verbal rantings in 1997 to other gang members, most likely played a role in their decision to seek revenge and murder Miguel Gonzales. His murder was a very brutal stabbing death. It is an absolutely horrible way to die. Shortly after his death, Miguel's father died from heart failure — undoubtedly as a result of his sons death ; his family is absolutely devastated.

Not a day goes by that I don't think about this reality. If in 1997 I had been a voice of reason, and peace to my fellow gangmembers, I firmly believe Miguel would still be alive. Instead, I was a voice for vengeance ; and Miguel is dead.

I wish to atone for my crimes and actions ; to be a part of society again ; and help prevent other young people from making the mistakes I have. Please grant me a pardon, and let me be free again.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Howard William James

On January 18, 1986, Howard James and some other gang members planned to steal a car. The group approached Israel De Leon outside of an apartment complex and ordered him out of his car. Mr. De Leon refused and a struggle ensued. Mr. James pulled out a gun and shot Mr. De Leon in the chest, killing him. On November 6, 1987, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. James to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a five-year prior felony enhancement.

Mr. James is now 53 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 32 years – over half his life. During that time, he dropped out of his gang and has dedicated himself to self-improvement. In his application for clemency, Mr. James wrote, "I have done the work of accepting responsibility for my deplorable actions, developing remorse and reflecting the life that led to such behavior...I abdicated all gang ties and became a zealous promoter of transforming prisoner yards from violent centers that housed hardened criminals into institution[s] for change and harvesting potential . . . a grant would permit me to participate in further programs now out of my reach due to the life without the possibility of parole sentence."

Despite serving more than three decades without any possibility of parole, Mr. James has been dedicated to rehabilitation. He earned his GED and has completed vocational training in silk screen. Mr. James has participated in self-help programs, including Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Breaking Barriers, and Anger Management. He has routinely received above average work ratings and has earned praise from his supervisors. A Prison Industry Authority bakery superintendent wrote that Mr. James "is reliable, dedicated, and hardworking . . . [he] is very respectful to supervisors and staff members, and works well with the other offenders . . . James is a great asset to the [Prison Industry Authority] bakery."

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. James.

Despite serving a sentence that offered him no hope of release from prison, Mr. James has dedicated himself to rehabilitation and has worked hard to turn his life around. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. James has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Howard William James to a total of 33 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Howard James Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1965 Inmate ID: 071309

Address: 480 Alta Road, San Diego, CA 92179 Facility: "B" R. J. Donovan

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
(Please see Appendix A attached)			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(Please see Appendix B attached)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Due to the recent discoveries in scientific fields on the issues of brain development I now have the responsibility to request a commutation of sentence. Because it is one of the last avenues where I might gain the hope of presenting my positive changes to the board of prison hearings.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

(Please see Appendix C attached)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I have not paid any money or gifts to anyone to assist in this application.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Howard William James, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Howard James
Applicant's Signature

3/29/2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Howard W. James

was convicted of the crime of First degree felony murder

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of January 18, 1986

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Howard James

Applicant's Signature

3/29/2018

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Appendix A.

1. Conviction Summary:

1. Offense: Burglary 1st (violent)

Date of Offense: June 15, 1979

County of Conviction: Los Angeles

Sentence: Probation

2. Offense: Burglary 1st (violent)

Date of Offense: October 19, 1980

County of Conviction: Los Angeles

Sentence: Probation

3. Offense: Burglary 1st (violent)

Date of Offense: March 23, 1984

County of Conviction: Los Angeles

Sentence: Five years

4. Offense: Murder 1st

Date of Offense: November 20, 1987

Appendix B.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime for which you are requesting commutation.

This crime began when I enlisted the assistance of two associate gang members to accompany me as I set out on a mission to steal a car. Armed with a loaded fire arm I eventually approached Mr. Israel DeLeon who had just entered his family vehicle. With the weapon drawn I demanded the keys from Mr. DeLeon. who refused. Again I demanded the keys as Mr. De Leon exited his automobile and again he refused. At that I pulled the hammer back on the revolver, aimed the weapon at Mr. DeLeon's chest and pulled the trigger. The weapon did not fire, I then drew the hammer back again, aimed and pulled the trigger again and the gun fired, striking Mr. DeLeon in his chest. It was then that I heard the screams from Mr. DeLeon's family. Startled from the number of people I took flight and ran.

Appendix C.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

Because I have done the work of accepting responsibility for my deplorable actions, developing remorse and reflecting on the life that led to such behavior. In addition willingly participated in group programs such as: Breaking Barriers, Criminals and Gang members Anonymous (C.G.A.), and The Alternatives to Violence Project (A.V.P.), just to name a few. While learning and growing in these group programs I developed into a facilitator and most importantly built friendships with guys across racial boundaries. I abdicated all gang ties and became a zealous promoter of transforming prison yards from violent centers that housed hardened criminals into institution for change and harvesting potential.

Because a grant is not a decision to release me or pardon my behavior but rather a validation of in custody behavior for thirty-two years.

Because a grant would permit me to participate in further programs now out of my reach due to the life without the possibility of parole sentence.

I thank you for your review and consideration.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Daniel Johnson

In 1994, Vincent Henneberry caught Daniel Johnson stealing money from him and threatened to turn him in to police. On January 3, 1995, Mr. Johnson armed himself with a baseball bat and went to Mr. Henneberry's home where he hit Mr. Henneberry six times with the baseball bat, killing him. On October 19, 2001, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Johnson to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Johnson was 20 years old when he committed this crime, and has now been incarcerated for nearly 24 years. He has demonstrated by his conduct in prison that he has completely turned his life around. In his application for commutation, Mr. Johnson wrote, "A commutation will allow me to show...that the rehabilitation which I have been participating in is not just daily practice but a lifestyle for me." Mr. Johnson explained that, to him, "remorse is only a word if you don't act to remedy this feeling." During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Johnson stated that he "wants a chance to show the Board of Parole Hearings, the Governor, and his family, that rehabilitation is real and has worked for him."

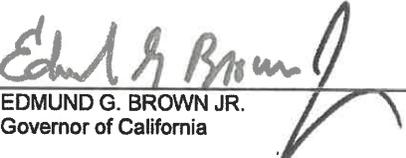
In over two decades, Mr. Johnson has shown a clear commitment to his rehabilitation efforts. Mr. Johnson has not been disciplined for a serious rule violation since 2006. He has completed three vocational training programs, and he routinely receives positive work ratings from correctional staff. He is also working to earn an associate's degree. Mr. Johnson has also participated in self-help programs including Victim Awareness, Veteran's Support, Houses of Healing, and Anger Management. Mr. Johnson is currently a dog trainer in the Paws for Life program and has trained various dogs for adoption. In 2018, a self-help sponsor wrote, "In the time that I have known Mr. Johnson I have seen tremendous growth in his character and thought process mentally, emotionally, and spiritually." She added that "putting Mr. Johnson back out into the community will be an asset for everyone he comes in contact with."

I do not discount the seriousness of the crime Mr. Johnson committed, but it is clear that he has dedicated himself to self-improvement through his positive programming and efforts to upgrade educationally. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Johnson has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Daniel Johnson to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Daniel Christopher Johnson Date of Birth: [redacted]-74 Inmate ID: T-34767

Address: P.O. Box 409089 D16D2043L Ione CA 95640 Facility: Mule Creek Infill Complex

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
1st Degree Murder	JAN 03, 1995	ALAMEDA, CA	Life Without Parole

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached:

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Daniel Christopher Johnson
(Print Full Name)

declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of

California that I have served the District Attorney of

ALAMEDA
(Name of County*)

with notice of my intent to

apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

4-29-18
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

(2.) Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime:

On January 3, 1995, I murdered Vincent L. Henneberry. Mr. Henneberry caught me stealing from him and threatened to turn me over to the police. For my part, I waited for Mr. Henneberry to come home and I murdered him. Despite having previously denied the two special circumstances of lying in wait and financial gain, they are true.

At the time, I thought that if I tried shifting blame of what I had done, I would not be in trouble. This was my egotistical, greedy, and criminal way of thinking. I chose to kill instead of resolving the situation within the law.

(3.) Explain why you are requesting commutation:

A commutation will allow me to show you and the Parole Board that the Rehabilitation which I have been participating in is not just daily practice but a lifestyle for me. The rehabilitation groups I have been and still a part of are:

Alcoholics Anonymous; Narcotics Anonymous; Anger Management 2X2; Self Awareness and Recovery; Concerned About Recovery Education (CARE); Veterans Support; Lifers Support; Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous; also a participant and facilitator for all three phases of Victims Awareness Offender Program (VAOP).

I have been working on becoming aware of the causes of my actions. I could never apologize enough for murdering Mr. Henneberry. The remorse I feel for my actions has put me on this current path. Each day I live the amends that I owe. To me remorse is only a word if you don't act to remedy this feeling.

Along with the above self-help groups I have also been enrolled with Coastline College working towards a Business Degree. This will further my chances of successfully accomplishing my future and current goals.

I have been able to work for Prison Industry Authority from December, 2009, until July, 2017. I was able to be a Shipping and Receiving Clerk in charge of final safety and quality checks of the Wildland Fire Fighting gear for CALFIRE. I have received training

with Hospital Facilities Maintenance (HFM). I am now barred from completing this training due to my LWOP sentence. I have been working extensively on battling and correcting the defects and shortcomings in my life. Commutation is a serious matter, I would not be requesting this if I didn't feel confident that I have shown a pattern of positive change.

At this time I am running into obstacles with attending state sponsored rehabilitation and vocational training. Due to my LWOP sentence, I am no longer considered a "priority placement" for vocational training, and self help groups which I could benefit from. A "Stellar" inmate, I was not. With the training I have been through I am hoping to have the chance to speak to our youth and offer them an alternative to the paths which will lead down the trail to prison. I need to give back to the Henneberry family and community that I took so much from.

(4.) Why I should be granted commutation.

As a twenty-year-old young man going through a divorce, the loss of a soon-to-be child, and discharge from the Navy was too much for me to take at that time. My destructive behaviors escalated. I felt lost, emasculated, abandoned, and anger towards everybody and everything. At that time in my life I did not understand these feelings. I thought other people should feel my pain. I wanted the easiest way to hurt people, and that was stealing. I was caught by Mr. Henneberry when I wrote checks in his name. He was going to press charges for the crime I was committing against him. Being greedy, selfish and a coward I murdered Vincent Henneberry. I confessed to murdering Mr. Henneberry but I was not being accountable or responsible. I didn't even realize the full gravity of what I had done.

It took ten long years of self-destruction to finally see the truth of my actions. I now understand that being accountable is not just admitting to what I have done, but it is showing through my words and actions that I have changed.

With the rehabilitation groups I have been in through the years

it has opened new thought patterns. I now look at my beliefs, habits, behaviors, and thoughts to figure out why things are going on. I have built a network of people who can help me when I need it and to hold me accountable for what I say and do. Most importantly I have learned to pause before I act. My life has totally changed in the last 24 years. Where I was irresponsible, judgemental, selfish, and greedy, I am now responsible, caring, compassionate and giving of myself to others.

My job history was non-existent. All but one was less than six months, that was my irresponsibility. Jobs in prison came with my custody level. I was a building porter from 2003 to 2008, then again for six months in 2009. I was also a wheelchair assistant from 2008 to 2009. From 2009 until 2017, I was a part of Prison Industry Authority in the fabric products, where I was promoted to shipping and receiving clerk. I was the final quality check of the CALFIRE gear. The safety of the men and women on the fire lines was my top priority. This was an important way for me to give back. The only vocation training I was allowed to participate in was Hospital Facilities Maintenance, where I was able to learn with on-the-job training. Having the responsibility of sterilizing medical treatment rooms, and cleaning of bio-hazard spills, to help ensure the health and safety of staff and offenders was an honor. My current job is a member of the Paws 4 Life program run through Karma Rescue. We receive dogs from the local shelters and from Los Angeles for training in obedience, and soon for PTSD service. This job has taught me the value of caring for another life. Most of the dogs that have come through this program have been adopted by correctional staff here. These dogs have shown me that my decision to be of service to others is correct.

Over the past 12 years I have taken advantage of the rehabilitation programs that I am able to attend. When I am not allowed in a program due to my sentence, I will and do ask about the material being utilized so I can order it and have the opportunity to at least learn. My goal is to attend the Offender Mentor Counseling program so I can help other men in the prison system and God willing to the youth, women and men in our community.

I have been growing and continue growing in understanding the

impact I have had on the Henneberry family, my family, and the community which I am deeply sorry for. I can never ask for forgiveness, that's not my right. But by living with Mr. Henneberrys' memory every waking moment I have vowed to never create another victim. I try to pass this belief and vow on to others around me.

Why should I be granted commutation? So that I can show that the rehabilitation has worked. That I may have the chance to further my education, I am currently on my way to a Business Degree. Also to have the chances to continue to pass the message that has worked in my life on to others here in prison and hopefully to the people in our community. I am including one (1) letter in support of commutation from a staff member. Also a request form from the Correctional Counselor III in charge of the rehabilitation groups I am not currently allowed in. My current Parole Plans and Post Commutation plans are included.

Thank you for the time you have taken to review my request for commutation.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Charles Jones

On May 13, 1992, Charles Jones entered a market and shot and killed the clerk Abdo Ahmed during the course of a robbery. Mr. Jones took cash and cigarettes and fled. On August 11, 1993, the Fresno County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jones to life without the possibility of parole.

Mr. Jones is now 68 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 27 years. Rather than succumbing to gangs, drugs, or violence in over two decades in prison, Mr. Jones has been committed to changing his life. He has received only one rule violation, over twenty years ago. Mr. Jones resided on an honor yard for several years and consistently earned positive work ratings. A California Prison Industry Authority supervisor wrote that Mr. Jones always stayed busy and assisted where needed. Other supervisors noted that Mr. Jones was an "exceptional worker," "conscientious," "cooperative," and "very dedicated." Mr. Jones participated in self-help programs, including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous and Anger Management. An Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor praised Mr. Jones in 2008 for his participation in the group, noting he "displays a positive attitude towards other group members, staff and outside guest sponsors during meetings." The sponsor wrote, "Inmate Jones shows a commitment towards his recovery from alcohol addiction."

Mr. Jones, who reported that he is a Vietnam veteran, has also dedicated his time and effort to several veterans groups. In 2016, a sponsor for Veterans Embracing Truth commended Mr. Jones on his work with the group and praised the initiative Mr. Jones had shown assisting other veterans with self-help activities. In the event of his release, Mr. Jones has the support of his family, who continue to visit him in prison and have written in support of his release.

Over more than two and a half decades of incarceration, Mr. Jones has demonstrated his commitment to his rehabilitation. I believe that he has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Charles Jones to a total of 26 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: CHARLES JONES Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 50 Inmate ID: H89284
Address: P.O. Box 4430, Lancaster, CA 93539 Facility: CSP-LAC

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
PC 187 PC 211-212.5 (8)	5-21-92	Fresno County	Life without possibility of parole

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Sentenced to life without the possibility of parole with 2 other individuals which were exonerated. How can he aid and Abet himself in murder. No gun found. No good representation. Murder - Robbery and degree no evidence.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Because we feel he was railroad. No good counsel. It appeared witnesses were not used that were said to have witnessed another party at time of incident. No weapon found no witness. Witnesses used were Addicks, convinced of nothing.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I believe a commutation should be granted on the grounds of Unjust Representation. I believe if representation by Kathy Hart would have fought on the level according to due process of the law and giving 100% to her client never would this sentence been life without the possibility of parole with the lack of evidence.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

Not Applicable

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, CHARLES JONES declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)

California that I have served the District Attorney of FRESNO with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

x Charles Jones
Applicant's Signature

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Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

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To the District Attorney of Fresno County:

JAN 07 2016

Please take notice that I Charles Jones, was convicted of the crime of Murder & 2nd Degree Robbery, committed in Fresno County, California

BY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
FRESNO COUNTY

on the date of August 11, 1993. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

X Charles Jones
Applicant's Signature

1-4-16
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Lisa Smittcamp, District Attorney of the County of Fresno do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Charles Jones, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed Lisa Smittcamp

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BY BR
FRESNO COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Date 2-22-16

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

1-4-16

Dear Governor

My name is Lillie Johnson, sister
of Charles Jones H89284, in the system.
I'm only writing to say thank you
for such a speedy answer to my
email. Thank you for allowing my
brother a chance to be heard again
in perhaps now in a better light.
My, our families desire is for
Charles to have the representation
we believe he did not receive in
1993. As I've begun this journey
to help him, help himself, I found
that his public defender, at that

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is still having some type of dealings in Court in December regarding DNA. I'm not knowledgeable in the Court system, however I ask that you look into his situation. Because all I, or my family is desiring is some type of real and true justice. That his representative would be on his corner 100% without wavering. We are to be able to trust the person that's fighting on our behalf so at least give it their all and all guiltlessness until proven otherwise.

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we felt that this was not the
case. Although my belief is that
God allows certain things to
happen for a purpose. I believe
in my heart that this season He
has blessed my brother because
a work has been done. Forgive me
for bringing my faith into this if
you're offended forgive me.

Thank you so much for your
attention in this matter.

Sincerely,
Jim J

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Philippe Kelly

In July 1999, Philippe Kelly and other gang members were harassing Demetria Smith as she walked down the road towards her home. Ms. Smith informed her boyfriend, Joseph Cox. After Mr. Cox confronted the group, Mr. Kelly shot and killed him. On January 25, 2001, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Kelly to 15 years to life for second degree murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement—a total of 40 years to life. Mr. Kelly has a youth offender parole eligible date of July 2023.

In his application for clemency Mr. Kelly wrote, "I wanted to prove myself as being 'down'" and "Mr. Cox was an opportunity to show my worth and value to the gang." In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Kelly explained that at the time of this crime, he had a warped belief system. Mr. Kelly has also explained, "I know I cannot undo the past, the damage I have caused but I have made a lifetime commitment to being a positive person and a role model for others, especially our youth."

Mr. Kelly was very young when he committed this crime—he was 15 years old—he is now 35 and has been incarcerated for nearly 20 years. During this time, he has not been disciplined for violence or gang involvement. Mr. Kelly earned his GED and has taken several college courses. He has also completed vocational trades, including Auto Body Repair and Masonry. Mr. Kelly has also obtained certificates for completing a vocational computer literacy course, and a 16-week addiction recovery counseling program. He has participated in numerous self-help programs, including Insight, Anger Management, Victim Offender Education, Alternatives to Violence, and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. Mr. Kelly participated in a youth offender writing and arts program, volunteered in the prison as a peacekeeper, and wrote letters to at-risk youth.

Mr. Kelly has received commendations for his work mentoring youthful inmates in the prison. A volunteer stated, "Mr. Kelly has been an instrumental member of [youth offender] programs who regularly contributes and also inspires other inmates and volunteers to do the same." A teacher wrote, "Mr. Kelly is an exemplary student and tutor. I believe he would be a great asset to the community and especially youth that struggle." A program sponsor wrote, "I feel Mr. Kelly will be a strong role model for our troubled youths, and a solid backbone for his family and community." A San Francisco State University professor supported his application for a commutation stating, "I have seen Philippe Kelly work to improve himself and support others in their work. I believe that he has developed patterns of thought and behavior to effectively transition from life inside San Quentin to life outside." In support of Mr. Kelly's application, a volunteer wrote, "I believe that Mr. Kelly holds himself fully accountable for the crimes he committed years ago at a young age. I believe he is no longer a threat to the community and has earned the privilege of walking into the free community to begin his life."

Mr. Kelly committed a very serious crime. He has since dedicated himself to self-improvement and community service. For these reasons, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Philippe Kelly to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: PHILIPPE KELLY Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 83 Inmate ID: P-74876

Address: 1ST MAIN STREET, SAN QUENTIN, CA 94974 Facility: SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
87	7-14-1999	Los Angeles	15 years to life
12022.53(O)(B)	7-14-1999	Los Angeles	25 years to life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHED.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHED.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

SEE ATTACHED.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Philippe Kelly, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Philippe Kelly,

was convicted of the crime of 2nd Degree murder

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 7-14-1999

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.



Applicant's Signature

6/10/18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steven Frankland, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Philippe Kelly

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Signed 

Date 6-25-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Application for Commutation of Sentence:

2. On July 14, 1999, at around 6:00 pm, I shot Mr. Cox in cold blood three times and murdered him. I did this for the benefit of my gang and myself, and I also wanted everyone in the neighborhood to know that I was heartless and a murderer, which were two qualities admired by gang members. I wanted to prove myself as being "down" and Mr. Cox was an opportunity to show my worth and value to the gang.

3. I am requesting a commutation of my sentence for good behavior. I have not committed an act of violence in 11 years. I have left violence behind but I have committed several disciplinary infractions like out of bounds, climbing trees, disobeying direct orders, and manipulating staff. The reasons I struggled to remain disciplinary free is because I came into prior very young at the age of 18 with low self-esteem and self-worth. I was depressed, angry, hurt, and immature. I had no idea who I was and no clue as to what I wanted out of life in a positive way. I started to want different things for my life. I wanted to make better decisions so when the opportunity arose, I attended a victims' awareness workshop in CMC (California Men's Colony) on West Yard, level 2, in the chapel. I started to understand how much of a negative impact I had on people for the horrible decision I made to murder Mr. Cox while emotionally, spiritually, and mentally damaging his family and everyone connected to them, as well as the people in the community that knew him, and for those who never met him but were afraid, because of the violence I committed.

I have joined a group here called KIDCAT which stands for Creating Awareness Together, which put together drives like collecting hygiene for homeless kids in conjunction with the Huckleberry House in San Francisco. I participate in this drive since my arrival, both donating funds, and picking up items from fellow inmates. KIDCAT also do support walks with Project Avery that raise money for kids with incarcerated parents. We hold symposiums with local community members like D.A.s, council women and me, lawyers, teachers, etc. to talk about victims' impact, criminal justice, and give personal insight into that and how to reduce crime and stop cycles of violence.

I donate money to end breast cancer and participate in the annual breast cancer walk here at San Quentin. I am a mentor in the Youth Offender Program (YOP) as well as a support system for the YOP's in terms of getting them in self-help groups, programs, and education, via GED College. Constantly talking to them about their lives and how they have choices, their lives matter, and they can become a better person through sound decision making, and most importantly understanding impact and how their selfish actions affect so many people. I am also a part of the SQUIRES Program, which is a youth diversion program that brings in at-risk youth from the outside, and qualified inmates talk to them and share their life experiences with them, with the hope that they learn from these mistakes, and make better decisions with their lives, and stop making victims in the process.

I co-facilitate a group called The California Re-Entry Program, which helps inmates that are 3 years or less to the house or the board, by getting them job opportunities, transitional housing,

a start-up kit which includes a cell phone, clothes, cosmetics, etc., or preparing for the board by helping with putting together relapse prevention plans, job resumes, obtaining a California Driver's License, parole plans, etc. and basically helping all inmates to make a smooth transition back into the streets.

I also co-facilitate another group called "The Beat Within," which is a literary magazine that allows for inmates to mentor the youth through art and writings, drawings from our personal experiences in where we went wrong in our life, to show them a better way of decision making, so that they do not make new victims. Through these writings, we help the youth identify their problems, come up with positive ways to deal with those problems, and recognize that they have internal issues that they did not know existed that have not been death with, which is part of the reason for anger issues, how self-esteem, false pride, insecurities, abandonment, etc.

I am also working on another project with the help of teachers, volunteers, and state workers, which will identify each youth that arrives at San Quentin, bring them all together, and have conversations about their struggles, challenges, what is wrong in their life, and how we have help each other overcome it, get on the right track, do this time the right way, while fully taking advantage of all the good things that San Quentin has to offer, showing them how to stay away from all the pitfalls and negative destructive activities in the prison. This will help them build confidence in themselves, rely on the tolls they've learned to deal with situations and problems as they arise, earn their way through life as opposed to taking shortcuts, and most importantly, understanding impact and prevent from making new victims.

I was a part of making a video for the Huckleberry House in San Francisco, CA, which is a homeless shelter for the youth, for guidance counselors, in sharing my experiences in my life regarding what went wrong that I decided to commit my life crime, and what I needed at that time that could have helped me stay on the right path.

I participate in a class called the micssessions, which is an artistic expression class that gives the youth a platform to express themselves in a way that can reach other young people and speak to them through poetry, singing, rapping, or just speaking what is on their heart, in a way that helps them to deal with their issues or problems. Writing about this brings it to life and it also sets up for others who have been down that road to show or teach them a better way of dealing than violence.

I have been actively involved in inside community service work since 2013. I am a mentor to my peers and the youth, full supporter of the youth in helping them to recognize that they have the opportunity to change their life for the better. I participate, give back, and do all these things because I have helped to pillage, destroy, and maintain a fever of fear in my community, and in the lives of everyone that was in some way negatively affected by my bad decision-making skills. No human being should have to live in fear, deal with trauma, grief, sadness, anger that was brought on by criminal thinking and heartless criminal acts. By me now knowing better and having a broad understanding of impact and trauma, I feel as though I have a responsibility not only to the survivors of Mr. Cox, my family, the community, and abroad to help bring back the

people who are still sick like I once was, and to prevent long term damage and trauma that I did to so many innocent people. I never want any family to experience what Mr. Cox's family experienced, like hurt, frustration, sadness, fear, grief, vengeance, so I try my hardest to show the sick what I know in hopes that they wake up and pass it on to the people who really need it.

4. It is safe to grant me a commutation because I have matured and through self-help groups and programs, I have been able to identify and manage my triggers to prevent me from committing crimes and hurting people. I am done committing crimes because I am not the same selfish, angry, violent youth that I once was.

The victims' awareness class I mentioned before kick-started my transformation. Sister Mary and Angie taught me the importance of understanding impact in how one decision can affect so many people in a negative way that could change who they were for the worst, and could potentially start making victims of their own because they feel hurt. I also learned that loving myself is essential to loving others. Another thing that was taught to me was the value of giving back, and making amends for the harm I have caused on so many levels whether it was physical, spiritual, or mental abuse. Arriving at San Quentin in 2016, I was able to get involved with various self-help groups and programs which gives inmates the chance to perform community service work.

Being here at San Quentin and getting involved in various programs, I started to identify the defects of my character and the destructive way I was thinking and where it came from which dictated the way I interact with people and reacted in every situation. For instance, when a male challenged me, I would either react physically or verbally abusive. Before the transformation, I never knew what was going on with me and how I lost my true self. After willingly opening up and being receptive to a few good guys and actively seeking out programs, self-help groups, fully participating while gathering all kinds of good information and guidance, which showed me that I had low self-esteem issues, suffering from mental, physical, and emotional abuse as a kid inside my home, as well as in my neighborhood, which taught me that "a man never breaks down or cries." I was able to address this issue through AVP (Alternative to Violence Project) by talking to other people about how I feel, what I am feeling, and different coping techniques to aid in my distress, such as working out, playing games, and listening to music that helps me to relax and think about and understand my complex and why I feel the need to be strong and physically exert myself. I have worked diligently, still working to continue to be a productive citizen inside, and hopefully upon release, a responsible citizen of our society.

I got involved in N/A A/A in 2013 to address my drug addiction. I was addicted to gambling, criminal thinking, and verbally abusing other people. I do not know how bad or extensive it was at the time, but I knew I needed help. For the last 4+ years, I have participated in graduated from numerous self-help groups and programs while emerging as a facilitator in CGA, Alliance for Change, The Beat Within, and SQUIRES.

Being in different programs like Quest, ARC drug counseling, AVP, Victim Awareness, they helped me to recognize how selfish and destructive my mind was, and that the style of thinking came about from external influences and traumatic experiences as a child. I grew up with the understanding that violence was the key to solve my problems and get an acceptance. I had low self-esteem, I resented my parents for not showing me the tension or validation I was seeking, and I resented it to my mother for her physical abuse on me. I eventually gravitated towards games and thought I found myself in the power I was seeking. I took advantage of every opportunity to cause harm to people and damage my community to get attention and praise for my gang. I eventually murdered Mr. Cox and took him from his daughter and family. I am sorry for hurting them and for murdering Mr. Cox.

I damaged my community while corrupting my peers, the young people my age at the time, and the ones that looked up to me. I taught them that it was okay to hurt and murder people, sell drugs, and rob and destroy the community. One of the ways I make indirect amends to Mr. Cox and his family is by teaching the young people that loving each other is pivotal in stopping the violence on many different levels like mental, emotional, and physical, so they do not make people hurt and suffer, like what I did to the Cox family. I work on myself daily to improve and become a decent caring human being so that I can be an example to all of those that are still stuck and suffering, that change is possible, showing people to not be afraid and look inside themselves and figure out why they think the way they do, are more prone to react and respond, and where did these beliefs systems come from. I donate funds, as I spoke of before, mentor to the young, and help my peers in ways to deal with trauma and hurt the way I have dealt with, to wake me up and make better decisions.

I know I cannot undo the past, the damage I have caused but I have made a lifetime commitment to being a positive person and role model for others, especially our youth, and show them that they do not have to succumb to their situation, make better conscious decisions with their lives, and deal with their problems and a nonviolent way.

I have learned patience, empathy, and came into an understanding of how my decisions affect so many people and how that painful experience can foster and translate into new victims, because hurt people hurt people. I am violent every second of every day of everything that I will not commit another crime because of my support system which consists of my family, closest friends, and my N/A sponsor. I have family and friends that are willing to be my accountability partners and I am constantly alert and conscious of what causes criminal behavior. I joined a gang because I felt powerless and invisible in my home. Today, I find my power in having a support system with an N/A sponsor and accountability partners that will help me monitor my emotions, and how to respond to adversity, because I practice regularly revealing myself and artistic or circles I have joined like Shakespeare, and the mic sessions. It is safe to grant me a commutation because I know my triggers and I have developed effective coping strategies to aid me when I am triggered. For instance, one of my triggers is feeling like someone is trying to control me. When I feel this is happening to me, my face becomes flustered, my chest gets tight, my heart rate increases, and I start to make all kinds of assumptions and judgments about the situation and the person whom I am getting triggered

by, and start to rationalize my actions which gives me the strength to react to what is happening. Once I realize I am in the zone, I step back and assess the situation for what it is, look around for someone I can talk to you, and trust and get with them. If no one is in the immediate area, I apologize and walk away and find a friend and talk it out. I have found out by apologizing to someone even if I am not in the wrong, temporarily disarm is the other person from escalating the situation because this makes them feel superior in a way but I do not match that energy so it throws them off slightly, which gives me enough time to walk away. A couple of other coping strategies I have one feeling triggered is working out, which I am able to take out my frustrations on the bars or concrete, doing push-ups, sit ups, Burpee's, pull-ups, curls; it burns off the tension and redirects it to my work out because now I have to focus on how much I am doing, what I am doing so that I do not hurt myself or burn out too quickly. I take my mind off the situation and still go and talk to a trusted friend doing good things; a second opinion is always helpful. Another one I use is art, writing music, books, and practicing Shakespeare. Another trigger of mine is when I feel like someone is trying to manipulate me and belittle my comprehension skills. My palms get sweaty, my head gets hot, a wicked smile appears on my face, my job gets tight, in my thoughts become to manipulate you into hurting yourself or someone else. When I realize my mind gets to thinking this way, I step back, assess the person and their intelligence level. I also take a look at myself and figure out what gave this person impression that I could be manipulated. After that, I agree and start to think about a song I wrote about situations like this and then realize that people are sick and need healing and I should not add to the damage other things that have been able to assist me and trying times in like taking deep breaths, think about what I am feeling, why am feeling it, is reacting to this crap worth it for real, talking to a trusted friend or sponsors, accountability partner, positive self-talk, and just being compassionate and conscious of how many people can possibly get hurt by my selfish actions in dealing with false pride and anger issues, which teams from being abused as a kid, not having control of my life, low self-esteem, being in a gang which created that false pride, and getting angry, suppressing my authentic self.

It is safe to grant me a commutation because I am sorry for murdering Mr. Cox and hurting his family. I put fear in them that they may never recover from and possibly alter just thinking on many levels. I was selfish, a follower, and Mr. Cox did not deserve to die and I am truly sorry for murdering him. His daughter lost her father and his family lost a love one. I am also sorry for trying to kill Mrs. Smith and traumatizing her; she may never feel safe again. I had no right to try and further inflict pain on her after she saw her companion get shot to death in front of her. I have made it my life's mission to make my community safe and with the help of others upright citizens to make their community safe.

It is safe to grant me a commutation because I have prepared myself through taking vocational trades and writing letters to job companies for hire to succeed as a law-abiding citizen in our society. I am a certified brick mason, carpenter, and auto body repair man. My brother, sister, and cousin have offered to let me stay with them until I am ready to live on my own. In addition, I am in contact transitional homes that can help me. I also have a job opportunity from an organization called PROJECT WHAT! upon release to work with the youth and mentor them in Oakland, California.

It is safe to grant me a commutation because I have dedicated myself to restoring my community. I plan to continue to give back by working with my peers and the young people. I want to connect them with programs, self-help groups, afterschool activities, and taking trades. Being in the self-help groups and programs will help them deal with their traumas and challenges. I want to help them find healthy ways to possess their issues and get positive outcomes. I also want to teach them how to mentor each other because through my experience when dealing with the young people, they have more incline to listen to other youth.

My mission and passion in life is to help the young people heal from the inside out and stop making victims. My mission does not repair the harm I have inflicted on Mr. Cox, his family, friends, Demetria Smith and her family, nor does it entitle me to a second chance, but I would be so thankful and grateful for one..

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Adnan Khan

In 2003, 18-year-old Adnan Khan and Rick Page decided to steal some marijuana from Kevin McNutt. During the robbery, Mr. Page started fighting with Mr. McNutt and stabbed him multiple times, killing him. On December 15, 2006, the Contra Costa County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Khan to 25 years to life for murder.

Mr. Khan is now 34 years old and has been incarcerated for over 15 years. In his application for clemency, he demonstrated sincere remorse for his role in this crime, writing, "I understand my actions took Mr. Kevin McNutt away from his family and friends for the remainder of their lives. I understand that my actions on Monday, March 24, 2003 created lifelong grief to the McNutt family and nothing I can do will change the results of my callous act." He continued, "If given the opportunity to reenter society, I will live a life of service with the purpose of preventing and deterring crime and increasing public safety for our communities."

While in prison, Mr. Khan has shown a remarkable commitment to self-improvement. He has only been disciplined twice for misconduct, and has never been involved with gang activity, drugs, or alcohol. He participated in numerous self-help programs including Anger Management, Victim Awareness, Guiding Rage into Power, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Khan is active in the San Quentin media program, through which he has received exceptional work ratings and participated in forums on public safety. He also earned accolades from staff members who regularly interact with him and have witnessed his commitment to rehabilitation. One correctional officer commended Mr. Khan for his dedication to mentoring young people, and wrote, "I strongly support Mr. Khan's commutation. I truly believe Mr. Khan serves us far better in our communities, not in our prisons." Another correctional officer also praised Mr. Khan, writing, "I am aware of the crime Mr. Khan committed and I believe that it does not serve the State, nor society, a purpose to keep him in prison an extra decade. I am writing in strong support of Mr. Khan's commutation and hope you will consider giving him a second chance that I know he has worked incredibly hard for."

Mr. Khan's commutation is also supported by Senator Steve Glazer, who wrote, "I believe Mr. Khan has been sufficiently punished for his crime and should be released." Senator Glazer continued, "His actions since being incarcerated make it evident that Mr. Khan is not the same person he was when he committed his crime at the age of 18... I believe it is reasonable to conclude that Mr. Khan is no longer a threat to society." Diana Becton, the Contra Costa County District

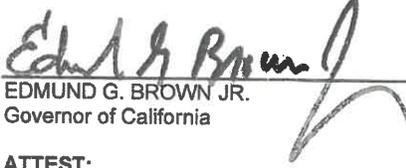
Attorney, also expressed support for Mr. Khan, writing, "Our office recognizes the severity of the crime he committed and the trauma that he inflicted upon the family of the victim. However, given the specific facts and circumstances of this case, we believe that justice would be served by granting clemency." Mr. Khan's family and several community organizations also support his commutation of sentence. They have offered him housing and financial support to help him transition into society if released.

For all of these reasons, I believe Mr. Khan has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Adnan Khan to a total of 15 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

**APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE
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INTRODUCTION

Adnan Anjum Khan (hereafter Adnan or applicant), CDCR Prisoner No. F55145, date of birth [REDACTED] 1984, is currently housed at San Quentin State Prison, serving an indefinite term of incarceration of 25 years to life for felony murder. He hereby applies, by and through counsel, for a commutation of his sentence such that he would be immediately eligible for parole. He will include herein all the information required by the Application for Commutation of Sentence form issued by the Governor's Office.¹

Adnan has not previously applied for any form of executive clemency. His minimum eligible parole date is currently August 21, 2027. Absent the Governor's intervention, he will be warehoused for another decade for no rational or penologically justifiable reason. We are well aware that this Office reviews a voluminous number of commutation applications and that, as sporadic press reports make clear, only a handful succeed. Adnan, however, presents an extraordinarily powerful case for commutation that should well qualify his application for inclusion in that latter select group, as certain highlighted facts alone should demonstrate:

- Adnan's intention in perpetrating the commitment offense was to grab a bag of marijuana from a marijuana dealer and run. He was not the killer of the dealer; he was not armed; he had no intent to kill; he evinced no reckless indifference to human life; he had no reason to believe that an accomplice was armed, in direct contravention of the plan to steal; and he had no reason to believe that this accomplice even had the capacity to commit a potentially fatal act because he was completely unaware of the accomplice's inadequately medicated psychosis. In other words, his indeterminate life sentence is out of all proportion to his individual culpability.

¹ Available at https://www.gov.ca.gov/s_pardonsandcommutations.php.

- The probation officer asserted in her report to the sentencing court that, were it legally permissible, a probationary sentence would be the appropriate punishment for him.
- Adnan was the paradigmatic youthful offender – he was 18 years old at the time of his offense, and homeless. It was the older boy who had taken him in and permitted Adnan to live with him rent free that instigated the robbery predicated the felony-murder conviction. As Adnan told the detective who interviewed him the day after the homicide, he agreed to steal the marijuana because he did not want the older boy to think him a “punk.”
- As the supporting letters submitted herewith attest, Adnan has garnered extraordinary support for his commutation application from prison staff, that is, from those individuals who know best the young man he has become.
- Regarding sentencing disparity: the individual who perpetrated the murder predicated Adnan’s felony-murder conviction was permitted to plead guilty to second degree murder; the two young men who planned the predicate felony robbery and recruited Adnan and the killer to execute it were given immunity and never punished at all.
- Adnan is beloved by a large circle of family, friends, and others who have come into contact with him as a contributing member of the San Quentin community. They paint a portrait of exactly the sort of young man worthy of gubernatorial grace. Moreover, many of these upstanding citizens are willing – indeed, eager – to be part of the strong support network, dedicated to assisting Adnan successfully re-adjust to life outside prison walls, which is waiting for him.
- A forensic psychologist reported to the sentencing court that, based on his clinical interview of Adnan, the administration of a battery of psychological tests, and interviews of close family members, his conclusion in “one of the

most tragic cases [he had] worked on in almost 30 years as a forensic psychologist,” was that “there is not a scintilla of clinical evidence in the results of [his] assessment that suggests any propensity for violence or aggressive behavior in Mr. Khan’s personality.”

As the evaluators of this application will see upon reviewing Adnan’s prison conduct and the exhibits submitted in support of this application, that latter conclusion is truer today than ever. “A people confident in its laws and institutions should not be ashamed of mercy.” (Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court, Address at the American Bar Association Annual Meeting (Aug. 9, 2004), reprinted in 16 Fed. Sent’g Rep. (2004) 126, 128.) Far from being nothing to be ashamed of, granting the mercy sought by this application – which seeks only the opportunity for Adnan to prove to the satisfaction of the Board of Parole Hearings that he is suitable for parole – would be something to make the people of this State proud.

BACKGROUND LEGAL PRINCIPLES

Although the Governor’s Legal Affairs staff is surely well aware of the relevant legal principles, the following may provide a helpful summary:

The Governor may ameliorate any sentence through use of his commutation power. (*People v. Farnum* (2002) 28 Cal.4th 107, 190.) Commutation is one aspect of the Governor’s broader clemency powers; it is defined as “a permanent reduction in degree or amount of punishment” (Black’s Law Dict. (rev. 4th ed. 1968) p. 351). That power is granted him by section 8 of article 5 of the California Constitution (see Pen. Code, § 4800 [so stating]), and it is “absolute” (*Ex Parte Kelly* (1908) 155 Cal. 39, 41).

A applicant for clemency has no “right” thereto; indeed, he has nothing more than a “unilateral hope” that his sentence will be commuted. (*Connecticut Board of Pardons v. Dumschat* (1981) 452 U.S. 458, 465.) Executive clemency is an ad hoc “act of grace,” which may be granted for any reason without reference to any standards. (*Solem v. Helm* (1983) 463 U.S. 277, 300–301, overruled on other grounds in *Harmelin v. Michigan* (1991) 501 U.S. 957, 965.) Indeed, gubernatorial discretion in these matters is “virtually unlimited,” and, moreover, it may be exercised on any reasonable “conditions the

Governor deems proper.” (*In re Ramirez* (2001) 94 Cal.App.4th 549, 560, citing Cal. Const., art. V, § 8(a).) The authority to impose reasonable conditions has been upheld on the grounds that:

[S]uch action by the Governor is in perfect harmony with the policy of the parole system in force in this state, and is a useful and beneficial application of that policy to the class of cases in which the Governor would be willing to exercise clemency if he could exact some security for the future good behavior of the prisoner.

(*Ex Parte Kelly, supra*, 155 Cal. at p. 41 [upholding Governor’s commuting 15-year sentence upon condition that inmate not be convicted of another felony].)

Thus, for example, the Governor may commute a sentence on the condition that it revive and become operative once again upon an inmate’s subsequent conviction of a felony (*Ex parte Wilson* (1916) 29 Cal.App. 702, 703), or on the condition that he abstain from the use of “intoxicating liquors” (*ibid.*). If an inmate accepts a commutation that includes conditions, “he must take it subject to the specified conditions,” or else it is invalid. (*Green v. Gordon* (1952) 39 Cal.2d 230, 232.)

“[E]xecutive clemency exists to provide relief from harshness or mistake in the judicial system, and is therefore vested in an authority other than the courts.” (*Ohio Adult Parole Authority v. Woodard* (1998) 523 U.S. 272, 284-285.) Claims of personal growth or transformation are appropriately made in a clemency application. (*People v. Ansell* (2001) 25 Cal.4th 868, 891.) As will be seen, *post*, there is a great deal of harshness meted out to Adnan by the judicial system, just as he has undergone a great deal of personal growth and transformation in the long years of his incarceration. Again, he is a worthy candidate for commutation, which he seeks with conditions that should assuage any concerns (of which there should be none, in any event) regarding his future good behavior.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. Adnan's Early Life

Adnan was born in San Mateo, California, in 1984, the middle son of three children. He is, and always has been, close to his two sisters, both of whom have submitted support letters on his behalf (Ex. *). His family members are professionals, and all dearly loved him. (See, e.g., Ex. 1, Probation Officer's Report and Recommendation, at 39.) His mother was a well-educated biochemist; his father, "an irresponsible alcoholic" (in the words of one of his daughters [Ex. 2 at 6]) and compulsive gambler. As his mother informed the sentencing court, her husband had "abandoned the children," which left a "void in Adnan's life" as he was "looking for paternal love which he did not have in his life." (Ex. 1 at 27.) Adnan's mother divorced her husband when Adnan was 10 years old, taking the children with her. For the next three years, Adnan had only sporadic contact with his father, who was more often than not remiss in making child payments.

When Adnan was 13, he was sent to live with his father in San Francisco, but that did not turn out well. Habitually drunk, often absent, his father continued to provide none of the essential parenting or guiding hand an adolescent boy sorely needs. Within a year, Adnan returned to his mother, who was then living in the house of relatives. He spent the tenth and eleventh grades at an Antioch high school, he worked part-time jobs after school, but he was starting to become overwhelmed by the family situation. His mother remarried and moved to Seattle with her new husband, leaving the three children with her relatives. Adnan began smoking marijuana daily, abusing alcohol, and hanging around with boys his family surely would have preferred he avoided, the result, "no doubt [of] feeling abandoned by both parents" (in the words of Dr. Burstein, the forensic psychologist who evaluated him in anticipation of sentencing).

Strict adherents to Pakistani traditions, the relatives with whom Adnan was left imposed a severe set of old-world rules upon him that he could not abide. He dropped out of high school in the twelfth grade. As his mother explained, one of his uncles asked him to move out of the house and not return "unless he was willing to accept their

authority.” (Ex. 1 at 28; see also *id.* at 39-40 [uncle’s sentencing letter].) Adnan stayed on the street and slept in parks and with a series of friends until, on a fateful day, he met David Cedeno, the older boy who took him in. As will be seen, *post*, Cedeno was not a good influence.

The sentencing letters of his family describe the young Adnan they intimately knew.² His mother wrote:

My son is not capable of hurting a fly, let alone being involved in somebody’s murder. This is a boy who was the first person to help people get out of their homes when there was a fire in the neighborhood. He is a boy who willingly went out with his uncles to distribute food to the needy. This is a boy who helped his school mates to safety when their school was flooded.

(Ex. 1 at 28.)

One uncle:

I know Adnan Khan from his childhood and attest to the fact that he is a very noble, polite, loving and respectful young boy who due to his pleasant, peace-loving nature is loved by all members of our family.

(*Id.* at 30.)

His stepfather:

Adnan, a young man of great promise, an honor student in his middle school, my wife’s only son, a handsome young man, who loved sports, was raised by this great family. Consequently, throughout his growing period, he demonstrated his teachings of love by caring for others and by being there for those who needed his help, even at the peril of his own life. From helping his uncle in distributing food to the needy to jumping into the burning house in the neighborhood and pulling out young children to safety to helping the school mates to security when the school was flooded are some of the hallmarks of his character, valor and compassion.

² These letters, appended to the probation officer’s sentencing report (Ex. 1 at 27-40), really should be read in their entirety for a full flavor of the familial background from whence Adnan comes. With an understanding of that background, it will come as no surprise that, with his troubled teen years behind him, he developed into the accomplished, caring young man that he did (discussed, *post*).

(*Id.* at 32-33.)

One sister:

Adnan is and has always been a respectful, loving, and wholehearted young man who would never wish harm upon any person.

(*Id.* at 37.)

His grandfather:

He is a handsome young lad, very respectful, well mannered and very polite for which he is loved by all members of our family. He possesses extremely pleasant temperament and habits. He is dutiful, obedient and respectful to the elders; and affectionate and loving to the young ones. He is God fearing and religious minded. He goes out of the way to help the poor and needy. In short, he is good natured and law abiding person.

(Ex. * at 38.)

The uncle who threw him out of the house:

Adnan is a bright, intelligent and suave young man with full vitalities of life. He has a great sense of humor and a gregarious personality which puts him on people's favorite list in no time as evident in his countless number of friends and his good conduct in the jail. Everybody in the jail speaks well of him

(*Id.* at 39.)

In short, Adnan was no hardened criminal when he was 18. Far from it. He was, instead, a beloved, "lost soul,"³ with no criminal disposition whatsoever, trying to find his way. As will be shown, *post*, his luck could not have been worse.

B. Conviction Summary

The probation report indicates that Adnan "has no prior criminal history." (Ex. 1 at 21; see also *id.* at 23 [noting one mitigating fact for purposes of sentencing was that Adnan "has no prior criminal record"].) That report also indicated that he had no known

³ Again, in the words of Dr. Burstein: "At the time of the murder of Kevin McNutt, Adnan Khan was an immature, 18 year old 'lost soul,' abandoned by his father; left by his mother to marry a man in Seattle; kicked out of the family home by his uncles and grandparents; numbing his emotional pain and confusion by drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana daily." (Ex. 2, Psychological Evaluation, at 10.)

juvenile record (*id.* at 26), but it appears that he did suffer a sustained finding for fighting when he was 16 years old.

On February 23, 2006, a jury found Adnan guilty of first degree murder (on a theory of felony murder) and second degree robbery. On December 15, 2006, he was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of 25 years to life on the murder conviction, with sentencing stayed on the robbery count.

C. Commitment Offense

The following is a summary of the commitment offense, gleaned from the probation report (Ex. 1), the discovery provided to trial counsel, and the appellate-court decision in his case (Ex. 3). Applicant believes it is virtually, if not literally, undisputed.

Adnan and Rick Page were recruited by two older accomplices, David Cedeno and Robert Wilson, to rob Kevin McNutt of marijuana. In the course of that effort, on March 24, 2003, Page stabbed McNutt to death. Among other things of which Adnan was unaware at the time of that robbery gone (extremely) bad: (1) Page had a history of hospitalization for a mental illness alternatively diagnosed as schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder; (2) several months earlier, Page had attacked his foster grandmother (whom he loved) in her sleep thinking she was Osama bin Laden, choking her at a time when he was off his medication; (3) in the weeks before the attempted robbery, Page ran out of his medication and, consequently, was not properly medicated on the night of the attempted robbery; and (4) Page was armed with a concealed knife that night, despite the fact that the “plan” had been for there to be no weapons involved.

The 18-year-old Adnan had met Cedeno several weeks earlier. Having only recently left his family home for the reasons set out in the preceding subsection, Adnan accepted Cedeno’s offer to stay with him, rent-free. He was living at Cedeno’s place for about one week prior to the murder. He met Page through Cedeno approximately two weeks before the murder,⁴ and saw him only a handful of times during that period. In his

⁴ Page’s foster grandmother told the police that Page knew Cedeno in high school, but had not associated with him until two weeks before the homicide. (Ex. 4, Discovery Excerpts, at *247.) She also denied that Adnan and Page were friends. (*Ibid.*)

interactions with Page, Adnan observed no unusual behavior, and no evidence of violence.

Marijuana users Ceden and Wilson bought their merchandise from Robert Owen. Earlier on the day of March 24, they hatched a plan to lure Owen's "cousin" McNutt,⁵ a marijuana dealer, from Folsom to Antioch, using as a ruse that Ceden's "cousin," that is, Adnan, wanted to buy \$900 worth of marijuana. That plan did not contemplate violence or the use of any weapons. Wilson specifically assured everyone it would be easy, nobody would even touch McNutt. Apparently, Ceden and Wilson had learned that McNutt had been robbed before, and they concluded it would be a simple matter for someone to just grab his marijuana and run. They needed Adnan and Page to pose as the buyer and the buyer's friend because McNutt knew both Ceden and Wilson and, this way, they believed that could avoid being linked to the theft (there is no allegation that Ceden and Wilson were young Einsteins, though they *were* apparently smart enough to avoid *any* punishment for what they did. as will be further discussed, *post*).

The plan went awry when, instead of McNutt's simply taking out the marijuana while they were outside their vehicles at the designated rendezvous point, and thereby affording Adnan the opportunity to grab it and run per the plan, McNutt insisted on conducting the anticipated transaction inside Page's van. With Adnan and McNutt inside and Page standing outside, Adnan tried to grab the marijuana, McNutt resisted, Adnan hit him on the side of the head, McNutt got out, and, surreally, Page stabbed him eight times in the upper torso, with Adnan screaming at Page all the while from inside the van, "What are you doing? What are you doing? Get in the car. Get in the car."

D. The Killer's Mental-Health History

As noted in the preceding subsection, Adnan barely knew Page on the night of the attempted robbery, having met him for the first time a mere few days earlier. Adnan noted nothing aberrant in their few interactions.

⁵ They considered each other cousins, though, according to the victim's father, they were close because he was Owen's godfather.

The forensic psychologist appointed by the court to evaluate Page's competency to stand trial, Dr. Burstein (the same psychologist who would later evaluate Adnan), learned a great deal more about him. Page had "an extensive psychiatric history," had been diagnosed as suffering from Schizophreniform Disorder and Schizoaffective Disorder, and had a history of "suffering from command hallucinations, homosexual panic, delusions, and sudden mood swings." (Ex. 2 at 5.) Some four months before the homicide, he had assaulted his grandmother, with whom he lived and had a very good relationship, stopping only when he realized who she was. He was hospitalized and prescribed anti-psychotic medication in response to that incident, but he went off his meds prior to the homicide. (*Ibid.*) In Dr. Burstein's opinion, although it unjustifiably received little judicial respect (see, e.g., Ex. 3, *People v. Khan*, at 5), Page was psychotic when he killed McNutt (Ex. 2 at 5).⁶

When Page was booked into jail, the following medications were booked in with him: Zyprexa 10mg, Trazodone HCL 50mg, Hydrocodone Bit/ Acetaminophen 5-500mg, 260 Pyridoxine 50mg, Isoniazid 300mg, Benztropine 1mg, and Zoloft 50mg. (Ex. 4, Discovery Excerpts, at *61-62.)

Page wrote to his foster grandmother while incarcerated in the county jail awaiting trial, at a time when he was again (unlike at the time of the homicide) properly medicated. Among other things, he stated:

I don't know what I was thinking to do something like this. You know me and how I am. That's not like me. I'm still very sorry for what I did to you [i.e., choking her in her sleep when he thought she was Bin Laden]. I still can't forgive myself or live it down. But I can't even begin to explain why I was feeling like that and where did it come from. I couldn't even tell what I was doing was wrong till [*sic*] I snapped out of it. Same thing happened with this case. I wasn't myself. Next thing I knew the guy was being stabbed. Then when I saw the blood I freaked out

⁶ Whether or not that opinion was admissible at trial, a subject that admits to reasonable debate, there is simply no question but that Dr. Burstein's view of the matter was accurate. There could be no other rational explanation for Page's behavior.

and stopped. He was alive when I left. I didn't stab him to death. He was stabbed then died.

(Ex. 4 at *443.)

As noted, Adnan knew *nothing* about *any* of that at the time that Cedeno and Wilson assigned the task of physically stealing the marijuana to Page and him.

E. Adnan's Post-Arrest Exemplary Conduct

1. Adnan's Statements on the Day of His Arrest

It did not take Adnan very long to accept responsibility for his actions. Arrested the morning following the homicide, he waived his *Miranda* rights and honestly answered all and sundry questions posed to him over the course of a lengthy interview, despite clearly being under the tremendous stress of having only recently learned that the victim had died and he had been arrested for murder. What leaps out from the pages of the transcript of that interview (Ex. 5) is that, despite the horror and shock, he tried his best to honestly cooperate with the interviewing detective as best he could.⁷ For example, he identified Wilson and Cedeno as planners of the marijuana robbery (Ex. 5 at 40, 55); reported that Cedeno was present at the scene when everything went wrong (*id.* at 40); identified Wilson as the person who had telephoned McNutt to lure him to

⁷ Contrast that conduct with that of Cedeno, one of the co-planners of the robbery, who, far from being given a life sentence, *was not prosecuted*, told a police officer at the murder scene, asking who had stabbed the victim, that it had been two black men wearing hoods who drove away in a white van (Ex. 4 at *12), though he knew all too well that it was Page, who drove away in a brown van (*id.* at *49). When taken to the Antioch police station to be further interviewed, he told his interviewers that he did not know the people in the van (*ibid.*), before finally identifying them. When he did identify them, however, he attempted to make it appear that no robbery had been planned, that Adnan was merely a buyer whom Cedeno hooked up with McNutt. (*Id.* at *59.) It was not until some 22 months later that he first told the truth about the incident. (*Id.* at *472-474.) Not unimportantly, when he did so, he confirmed everything that Adnan had said about it all, even though they had not spoken since the homicide. Wilson, the other planner who escaped all justice, likewise told the police initially that he did not know the people in the van, the only reason he was at the scene was because he had stopped to ask if anyone needed help, he expressly denied advance knowledge of what was supposed to have taken place at the crime scene, and he played no part in setting up any marijuana sale. (*Id.* at *49, 70, 74, 75.) When he later admitted to his part in setting up the sale, he *continued* to deny any plan to rob McNutt. (*Id.* at *254, 476.)

Antioch (*id.* at 53); identified Cedeno as the person who had directed him to the location at which he was to meet McNutt (*id.* at 60); tried to recall as best he could the route Page had taken driving away so that the police could attempt to recover a napkin Page had used to wipe off blood and thrown out the van's window (*id.* at 33-35); and tried to describe as best he could the shirt Page had been wearing to help the police recover it (*id.* at 31). As Adnan told his interviewer, "Anything you ask, I'll tell you" (to which the interviewing detective responded, "I appreciate your honesty.") (*Id.* at 69.)

Among other things, Adnan explained that the plan had been for him to grab the marijuana and run, and Page was to pick him up in Page's van. (Ex. 5 at 14) He described how the plan went awry when McNutt wanted to do the deal inside the van, which forced Adnan to get inside with McNutt while Page stood outside the passenger door. (*Id.* at 18-19.) Adnan had the marijuana baggies in his hand, McNutt grabbed for it, and Adnan instinctively hit him on his head. (*Id.* at 18.) McNutt then got out of the van – Adnan wasn't certain whether he did so on his own or was pulled out by Page – and then Adnan saw Page fighting with him. (*Id.* at 20.) Adnan did not ever see Page's knife – he believed that Page was beating up McNutt, but then he saw blood. (*Id.* at 20-22.) Per their plan, they were not supposed to have had any weapons. (*Id.* at 21.) When he saw them fighting, he repeatedly yelled at Page at the top of his lungs to get into the van. (*Id.* at 23-24.)⁸ He saw that Page "went crazy." (*Id.* at 25.) Adnan already had the marijuana, so he couldn't understand what Page was doing. (*Ibid.*)

After Page got in and they drove away, Adnan saw the blood on him, asked him what happened, and he said that he stabbed the guy. (Ex. 5 at 25.) As Adnan described his reaction: "I'm, like, what the f*ck?" Adnan observed, "He went crazy. I don't know, something was wrong with his f*cking mind. He was like, I don't know what's going on with him. I have no idea. It's like he snapped or something, all of a sudden." (*Id.* at 26.) Adnan returned to this point repeatedly: "I don't know, it's just like he snapped or something like he's a different person or some sh*t. I don't know what the f*ck his

⁸ McNutt's friend Pacheco, present at the scene, heard the shouts for Page to get back in the van. (Ex. 4 at *240.)

problem was.” (*Id.* at 28.) And again a few minutes later: “I’m telling you, he snapped or some shit, man. I don’t know what the f*ck happened to him.” (*Id.* at 32.)⁹

As they were driving away, they tried calling Wilson, to no avail. (Ex. 5 at 27.) They also tried contacting Cedeno, also without success. (*Id.* at 50.) They ended up at Page’s house, Adnan spent the night in the van parked outside, and that was where the police found and arrested him the following morning.

It bears noting that the subsequent law-enforcement investigation, which would include DNA, blood, and fingerprint analyses and multiple witness interviews, did not yield a single fact contradicting any of the things Adnan conveyed at this interview. Indeed, examples abound of the investigation’s corroboration of Adnan’s statements. Adnan told his interviewer that, when he struck McNutt one time in the head, he did not hit him hard. (Ex. 5 at 36.) When the forensic pathologist performed the autopsy, he did not note a single bruise, abrasion, injury, etc., in the face or head area. (Ex. 4 at *113, 116, 411-413.) When Wilson *finally* told the truth about the plan to steal McNutt’s marijuana (nearly two years after repeatedly lying about it), he confirmed Adnan’s recounting of it (*), just as Cedeno had earlier done. (*)

As highlighted, *ante*, Adnan told the truth the morning after the homicide and received a life sentence for taking part in a robbery related to it; Cedeno and Wilson lied and lied and lied again, they *planned* that robbery, and they were not prosecuted for *anything*.

2. Adnan’s Sentencing Allocution

Adnan, without any obligation to do so, spoke at his sentencing hearing. (Ex. 6.) He used his opportunity to apologize directly to the victim’s family. He acknowledged

⁹ That these words were *manifestly* not untruths being spun to shift blame away from himself and onto Page is made sufficiently clear by the psychologist’s testimony and Page’s mental-health history (see subsection D, *ante*), which are entirely consistent with Adnan’s description, in his own layman’s language, of what he had observed of Page that night.

their agony caused by his mistake. He wanted them to know that he lives with what he did and feels the hurt every day. He took full responsibility for the “living nightmare” he caused and expressed his hope that the McNutt family would somehow find closure and could someday forgive him.

F. The Probation Officer’s Report and Recommendation

The probation officer’s sentencing report (Ex. 1) provides an excellent summary of the facts surrounding the commitment offense. Following that summary, the officer made the following concluding remarks most apposite to the instant application:

Regrettably, were it not for the fact that a young man lost his life, probation would have been recommended for Mr. Khan. He has no prior record of criminal conduct, is willing and capable of adhering to the terms of probation, has the overwhelming support of his family, and does not pose a threat to society. Mr. Khan voices remorse for his actions and appears greatly saddened by the death of a young man, near his own age. Presently, the defendant has a support system in place that includes his mother, stepfather, grandfather, siblings, and uncles.

The defendant, now twenty-two years of age, is before the Court, facing 25 years to life in confinement, not as a result of his own actions, but as a consequence of a law we have in place, to protect our community from violent offenders. Mr. Khan has no prior criminal history and psychological testing concluded that he does not have the propensity for violence or aggressive behavior.

Circumstances in Mitigation (rule 4.423):

A. Facts Related to the Crime:

(1) The defendant was an active contributor in the robbery of Kevin McNutt, but a passive participant in the victim’s death....

(3) The crime of first degree murder was committed by Rick Page (a man with a documented history of mental illness), which is unlikely to recur by Mr. Kahn.

[(4)] The defendant, with no apparent predisposition to do so, was induced by David Cedeno to participate in the crime of robbery, as Cedeno provided him rent-free housing.

b. Facts Related to the Defendant:

- (1) The defendant has no prior criminal record.
- (3) The defendant voluntarily acknowledged wrongdoing at an early stage in the criminal process.
- (4) The defendant is ineligible for probation and but for that ineligibility would have been granted probation.

G. The Presentencing Psychological Evaluation

Dr. Jules Burstein was initially appointed by the superior court to evaluate Page for competency to stand trial. Adnan's trial counsel subsequently asked him to evaluate Adnan in anticipation of sentencing. (Ex. 2 at 1.)

Dr. Burstein reviewed case-related documents, interviewed Adnan, administered a battery of psychological tests to him, and interviewed members of Adnan's family. (Ex. 2 at 2.) Two of the "several themes" evinced by one test's results were Adnan's remorse for his offense and his concerns over his personal shortcomings. (*Id.* at 7.) The results of the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, which included no indication of malingering, showed elevated clinical scales "suggestive of a young man who is immature, has poor judgment, and who is easily manipulated by others." (*Id.* at 7-8.)¹⁰ The results of the Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-III most notably showed that Adnan "scored extremely low on the three scales that most often correlate with a propensity for violent or unlawful behavior, namely the 'Narcissistic,' 'Sadistic,' and 'Anti-social Personality' Disorder scales." (*Id.* at 8.)

Dr. Burstein well summarized the teenage Adnan who had merely sought to grab some marijuana and run to please his older buddy:

At the time of the murder of Kevin McNutt, Adnan Khan was an immature, 18 year old "lost soul," abandoned by his father; left by his mother to marry a man in Seattle; kicked out of the family home by his uncles and grandparents; numbing his emotional pain and confusion by drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana daily. He has no prior criminal behavior of any significance and he had absolutely no intention nor any

¹⁰ In other words, he was the classic youthful offender, which became fateful when he was thrust by his personal, familial circumstances under the sway of the older Cedeno, before whom Adnan did not want to appear a "punk."

reasonable expectation that there would be any violence involved in the attempt to steal Mr. McNutt's marijuana.

(Ex. 2 at 10.)

Likewise, Dr. Burstein well summarized the 22-year-old Adnan he evaluated:

He is one of the few young men I have seen in thirty years of working as a forensic psychologist who seems genuine[ly] traumatized, not by being in jail, nor by the prospect of a very long prison sentence, but rather by the genuine remorse he feels and the overwhelming shock he continues to process about having participated in a crime which resulted in the death of an innocent 19 year old young man.

(*Ibid.*)

H. Adnan's Incarceration Record

The United States Supreme Court has observed that “[m]aturity can lead to that considered reflection which is the foundation for remorse, renewal, and rehabilitation,” *Graham v. Florida* (2010) 560 U.S. 48, 79, and Adnan's sojourn through the prison system has demonstrated in a very concrete manner the truth of those words. Mature beyond his years, he is the epitome of a rehabilitated offender.

1. Disciplinary History

Like *numerous* young men faced with the prospect of decades, if not life, in prison, Adnan got into some trouble early in his incarceration. As reported in the probation officer's sentencing report:

In September 2003, Khan acted as a look out for two other inmates, caught gambling with dice on the module. He was subsequently counseled for his involvement and the fact that he was verbally disrespectful to a module deputy.... In June 2004, Khan was relieved as a module worker, for “sometimes” questioning authority about what needed to be done.

(Ex. 1 at 19.)

“[A]ccording to staff in the classification unit at the main jail, Khan has been an ideal inmate since.” (*Ibid.*) Indeed, his conduct improved to such a point that the jail staff made him a trustee. (Ex. 2 at 10.)

That ideal inmate lapsed in June 2009, when he was issued a CDCR-115 disciplinary report after two cellphones and two chargers were found in his double cell. Following a hearing, he was found guilty of possession of a cellphone.

In addition, in February 2010, he received a CDCR-115 disciplinary report for engaging in a fistfight on a basketball court. Originally charged as a battery on an inmate without serious injury, it was reduced to a fighting infraction by the hearing officer. There was no serious injury, there was no use of weapons. The involved inmates all agreed that they were not enemies and that they could continue living together on the same yard.

Adnan has been disciplinary-free for the seven and one-half years since.

2. Accomplishments Memorialized in Adnan's Central File

Adnan's C-File contains numerous positive achievements apposite to the instant petition:

- A series of laudatory chronos and certificates indicated that:¹¹
 1. In June 2017, Adnan was commended for being an active member of Kid C.A.T. ("Creating Awareness Together") for the previous two years. The writer indicated that Adnan "strives to inspire humanity through education, mentorship, and restorative practices," and praised him for his active participation in group functions and for "continuing to work to improve his life and making amends."
 2. In January 2017, a lieutenant commended Adnan for participating in a two-hour forum with San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon and two dozen prosecutors from around the country. The purpose of the forum was to establish community relationships with public-safety officials, and the discussion focused on how best to address criminal thinking and negative behavior in the rehabilitation process. Adnan shared his personal story, discussing the factors that he believed contributed to his own

¹¹ This is not a complete summary, but, instead, highlights only those laudatory chronos that seem the most relevant.

incarceration and describing the process that he undertook toward rehabilitation. Among other things, the lieutenant noted that Adnan “accepted full responsibility for his crime.”

3. In December 2016, the same lieutenant praised Adnan for participating in a two-hour forum with eight representatives of the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office. Among other things, the lieutenant noted that Adnan shared his thoughts as to the type of support he would need to assist his transition from prison.

4. In November 2016, Adnan was commended for his donation of “money products” to a non-profit organization that provides services to homeless children. The writer indicated that Adnan “is a person who is not only capable of being loving and supportive, but is also an example of the restorative spirit.”

5. Also in November 2016, Adnan was commended for completing a 26-week childhood-development curriculum, a course designed to help participants “connect the dots between their past and present behaviors and thinking patterns” and to utilize their greater understanding to formulate a plan “on how to move forward in their life in a positive and productive manner.”

6. In September 2016, Adnan’s contribution for over a year to the SQUIRES (“San Quentin Utilization of Inmate Resources, Experiences, and Studies”) Program was acknowledged. The writer noted that Adnan is “trained and experienced in counseling juvenile delinquents and youth who are at risk for entry into the criminal justice system as a consequence of their anti-social behavior.” She noted that workshops were conducted two weekends per month with youth referred to the program by law enforcement, probations departments, school districts, and social workers, and that, as a prerequisite for his participation, Adnan had to demonstrate his “personal integrity, which includes remaining disciplinary free ... and

promoting pro-social values.” The writer concluded with the following:
“KHAN displays an ability to work in harmony and cooperation with others to achieve the objective of dissuading youth from a criminal lifestyle. KHAN’s leadership ability and commitment to helping others will be assets to any community he joins.”

7. In June 2016, Adnan was commended for completing the one-year intensive GRIP (“Guiding Rage Into Power”) Program. The writer noted that the program functioned as a comprehensive offender-accountability program that commits its participants “to a process of deep self-inquiry and healing.” The participants discussed their commitment offenses and investigated “exactly which behavioral factors led to the crime.”

8. In April 2016, Adnan was commended for his participation in the Day of Peace program. “He was instrumental in the development and operational coordination of the Day of Peace event involving administration, staff, outside guests, and other volunteers.... Mr. KHAN has demonstrated a strong personal commitment to the concept of peace and the promotion of harmony among the residents and employees of San Quentin.... [He] represents a positive role model for others....”

9. In March 2016, Adnan was commended for his participation in a forum featuring teachers from the Bay Area and around the country at which youth mentorship, emotional development, trauma, and preventing school violence were discussed. Adnan shared with the educators his personal educational experiences, “taking responsibility for his past actions, and providing insight to improve educational settings”; he also “explored how his past actions had severe consequences for victims, community members, and public.”

10. In January 2016, Adnan was commended for his planning and participation in a TEDx San Quentin event called “Life Revealed.” He spent many hours in that endeavor, and the “dispositions he displayed were

of the highest standard, which represented himself and San Quentin Prison in good standing.”

11. Also in January 2016, Adnan was commended for donating money and products to Bay Area homeless children.

12. In March 2015, Adnan was commended for his participation in a writing workshop with at-risk youth. He “shared his story of personal transformation to inspire at-risk youth to make a positive lifestyle change by considering actions and consequences and holding themselves accountable.” Adnan was specifically praised for “his willingness to give back to his community.”

13. In December 2013, Adnan was commended for his participation in an Alternatives to Violence workshop.

14. In March 2013, Adnan was commended for completing 30 hours of facilitator training for the KATARGEO “Going Home” program, a comprehensive training course touching upon the entire spectrum of re-entry issues.

15. In December 2011, Adnan received a certificate in recognition of his outstanding achievement in Anger Management. He had participated in 13 weeks of group sessions and was commended for his attendance and participation.

- A “Core Risk Assessment” was conducted of him in September 2012. Designed to measure needs that had been found in research studies to correlate with criminal behavior, that assessment found “substance abuse,” “criminal personality,” “family criminality,” “educational problems,” and “employment problems” all “unlikely” to contribute to future criminality. No factors were found “likely” to contribute to future criminality.
- In May 2014, Adnan appeared before a classification committee, which noted that his minimum mandatory placement score was 19, which is the lowest possible score for an inmate convicted of his commitment offense, and that his

“preliminary score” had decreased by 32 points due to his disciplinary-free periods and positive work performance periods.

- Work Supervisor’s Reports typically characterized Adnan’s work as “exceptional” or “above average,” though always, at a minimum, “satisfactory.” Supervisors’ comments included, “Good job,” “Does job well,” and “Usually receptive to changes or new ideas.”

I. Adnan’s Plans Should He Be Granted His Conditional Freedom

REASONS FOR GRANTING A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

A. Adnan Was a Paradigmatic Youthful Offender

As noted, Adnan was 18 years old at the time of the commitment offense. Although not technically a juvenile, he was the minimum age of a “youthful offender” (defined in the Penal Code as an individual 18 – 23 years old). In the time since Adnan’s offense, and apposite herein, the State has demonstrated an increasing solicitude for exactly what that means in terms of an individual’s culpability.

Advancements in brain research and the understanding of developmental differences between youths and adults propelled the Legislature to pass Senate Bill 260, adding sections 3051, 3046, subdivision (c), and 4801, subdivision (c), to the Penal Code, effective January 1, 2014. These additions, inter alia, created a new type of parole-suitability hearing for a life prisoner who was under the age of 18 when he perpetrated his commitment offense, said hearing to be especially solicitous of the offender’s youth at that time. (See former § 3051, added by Stats 2013, ch. 312, § 4.) The Legislature subsequently passed Senate Bill 261, effective January 1, 2016, extending the right to such “youth offender parole hearings” to those who were 18 – 23 years old at the time of their commitment offense. (See Stats 2015, ch. 471, § 1.)

The legislative intent behind the latter extension – to treat youthful offenders aged 18 – 23 at the time of their offense the same as juvenile offenders – is abundantly clear:

Science, law, and common sense support the appropriateness of SB 260 youth offender parole hearings for young adults between the age 18 and 23.

Recent scientific evidence on adolescent and youth adult development and neuroscience shows that certain areas of the brain – particularly those affecting judgment and decision-making – do not fully develop until the early-to-mid-20s. Various studies by researchers from Stanford University (2009), University of Alberta (2011), and the National Institute of Mental Health (2011), all confirm that the process of brain development continues well beyond age 18.

This research has been relied on by judges and lawmakers. The US and California Supreme Courts have recognized in several recent opinions that adolescents are still developing in ways relevant to their culpability for criminal behavior and their special capacity to turn their lives around.

California already recognizes the uniqueness of young adults in Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). DJJ is mandated to detain and provide services and programming to some young adults until age 23. The state has recognized early adulthood as a vulnerable period in other arenas as well, for example, extending foster care support beyond age 18 to age 21 in AB 12 (Beall, 2010). As recently as 2013, the Legislature passed AB 1276 (Bloom), which provided special protections and opportunities for young adults through age 22 entering prison.

(Sen. Rules Com., Off. of Sen. Floor Analyses, 3d reading analysis of Sen. Bill No. 261 (2015-2016 Reg. Sess.), as amended Jun. 1, 2015, pp. 3-4.)

Recent neurological research shows that cognitive brain development continues well beyond age 18 and into early adulthood. For boys and young men in particular, this process continues into the mid-20s. The parts of the brain that are still developing during this process affect judgment and decision-making, and are highly relevant to criminal behavior and culpability. Recent United States Supreme Court cases including *Roper v. Simmons*, *Graham v. Florida*, and *Miller v. Alabama* recognize the neurological difference between youth and adults. The fact that youth are still developing makes them especially capable of personal development and growth.

(Assem. Floor Analysis of Sen. Bill No. 261 (2015-2016 Reg. Sess.), as amended Jun. 1, 2015, pp. 2-3.)

Thus, the California Legislature has recognized that what the United States Supreme Court has said about juveniles in this context, including such observations as, “From a moral standpoint it [is] misguided to equate the failings of a minor with those of an adult” (*Roper v. Simmons* (2005) 543 U.S. 551, 570) apply equally to an 18-year-old offender such as Adnan.

The statutory changes specifically require the Board, in assessing a youthful offender’s parole suitability, to not merely consider, but to “give great weight to the diminished culpability of juveniles as compared to adults, the hallmark features of youth, and any subsequent growth and increased maturity.” (§§ 4801, subd. (c), 3051, subd. (d).) The Board must do so to the end of providing such inmate “a meaningful opportunity to obtain release.” (§ 3051, subd. (e).) As our Supreme Court has recognized:

These statutory provisions echo language in constitutional decisions of the high court and this court. The core recognition underlying this body of case law is that children are, as a class, constitutionally different from adults due to distinctive attributes of youth that diminish the penological justifications for imposing the harshest sentences on juvenile offenders. Among these hallmark features of youth are immaturity, impetuosity, and failure to appreciate risks and consequences, as well as the capacity for growth and change.

(*People v. Franklin* (2016) 63 Cal.4th 261, 283 [citations and internal quotation marks omitted].)

Although *Franklin* couches its discussion in terms of “juvenile offenders” (Franklin was 16 years old at the time he perpetrated his controlling offense), there is no question but that, because the statutory changes were, for all the same reasons, applied equally to anyone who was 23 or younger at the time of his controlling offense, Thus, *Franklin*’s rationale applies to Adnan, 18 years old at the time of his controlling offense. (See *People v. Perez* (2016) 3 Cal.App.5th 612 [ordering limited remand for *Franklin* hearing for defendant who was 20 years old at time of his controlling offense].)

Recall that Adnan was evaluated by a forensic psychologist prior to his sentencing and was *contemporaneously* found to have exhibited the very hallmarks of a developing youth that motivated the statutory and constitutional changes cited above:

On the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 Mr. Khan showed no signs of malingering i.e. fabricating or exaggerating psychological symptoms in order to mitigate his level of criminal responsibility. He did, however, produce three elevated clinical scales. Those elevations are suggestive of a young man who is immature, has poor judgment, and who is easily manipulated by others. He has extremely low ego strength, tending to feel unsure of himself, self-critical, and needing direction from others. His lack of deliberation and weighing of alternatives before acting has led him to engage in self-defeating behavior in the past, and he is plagued by feelings of shame and self-condemnation at this time.

(Ex. 2 at 7-8.)

Thus, the material question is whether Adnan should be warehoused for another decade before providing him his first opportunity to prove his suitability for conditional freedom based at least in part on the indisputable fact that he was *precisely* the sort of offender found worthy of great consideration in that process, or, instead, he should be provided that opportunity now. The reasons for the latter outcome, set out in the following subsections, should be persuasive.

B. Adnan's Life Sentence Is Out of All Proportion to His Individual Culpability

Adnan, most assuredly, had no intent to kill anyone. Moreover, he at no point acted with a reckless indifference towards McNutt's life. Asked to determine whether the special allegation were true that Adnan committed the charged murder "while he was engaged in and an accomplice to the commission and attempted commission of the crime of robbery," the jury returned a finding of "not true." To have found that special allegation true, as the jury was instructed, it would have had to find three elements: that (1) Adnan acted "with reckless indifference to human life"; (2) he was "a major participant" in the predicate robbery; and (3) the murder was committed in the commission of the robbery or immediate flight after the robbery. Given that the evidence overwhelmingly established the latter two elements, the most reasonable inference from

the “not true” finding is that the jury concluded that Adnan had *not* acted with reckless indifference to human life, which, likewise, was *also* supported by overwhelming evidence. This finding, like so much else in this tragic case, highlights the disproportionate nature of the life sentence imposed upon him.

Adnan planned to grab some baggies of marijuana and run. When things took an unexpected turn, having to think fast, he hit the marijuana dealer one time, causing no visible injury. He did not participate in Page’s murderous attack at all – he was inside a vehicle, the assault took place outside. He screamed at Page to stop. Adnan was recruited to commit the crime that he actually committed by an older boy who had taken him in at a time when he was homeless. As the probation officer put it, “[W]ith no apparent predisposition to do so, [Adnan] was induced by David Cedeno to participate in the crime of robbery, as Cedeno provided him rent-free housing.” (Ex. 1 at 22.)¹² He knew virtually nothing about Page, whom he had met only twice before. He knew nothing of Page’s mental illness, that Page had engaged in delusional violence in the past, that Page was not properly medicated on the night of the robbery, and that Page was carrying a concealed knife on that fateful night.

A life sentence for an 18-year-old boy who engaged in such actions under such circumstances with such mens rea is precisely the sort of harsh disproportion to which a commutation is most appropriately addressed. Again: the assigned probation officer believed a *probationary sentence* would have been the most appropriate punishment. Instead, a life sentence was meted out to a boy with no criminal predisposition who agreed, at the behest of an older friend to whom he was beholden, to grab some marijuana and run, threw a single punch when things went bad, and had the tragic misfortune to have been sent on this mission with a deeply troubled young man who, completely

¹² As Adnan put it in his interview the day after the homicide: after Wilson and Cedeno formulated the plan to steal the marijuana and informed Adnan that they could not personally do it because McNutt knew them and that he (Adnan) had be the grabber and runner, Adnan “didn’t want to, you know, look like a punk in front of them.” (Ex. 5 at 57.) He added that he lived with Cedeno and didn’t want Cedeno to think poorly of him. (*Ibid.*)

unbeknownst to Adnan, was capable of great violence when in the throes of his (entirely unforeseeable) insufficiently medicated psychosis.

C. A Harsh, Unjust Sentencing Disparity Exists

Cedeno and Wilson, the two young men who concocted the idea of the robbery, planned it, and recruited Adnan and Page to execute it, were given immunity by the prosecution in exchange for their cooperation against Adnan. Page, the actual killer, was initially found incompetent to stand trial, and was then permitted to plead guilty to second degree murder. It was the 18-year-old Adnan – who never thought for a single moment that the planned robbery could result in a death as the whole idea, were it to have crossed his mind, would have seemed so utterly preposterous to him, so beyond anything in his experience – against whom the prosecution brought the full brunt of its power. It is he, though he was far less culpable than Page (assuming he was not insane when he did what he did) and the planners of the robbery, who was given the 25-years-to-life sentence.

The fact that the planners of the robbery escaped justice did not evade the attention of the victim's father. For example, at Adnan's sentencing, he said to the court:

Robert Wilson, one of the instigators is out there living with his girlfriend, probably smoking pot every day, getting drunk every day, enjoying a full life.

Adnan never got to live with a girlfriend or enjoy a full life. His life, instead, has been one of pain and struggle. By any rational measure, the apportioning of blame in this case by the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office through the exercise of its prosecutorial discretion is morally questionable.

D. Liability Under the Felony-Murder Rule Is Inherently Harsh

England, Canada, India, *all* European countries, and several of the United States have abolished felony-murder liability entirely. (See *Enmund v. Florida* (1982) 458 U.S. 782, 796, fn. 22 [so stating].) And that is for good reason. (See *People v. Dillon* (1983) 34 Cal.3d 441, 462-463, 477-489 [our Supreme Court's noting its own repeated criticism of felony-murder doctrine, which it characterized as a "highly artificial

concept” that “is much censured because it anachronistically resurrects from a bygone age a barbaric concept that has been discarded in the place of its origin and because in almost all cases in which it is applied it is unnecessary and it erodes the relation between criminal liability and moral culpability”]; *People v. Aaron* (Mich. 1980) 299 N.W.2d 304, 327-329 [concluding that original justifications for felony-murder rule no longer exist]; *State v. Price* (Ct. App. N. Mex. 1986) 726 P.2d 857, 859 [criticizing doctrine as “result-oriented”]; Wayne R. LaFare & Austin W. Scott, Jr., *Criminal Law* (1972) § 72, at pp. 560-561 [criticizing doctrine as unjustified and predicting its obsolescence]; Model Penal Code (1980) § 210.2 commentary at p. 37 [noting that it is difficult to find “[p]rincipled argument in favor of felony-murder”].)

E. The Judicial System Has Treated Adnan’s Felony-Murder Case with Particularized, Unwarranted Harshness

Even setting aside the inherent harshness of application of felony-murder doctrine to anyone, the judicial system’s putting its imprimatur on that application to Adnan was *especially* severe because the trial court kept from the jury – arguably in violation of controlling rules of evidence – the very facts that would have made an acquittal possible. In a felony-murder case where robbery also served as the predicate felony, our Supreme Court held that evidence that a coparticipant “had a private motive” for killing the victim “was relevant to the jury’s determination that the homicide and the [robbery] were part of a single continuous transaction,” an essential element of felony murder. (*People v. Cavitt* (2004) 33 Cal.4th 187, 210.)

As noted, *ante*, a court-appointed psychologist evaluated Page and was prepared to testify at Adnan’s trial that Page was in a psychotic state when he killed McNutt, motivated by a psychotic delusion. He also would have opined that, in his expert opinion, Page’s attack was unrelated to the drug transaction – as is commonly seen in psychotics, something in the biochemistry of his brain “snapped” (echoing Adnan’s description of what he had observed). In the face of *Cavitt*’s holding, however, the trial court refused to permit the jury to consider that testimony on the question of whether the robbery and murder were part of a “single continuous transaction,” an essential element

for conviction under a felony-murder theory. That ruling passed muster when challenged on habeas corpus, where the argument was rejected that Adnan's Sixth Amendment right to present this evidence and Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment right to a meaningful opportunity to present a defense were thereby violated.

The impact of that ruling on Adnan's chances for acquittal, though clear enough in any event, is amply demonstrated by the jury's treatment of the special-circumstance allegation. Although the trial court precluded the jury's consideration of Page's mental illness with respect to Adnan's guilt under the felony-murder doctrine, it did permit the psychologist to testify about that illness and permitted the jury to consider it for a single purpose, and that purpose only, namely, whether the special-circumstance were true. So permitted, as noted, *ante*, the jury found the allegation *not* true, and manifestly did so because of their predicate finding that he had *not* shown reckless indifference to McNutt's life. It is eminently reasonable to infer that, had the jury been permitted to more broadly consider the psychologist's testimony, it would have had a similar impact on its verdict of felony-murder liability.

There is absolutely no question but that Adnan could not reasonably foresee the victim's death. The thought, not surprisingly, never crossed his mind. His life sentence is unduly "harsh" by any measure.

F. Adnan's Personal Transformation, Growth, and Accomplishments Are Extraordinary

We have an understanding of who the 18-year-old Adnan was because of the psychological evaluation (Ex. 2) and probation officer's investigation performed in anticipation of his sentencing (Ex. 1). The hallmarks of that work have already been noted in subsections F and G of the Factual Background section, *ante*. He was immature, exercised poor judgment, was easily manipulated by others, was deeply troubled by a broken home, etc.

Contrast those characteristics with what we know about the 33-year-old young man Adnan has become, as described by those who best know him. (See Ex. 7, Support Letters.) The writers of the support letters submitted herewith describe him in consistent

terms, and, consequently, a definable portrait emerges. Davia Moore, a CDCR staff member at San Quentin working in the prison's Testing Office, based on her interactions with Adnan over a year's time, noted, among other things:

I was immediately struck by how upbeat and positive Adnan was, and also by how intelligent he seemed.

He takes full responsibility for the bad decisions he made and the terrible consequences that happened as a result. I see Adnan as very mature in how he considers his part in the tragedy. He does not make excuses for his bad decisions, but instead has dedicated himself to helping others hopefully avoid the pitfalls to which he succumbed.

I've noted Adnan's quiet kindness to those less fortunate. He shows consistent respect for others, as well as consideration of their needs. He is a most helpful and extremely patient person, who's very tolerant of other people's shortcomings. Adnan is a thoughtful, introspective member of the San Quentin community. He is well liked and respected by inmates and staff alike.

[Adnan's] real interest is in working on projects that help other people – especially young people – in their lives. It is my sincere belief that Adnan's motivation comes from his deeply-felt regret and remorse over the events he participated in that took another person's life. He is utterly sincere in his desire and efforts to improve the lives of others. I believe that this motivation is helping Adnan to atone for the grievous mistakes he has made, and the pain and suffering his acts have caused others.

(Ex. 7 at *.)

Joy Alferness, a participant in a restorative-justice program run by inmates at San Quentin, after meeting and interacting with Adnan on several occasions, described him as follows:

Mr. Khan has proved himself to be poised, respectful and respected, kind, thoughtful and smart. He always treats his fellow inmates with kindness and respect. As a visitor, I have found Mr. Khan to be friendly and warm. He sets a stellar example for those that surround him. Mr. Khan has spent a great deal of his time while incarcerated working on himself, and he has also taken that knowledge and helped those around him to

rehabilitate. I once observed him providing deep support to another inmate who was experiencing an extremely difficult time while recounting his own life experience. Mr. Khan was an empathetic listener and friend, and helped this inmate feel safe during a painful and scary time.

(Ex. 7 at *.)

Ms. Alferness summed up her thoughts by writing that she “would absolutely trust him in my home, and around my children. Mr. Khan, as I have seen him, is also the type of person that I would love to see my children grow up to be.” (*Ibid.*)

Two other participants in that restorative-justice program, Philip and Gail Towle, able to observe Adnan over a 3-4 year period, noted that he was “thrust into leadership ... because of his authentic ability to inspire others, project teams and prison groups to achieve their best.” They observed “his extreme passion for self-help, self-reflection, personal healing and growth,” and how he “has converted stressful relationships and situations into cooperative collaborations.” It was “[h]ow well Mr. Khan has exhibited personal evolution and moral leadership, bettering himself and others” that provided the Towles their “baseline objective confidence” in their opinion that Adnan is suitable for release. (Ex. 7 at *.)

Julie Mai, a volunteer at San Quentin, who has worked with Adnan on “dozens of occasions,” was initially struck by Adnan’s “transparency and authentic nature.” She noted that, when he spoke to a group of his personal story, he did so “with a rare sense of self-awareness, honesty, open vulnerability, and remorse that I continue to hear in every conversation with him to this day.” Adnan “does all that he can in order to help and educate others to prevent situations like his from happening to others.”

[H]e has demonstrated his propensity to be a great leader, one who selflessly listens and provides unwavering guidance to those around him. From our collaborations in the media lab to discussions in restorative justice circles, Mr. Khan is easily one of the most trustworthy, responsible, kind, ambitious, articulate, creative, and genuine individuals I have ever met. It has been an incredible experience work with him over the past two years and see his ideas unfold through the media project that he founded, #FirstWatch, which spreads messages of accountability and

transformation with vast audiences. With tireless dedication and enthusiasm, I have seen him motivate and cultivate passion for issues around juvenile justice and rehabilitation in everyone he comes across, from the incarcerated community to incoming visitors.

(Ex. 7 at *.)

Ms. Mai summarized her thoughts with strong words of praise: “Of all the youth offenders who I have been fortunate to work with, Mr. Khan is one who restores my faith in humanity by embodying the meaning of justice, hope, and redemption.” (*Id.* at *.)

Michael Wheelless has been Adnan’s direct supervisor at work since July 2016, when Adnan began working as a clerk in the education department, and was duly “impressed by the traits and behavior he exhibits.”

Mr. Khan works very hard both in his duties with the education department as well as the level of effort he puts toward the outside volunteer programs he is involved with. These volunteer programs include Dream Corps, Kid Kat, outside tours, Squires, SQ TV, and Prison University Project. In my observation, Mr. Khan takes each of these responsibilities seriously and uses the opportunities offered at San Quentin to not only prepare himself for life outside of incarceration but to better himself as a person.

(Ex. 7 at *.)

Hera Chan, another volunteer at San Quentin, who worked with Adnan over the course of several months between 2015 and 2016, writes:

In the time that I have known Mr. Khan, he has proven himself to be a thoughtful, kind and honest person. He treats each individual – staff, inmates and volunteers – with respect and shows consideration about how his actions may impact others. In my experience of knowing him, he has proven to be a supportive, self-aware, and responsible person.

Ex. * at *.)

Another volunteer at San Quentin, Sara Sandija, who interacted with Adnan weekly over the course of a year and one-half, writes of what she observed of Adnan in the group settings in which they both participated:

[He] was empathetic and supportive of those in the group, and I was surprised by the vulnerability he displayed when finally

sharing the story of his crime. His accountability for the events that took place that day are clear, and he has accepted his role in the death of the young man who lost his life that day.

(Ex. 7 at *.)

Ms. Sandija also took note of Adnan's growth during their time together:

[He grew] tremendously in this time from an inmate, who was courteous to all but stayed diligent and guarded while on his personal path, to a friend and a leader to those around him. As Mr. Khan became more comfortable in his own narrative I witnessed him step up to guide those around him in their journey towards accountability and forgiveness. I will never forget the way he supported a close friend in the group through a painful breakthrough. Mr. Khan was a symbol of joy and light-heartedness during that time, while remaining a steadfast advocate in support of this fellow inmate's personal journey. In turn, he grew more confident in exploring and sharing his own story. I saw him become keenly self-aware and critical in approach to his rehabilitation and this was a source of strength for those around him....

Mr. Khan is naturally curious and sharp. He has maintained an interest in the world outside the walls of San Quentin and stays connected to his network of family and friends. What has taken many of his peers decades to accomplish Mr. Khan has already achieved thus far in his time served. I have seen him outgrow his surroundings and firmly believe that to keep him locked away any longer is depriving our community of a young man they so desperately need back. At San Quentin, he has become a constant in the lives of several young inmates and fostered an interest in education and discouraged them from negative behaviors. He has also been a key figure in the media program, which has given those inside a creative platform to amplify their voices and perspectives. Mr. Khan has exhibited an excellent rapport among inmates, volunteers, and guards alike. He is truly a symbol of dignity, grace, and perseverance to those around him. I have heard firsthand from other inmates how he has provided a sense of normalcy to what can often be a chaotic world of incarceration. I can only imagine that his impact on the outside would be limitless.

(Ex. * at *.)

These words from those who know Adnan need no elaboration herein. He has been a credit to the CDCR's rehabilitation model.

G. Adnan Is Suitable for Parole

It is virtually certain that, were Adnan to appear before a parole panel today, he would be found suitable for parole. He was found at age 22, when he was sentenced, to pose no danger to the public, and the record he has created in the years since, a fortiori, renders that conclusion essentially inescapable. The reviewers of this application must be aware of how very unusual it is for an inmate to garner the quality of support from prison staff that Adnan has done. Couple that with all that is known of his history – the absence of criminal disposition, the striving for self-understanding and the attainment of insight, the positive acts of helping others, the deep remorse – and his parole plans and support network waiting for him, and it should be clear that Adnan is well situated to rejoin free society, at *no* risk, let alone an unreasonable one, to the safety of others.

Almost needless to add, Adnan is willing to abide by whatever conditions may be set in conjunction with a commutation and/or parole release.

CONCLUSION

Perhaps, had the adolescent-development research been available to the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office in 2003, the 18-year-old Adnan would never have been charged with felony murder as an initial matter. Regardless, however, the time has surely come to recognize, in light of that research, the disproportionality of the punishment judicially meted out for his offense, and to adjust it accordingly. Our criminal justice system, to date, has treated Adnan with great harshness, but rather than surrender to bitterness, or simply mute resignation, he has striven mightily through the years to rehabilitate himself, in precisely the manner the system encourages, and should be proud of. As a contributor to the betterment of the lives of fellow inmates, a boon to staff, and a seeker of deeper truths in his unceasing self-exploration of the factors that led him to his commitment offense, and in his sufferings and repeated expressions of remorse, Adnan has demonstrated himself worthy of executive grace. If but given the chance, he will contribute mightily to our State's arc toward a more just and caring society. Because of

the unique, albeit extremely painful, path of his life to date, and the insights it has generated, he is well-positioned to do so. He has shown over the course of years, through all his good works and the young man he has become, that he will be a very productive member of the free community, precisely as he has been for San Quentin's. To the extent anyone can, he has earned the grace he seeks.

Dated: October *, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Gary K. Dubcoff

Counsel for Applicant
ADNAN ANJUM KHAN

VERIFICATION

I, Adnan Anjum Khan, hereby declare that I have reviewed the foregoing Application for Commutation of Sentence, drafted on my behalf by my attorney, and that the information provided therein is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the Application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, belief, and ability. Executed this ____ day of October, 2017, in San Quentin, California.

Adnan Anjum Khan

STATEMENT OF COMPENSATION PAID

I, Gary K. Dubcoff, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, pursuant to Penal Code sections 4807.2 and 4807.3, that I have been paid approximately \$* for legal fees earned in preparing the instant application and for related work and expenses (e.g., repeated travel to and from applicant's prison). No person who has provided a support letter for this application has been paid any compensation to do so. No other person has been paid compensation for assistance with this application.

Dated: October *, 2017

Gary K. Dubcoff
Counsel for Applicant
Adnan Anjum Khan

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Gary K. Dubcoff, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on October *, 2017, I served upon the District Attorney of Contra Costa County true and correct copies of: (1) applicant's Notice of Application for Commutation of Sentence (Ex. 8); and (2) District Attorney Acknowledgement form (Ex. 9), by mailing them, via USPS certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

The Hon. Diana Becton
District Attorney
Contra Costa County DA's Office
900 Ward St
Martinez, Ca 94553.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I this day, October *, 2017, served a true and correct copy of the instant application and its attached exhibits upon the District Attorney of Contra Costa County by sending it to the above address via Federal Express, overnight delivery.

Dated: October *, 2017

Gary K. Dubcoff
Counsel for Applicant
Adnan Anjum Khan

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

James Simpson King

In 2004, James King walked into a bank, pretended he had a gun, and demanded money from a teller. He left the bank with about \$3,000, and was caught later that day. On February 15, 2005, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. King to 25 years to life for robbery plus a 5-year enhancement for a prior felony conviction – a total term of 30 years to life in prison.

Mr. King is now 49 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 15 years. In that time, he has maintained an excellent record. He has only been disciplined for misconduct one time, and has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or alcohol. Mr. King earned several vocational certifications and is currently taking college classes from Patten University. He has participated in self-help programs including Restorative Justice, Relapse Prevention, and Creative Conflict Resolution.

Notably, Mr. King has earned the respect of many staff members and volunteers at San Quentin. In 2017, a staff psychologist supported Mr. King's commutation and wrote, "Mr. King is as dedicated to understanding and healing himself as any man I have worked with... He is also an example of how a man can embrace incarceration as a rare opportunity to assess himself frankly, heal himself with support, and redeem himself in his own eyes and the eyes of his community." Also in 2017, a correctional officer supported Mr. King's commutation and wrote, "Inmate King has proven his commitment to rehabilitation, and I believe he is ready to re-enter society and positively contribute to his community." Another correctional officer praised Mr. King's positive behavior and wrote, "I believe he poses no risk to public safety and will be a productive and law-abiding citizen upon release." Several representatives from the Prison University Project also wrote in support of Mr. King's commutation and noted his exceptional service to others and dedication to rehabilitation.

Additionally, Mr. King's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. King.

For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. King has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of James Simpson King to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: James King Date of Birth: 03-21-69 Inmate ID: V-69030

Address: 1 Main St. San Quentin, CA 94974 Facility: San Quentin State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
Bank Robbery	01-03-97	Fed. Dist. ct (East Mo)	60 months
Bank Robbery	01-03-97	Fed Dist ct (East Mo)	60 months

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

In March, 2004 I walked into a bank in Vista, California and handed the teller a note demanding cash. She complied, however about 20 minutes later I was arrested.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation because I have reached a point in my rehabilitation in which I feel confident that I have successfully addressed the character flaws that influenced me to act out in ways that hurt others. I've gained the tools to

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I believe my potential to commit another crime is the most important factor when considering the possibility of my release. Equally important to the specifics of the crime I committed, is my history of criminal thinking. I've spent the last 13 years exploring the origins of my

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, James Simpson King, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)

California that I have served the District Attorney of San Diego County with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

[Signature]
Applicant's Signature

12/10/17
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Diego County:

Please take notice that I James Simpson King, was convicted of the crime of Robbery, committed in San Diego County, California on the date of March 5, 2004. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

[Signature]
Applicant's Signature

12/10/17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steven Carver, Deputy, District Attorney of the County of San Diego do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from James Simpson King, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date 01-18-2018

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

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understand my personality defects like low-self esteem, and inability to process anxiety and stress. Also, I have strategies in place now that will prevent me from reacting to life's stressors by breaking laws or harming others. At this point, please allow me to be more specific.

For as long as I can remember, I've had low feelings of self-worth and tremendous resentment towards authority. My mother was 19 years old when I was born and worked a full-time job to support us, I struggled with feelings of neglect and lacked the tools to deal with those feelings in an healthy manner. I also had a step-father who used corporal punishment as a means of discipline. It was hard for me to reconcile why my parent would physically hurt me.

From those experiences, I developed a character that was extremely self-sabotaging and harmful to others. I broke laws in reaction to the hurt and pain I felt and because it served as a release. I have spent the last 13 years since my incarceration working to understand the causes of the pain and why I do things that hurt others. I now have the tools to deal with these character traits in a healthy manner. I'm asking for an opportunity to go before the parole board so they can determine my suitability for release.

Question #3 (continued)

criminal thinking and developing new thought patterns. This has not been easy. In fact, it is the hardest thing I've ever attempted.

I always felt neglected by my parents. To grossly oversimplify, my feelings of neglect caused me to distrust authority, become resentful, and at the same time internalize feelings of low self-worth. By age seven I was shoplifting from the corner store, breaking windows and lights in my neighborhood, and being disruptive at school. My parents responded with punishments and beatings. They repeatedly told me that something was wrong with me. I believed them and acted on that belief for most of my life.

After I was sentenced to life in 2005, I realized the hard truth that my life was unmanageable. As a result, I made two ~~decisions~~ decisions. First, I gave my life over to Jesus; second, I sought professional help.

For me, accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior meant that I submitted myself to the Bible as the ruling authority in my life. I've worked very hard to internalize the Bible's ethics as my own, even down to my diet and setting the 7th day apart for worship. I stopped lying and hurting other people, and started trying to be loving towards them. Doing good things caused me to feel better about myself, and I would often encourage

Question #3 (continued)

myself by pointing to my newfound values to prove that I was no longer the same person who earned a life sentence.

I also sought professional help through self-help groups, books, and therapy. At first I was resistant, looking at my family life as a child felt like I was trying to avoid responsibility for the choices I made as an adult. Finally, I began to realize that being traumatized as a child was an important factor in why I traumatized others as an adult.

I've spent the last ten years cataloging and processing the traumas I experienced and the thinking patterns I developed as a result. I do not claim that I no longer have esteem or authority issues, but what I can say now is that I recognize when those issues come up and I use self-talk, writing, my support system, and several other tools to avoid making bad decisions. Ultimately, it's not my place to say whether I should or should not have my sentence commuted. I robbed a bank and was sentenced appropriately under the laws of this state. All I can say is that I strongly believe that I have addressed the factors that caused me to commit crimes. I'm asking for a chance to prove myself before the parole board.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Karen Kirksey

In 2010, Karen Kirksey learned that her husband was having an affair. On September 27, 2010, armed with a gun, Ms. Kirksey entered the home of her husband's girlfriend and found the two in bed together. Ms. Kirksey fired a single shot into the bedroom ceiling, then hit her husband in the head with the gun several times. Ms. Kirksey also vandalized her husband's car with a tire iron. On August 24, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Kirksey to three years for two counts of assault with a firearm, one year and four months for burglary, eight months for negligent discharge of a firearm, eight months for vandalism, 3 years for great bodily injury enhancement, plus 5 years and eight months for three firearm enhancements—a total term of 14 years and four months.

Ms. Kirksey has now been incarcerated for eight years and is 65 years old. At sentencing, the trial judge stated, "these crimes [] were committed because of unusual circumstances which are unlikely to reoccur." In her application for clemency, she wrote, "I am a person that made a horrible life changing error for which I do need to pay the price for it. I have worked very hard on myself to understand my actions. I can now say that the work was not in vain because it has caused me to get help through various classes, such as anger management, life skills, compass group, and spiritual classes. I now understand my hurt and anger." Additionally, Ms. Kirksey has participated in Alternatives to Violence, Addictions, and 12 Steps. Regarding her rehabilitative efforts, a chaplain wrote, "She is very remorseful regarding her case and she recognizes how the darkness of the world overtook her and has taken away her family. I am sure she will be quite an asset to her community again and to her family upon her release."

Ms. Kirksey's work performance and efforts toward self-improvement have impressed prison staff. One staff member commented, "She is courteous and professional and I know is an incredible team player, an asset to any Department she works and the facility as a whole." A correctional sergeant commended Ms. Kirksey for her "exceptional abilities" as a clerk, writing, "She is efficient, displays a strong work ethic and continues to broaden the scope of her responsibilities in the program office due to the level of integrity she has earned during her time in this role." A counselor stated that Ms. Kirksey "has always displayed a high degree of integrity, independence, and creativity." A correctional officer wrote, "I believe she will be a successful and productive member of society, deserving of reintegration into the community." Ms. Kirksey has family support as well as a plan for housing and employment upon her release from prison.

Ms. Kirksey has demonstrated remorse and a commitment to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Kirksey is ready to be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Karen Kirksey to release her on parole.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: KAREN SHANNON KIRKSEY Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 53 Inmate ID: [REDACTED]
Address: Calif. Institute for Women, 16756 Chino Corona Rd. Corona, Ca 92880 Facility: _____

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
<u>SEE ATTACHED PETITION/PAGES</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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I, Karen Kirksey _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)

California that I have served the District Attorney of Los Angeles _____ with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Karen Kirksey
Applicant's Signature

January 12, 2016
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, KAREN SHANNON KIRKSEY

was convicted of the crime of ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM / GBI

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of September 27, 2010

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Karen Kirksey
Applicant's Signature

September 27, 2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Woelfz HP, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Karen Shannon Kirksey,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Barbara Woelfz

Date

10/18/11

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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KAREN SHANNON KIRKSEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
THE HONORABLE JERRY BROWN

In Re: KAREN SHANNON KIRKSEY APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY

I. Introduction

Since 2011, I, KAREN KIRKSEY have been dedicated and devoted to working as a tutor, PIA Industry, Chaplain's Clerk and Self Help groups, facilitator to rehabilitate myself that I may be successful and a positive asset to society.

I have been commended on my leadership roll at VSPW and CIW, where I currently reside. I also have community support, most importantly from my family who have offered permanent residency in their homes and assistance in finding employment.

I have also been offered spiritual, financial and moral support from my church family that have great concern for me. Both my biological and spiritual family have my best interest and success in the forefront.

II. Criminal Conviction

I am serving a sentence of 14 years and 8 months for (1) 1st degree burglary (P.C. §459) with a firearm unse allegation (§12022.5, subd. (a)); (2) assault with a firearm (§,subd. (a) (2)) with firearm use (§12022.5, subd. (a)/(d) and great bodily injury (§12022.7, subd. (e)) allegations; (3) discharging a firearm with gross negligence (§246.3, subd. (a));

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14 Compass/Critical Thinking in which I also facilitateds, Addictions,
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16 Action in which I tutored and facilitated. I have also continued to focus on
17 my religious studies, earning certificates on the outside and the inside as
18 the Director of Bishop's Aides, Certificate of Ordination, Certificate of
19 Achievement in 1st & 2nd John study, Certificate of Appreciation from Pastor
20 Selma J. Brown of God's Grace Christian Fellowship, Pastorial appointment from
21 Bishops' Howard & Linda Shelley, Certificate of Ordination from Pastors'
22 Kenneth & Joanne Lee of Wsord Enrichment Christian Center, Inc., Certificate
23 of Appreciation from Bishops' Dr. George & Dr. Cheryl Ferrand of Mishpachah
24 Ministies.

25 **B. Laudatory chronos**

26 People from correctional officers, employers and self-help
27 instructors, have commended me on my effort, attitude and progress with
28 laudatory chronos. (please see Ex. A - E). These are proof that I have and I
am continuing to better myself rather than merely earning certificates. I am
striving to maintain an active positive role.

For instance, Catholic Chaplain D. Grajales of VSPW wrote "Kirksey
should be commended on her participation in healing, growth and rehabilitation

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19 Pastor Selma J. Brown of God's Grace Christian Fellowship, Certificate of
20 Appreciation in Music. All of my certificates are attached and reflect the effort
21 that I have made to rehabilitate myself while being incarcerated.

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24 have commended me on my effort, attitude and progress with laudatory chronos.
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26 myself rather than merely earning certificates. I am striving to maintain an
27 active positive role, rather than just receiving chronos.

1 For instance, C.O. Brown wrote in 2014, that I maintain professionalism and
2 and adhere to rules, regulations and policies. Also, that I have donned a mentor-
3 ship role among my peers. Compass instructor and sponsor, Yolanda Lare commended
4 me on my attendance and a job well done in gaining knowledge and becoming a
5 facilitator. Superintendent II, Hilda Najera expressed her thanks for my
6 assistance in volunteering in special projects and for a job well done.
7 Supervisor Celestine Elder states that I display a high degree of integrity,
8 independence and creativity. She also states that I am a good worker, reliable
9 and has a good attitude, displaying professionalism.

10 **IV. Public safety and plans for release**

11 I know that adjusting to life outside of prison will present some
12 challenges, but I am ready for them. I plan to live in San Pedro with my daughter
13 for 90 days, which is the approximate time it will take to establish myself
14 with a steady income and housing. During those 90 days, I will apply for my SSI
15 benefits, contact my old job and two other employers that have offered me
16 employment upon my release. My ultimate goal is to go back into ministry,
17 assisting troubled families. I intend to use the knowledge I have gained and
18 obtain more information and take classes in real estate to further assist
19 me in helping find homes for families that need assistance.

20 Establishing close family ties plays a role in my plan too, as well
21 as building relationships with other people at my church. I plan to involve
22 myself with local Christian groups that will also play an important role in
23 my life.

24 Further, I listed positive hobbies and activities to keep me busy.
25 These include small vacations, christian retreats, school volunteering with
26 local outreach ministries.

27 I have broken my action plan into several phases. Immediately upon
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1 my release, I will contact my parole officer, go to DMV, SSI office and
2 contact my pastor/mentor. I will set in place a meditation/prayer schedule.
3 My lifelong goals include attending church, educating myself in business
4 management so that I can maintain a lucrative business.

5 **V. Letter of apology and remorse**

6 I have prepared a letter of apology and attempted to mail it to the
7 last known address of my ex-husband.

8 I wrote that I am sincerely sorry for the hurt that my actions
9 caused him physically and mentally. And that nothing can excuse my behavior.

10 **VI. Community and family support**

11 In addition to briefly residing with my daughter, I have family and
12 friends that are willing to lend support. Melinda Williams, Founder/Director
13 of Self Determination Reentry Initiative has offered her support in the form
14 a program and job placement. Noreen McClendon Executive Director of
15 Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles has offered her support in
16 the form of employment. Shelley Brown sister in law, Pastors' Steve and
17 Hazel Owens, Stephanie Johnson, sister, Helese Brown, sister, Erin Shannon,
18 daughter and Carmen Twillie, friend have all offered their financial
19 support to insure my success upon release from prison.

20 **VII. Conclusion**

21 Releasing me will not endanger public safety, but it will improve
22 society. My direct impact will be to care for and mentor young adults,
23 providing them with needed guidance and direction. To share my experience
24 in a positive way that would possibly circumvent negative thinking and
25 behavior.

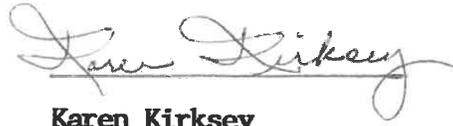
26 I respectfully request the Governor Brown commute my sentence to
27 7 years, so that I may reunite with my family.

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Dated: January 15, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Kirksey

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CIW

16756 Chino Corona Road
Corona, Ca. 92880

Prevention Plan

Week 1:

Morning Prayer & Meditation
Parole Office
S.S.I. Office
DMV Office
Meet with family for evening prayer

Week 2 to life:

Continue Prayer & Meditation (morning & evening)
Maintain regular contact with family
Get involved with church organizations
Get business management & Real Estate License
Contact T.D. Jakes, Potter's House Ministries
Kenneth Copeland Ministries
Joseph Prince Ministries
Creflo Dollar World Changers Ministries
Frederick K. Price Ministries
Get involved with a mentorship program for young adults
Reenter the stock and bond market
Refurbish and flip houses

Recovery Goals, Tools and Resources

Primary goals upon release from prison:

- 1) Work on restoring my entire family
 - A) Reside in Long Beach/San Pedro area
 - B) Attend Second Chance Initiative Program (L.A.)
 - C) Work at least 5 days a week/parttime (because age is a factor)
- 2) Attend Seminary Classes regularly
 - A) Commit to Anger Management classes
 - B) Commit to giving back to the community by volunteering any spare time at women's shelters or missions

TRIGGERS

Infidelity
Cheating
Trust (lack of)
Unfaithfulness
Betrayal
Abandonment
Rejection
Loneliness
Lying
Being hit/fighting

Risky Behaviors

Isolation
Denial
Not asking for help
Not accepting help

FEARS

Grief
Loss
Resentment
Confinement
Self defense
Being cursed at
Acting defensively

HOBBIES/LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

Mini vacation

Cooking

Singing

Teaching Bible study

Prayer Time

Going to a Theme Park

Going to church

Walking

Exercising

Going to the beauty salon/nail salon

Going to the movies/live plays

Take a train ride or plane ride

Go into full ministry

Spending time with my children and grandchildren

Attend or take more Theology classes

Dear Curtis,

I am writing you to express my sincere regret for my actions against you. I had no right to cause you injury or to inflict pain upon you.

I now recognize that my actions go further just an injury. I have hurt both our families, including both our children and grandchildren. No matter what the case may be, you did not and do not deserve what I did to you. For that I truly apologize.

I know now that causing pain is not the answer or the solution to any situation. I cannot undo what I have done, but I pray that you can somehow and someday forgive me. I wish that I could go back in time and use wisdom instead of illogical behavior, and perhaps you never would have been hurt physically or mentally.

I have to spend the rest of my life insuring that I never cause hurt, harm or danger to another human being.

Again, I ask for your forgiveness and I apologize from the very depth of my heart

Sincerely and remorsefully,

Karen Kirksey

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ricardo Lagunas

In 2007, Ricardo Lagunas shot and killed Mark Enoch, who had been dating Mr. Lagunas' sister. Mr. Lagunas reported that his sister recruited him to attack Mr. Enoch because he had been harassing and scaring her. On September 29, 2011, the Riverside Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lagunas to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Lagunas explained that since coming to prison, he has been devoted to his personal growth, and has sought out resources to help him understand the factors that led him to participate in this crime. He wrote, "Moving forward, I can only pray to have one chance at the possibility of one day being reunited with my family and working to build a more productive community."

Mr. Lagunas has maintained a spotless record during more than 11 years of incarceration. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct, and has never been involved with drugs, gang activity, and violence in prison. For years, Mr. Lagunas has lived on the Lancaster Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard where inmates have access to unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities. He has participated in self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Domestic Violence, and Victim Sensitivity. He has maintained a positive work record and received above average ratings from his supervisors. In the event of his release, Mr. Lagunas plans to live with his father, find a job to support himself, and reunite with other family members.

There is no question that Mr. Lagunas participated in a senseless crime. But for many years since, he has demonstrated his ability to refrain from violence, his commitment to rehabilitation, and his desire to become a productive citizen. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Lagunas has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ricardo Lagunas to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: RICARDO LAGUNAS Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 82 Inmate ID: AK-1204

Address: P.O. BOX 4430 LANCASTER, CA. 93539 CSP. Facility: A-2 / 215

1. Conviction Summary: * I AM A FIRST-TIME OFFENDER

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional page if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT "A"

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT "A-2"

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT "B"

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

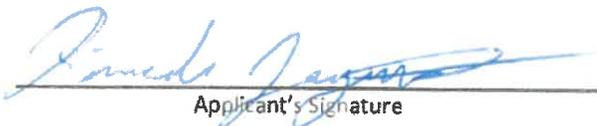
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I, RICARDO LAGUNA declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of RIVERSIDE with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

2/01/18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

— ATTACHMENT "A" —
(STATEMENT OF FACTS)

ON MAY 25, 2007, I WAS GATHERED WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NORWALK, CA. AS WE HAD PLANNED A PARTY FOR THAT EVENING, TASKED WITH STOCKING UP ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, I, ACCOMPANIED BY (CARLOS AGUILAR) AND (BENNY LOPEZ), STOPPED AT A LOCAL CONVENIENCE STORE. IT WAS HERE THAT I RECEIVED AN URGENT PHONE CALL FROM MY SISTER AND CO-DEFENDANT (VANESSA LAGUNAS), EXPLAINING HOW SHE WAS BEING HARASSED BY A LOVER, (MARK ENOCH), AND THAT HE WAS MAKING THREATS TO KILL HER. UPON ARRIVING AT THE APARTMENT SHE SHARED WITH HER BOYFRIEND, (DENETRIC ADAMS), IT WAS APPARENT THAT SHE WAS VISIBLY UPSET AND FEARFUL. BEING AS CLOSE AS VANESSA AND I ARE, I KNEW IMMEDIATELY THAT I WOULD NOT ALLOW THIS TO CONTINUE. HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF THE POLICE, I HAD VANESSA REACH OUT TO ENOCH FOR A RIDE IN ORDER THAT I MIGHT MEET HIM. BEING FROM MY NEIGHBORHOOD, IT WASN'T UNUSUAL THAT I CARRY A FIREARM TO THIS MEETING AS I WAS CERTAIN ENOCH WOULD. IN MY MIND'S EYE, I'D PLANNED ON GIVING HIM A "BEATING" THAT...

WOULD SERVE AS A REMINDER TO TREAT MY SISTER WITH A LITTLE MORE RESPECT.

AS ENOCH ARRIVED, SHOTS RANG OUT AND HE WAS KILLED SOMETIME AFTERWARD. VANESSA, ADAMS, AND I WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED WITH MURDER, LYING IN WAIT, AND ROBBERY; THE LATTER TWO BEING SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE ALLEGATIONS... —

—=A. TACHMENT "A.2"—

I, RICARDO LAGUNAS, AM FORMALLY REQUESTING THE COMMUTATION OF MY PRISON SENTENCE FROM LIFE, WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE TO LIFE, WITH THE POSSIBILITY FOR PAROLE. ALTHOUGH I NEVER FIRED MY GUN, I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM STILL JUST AS RESPONSIBLE FOR 'HIS' DEATH (MARK ENOCH). I DID NOT CALL THE POLICE TO REPORT THE THREAT ALLEGATIONS BUT, INSTEAD, CAUSED THE FATAL MEETING WITH HIM TO HAPPEN. I WANT TO CORRECT THIS WITH A LIFE OF SUCCESS AND SERVICE. I ALSO WISH TO ONE DAY HAVE THE CHANCE TO GO HOME TO MY FAMILY... —

—="A.2"—

— ATTACHMENT "B" —

SINCE ARRIVING AT LANCASTER'S PROGRESSIVE PROGRAMMING FACILITY, I'VE HAD THE GREAT PRIVILEGE OF PARTICIPATING IN AND COMPLETING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AND NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS PROGRAMS OF MULTIPLE SPONSORSHIP; BOTH SUBSTANCES CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IN MY CRIMES. DUE TO THEIR VIOLENT NATURE AND THE ELEMENT OF MY SISTER'S ABUSE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO ALSO COMPLETE A FEW ANGER MANAGEMENT COURSES ALONG WITH ONE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. I WENT ON TO LEARN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE AND RECEIVE A FORMAL EDUCATION. I'VE SINCE GIVEN HUNDREDS OF HOURS TOWARDS EVERYTHING AVAILABLE, FROM PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPEMENT CLASSES TO FATHERHOOD WORKSHOPS FINDING CHRIST ALONG THE WAY. I HAVE, FURTHERMORE, SERVED THIS TIME HERE DISCIPLINARY FREE...

MOVING FORWARD, I CAN ONLY PRAY TO HAVE ONE CHANCE AT THE POSSIBILITY OF ONE DAY BEING REUNITED WITH MY FAMILY AND WORKING TO BUILD A MORE PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY... —

— "B" —

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ventrice Laster

On July 5, 1994, Ventrice Laster sought to retaliate against gang members who had assaulted Mr. Laster's family member earlier that day. Mr. Laster was driving a vehicle when he and his three crime partners spotted men resembling the gang members assembled in a schoolyard. One of Mr. Laster's crime partners opened fire, injuring Arturo Marques, Joseph Romero, Augustine Sanchez, and Anna Gonzalez. On May 5, 1995, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Laster to 28 years to life for four counts of attempted murder, 12 years for three hate crime enhancements, and eight years for four counts of aiding and abetting a principal with a firearm — a total term of 48 years to life.

Mr. Laster has now been incarcerated for more than 24 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Laster explained, "This crime happened because of my selfish unmet need for acceptance and my unmanaged emotions." He expressed remorse for his role in the crime, writing, "Words cannot express how sorry I am for the harm and trauma I caused my victims. These innocent people deserved to live a violent free life, and didn't deserve to be harmed." He continued, "I have come to terms with the impact that I brought on my victims, I know that their families, friends, community and all of the first responders were impacted as well."

Mr. Laster has been committed to his rehabilitation. He has been disciplined only twice for misconduct in over two decades of incarceration. He earned his GED and completed vocational training in office services, computer literacy, and healthcare facilities maintenance. Mr. Laster has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Guiding Rage Into Power, Alternatives to Violence, Criminals & Gangmembers Anonymous, Getting Out by Going In, and Victim Offender Education.

Mr. Laster receives excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2018, a teacher in the Education Department commended Mr. Laster on his "positive communication and interactions with inmate students, education and custody staff." In 2010, a Literary Council sponsor praised Mr. Laster for his work with the program, writing, "He is courteous and polite; working well with staff and inmates. He has committed himself by providing the time and effort necessary to assist in reducing illiteracy among the inmate population. Inmate Laster should be commended for his desire to help others in meeting their personal challenges with literacy." In 2008, an instructor wrote regarding Mr. Laster, "It was a pleasure to have him in class. He was always punctual, polite and considerate of staff and fellow students, dependable and willing to help with any classroom activities or needs." In 2007, a spiritual advisor commended Mr. Laster on volunteering his time and talent as a singer at memorial services.

Mr. Laster committed a very serious crime, but as soon as he entered prison, he turned his life around and worked to help others. Mr. Laster wrote in his application that his dedication to self-improvement is in honor of his victims and everyone impacted by his behavior. He wrote, "I have committed myself to a clean, rehabilitated life inside and outside prison." For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Laster has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ventrice Laster to a total of 25 years to life.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Ventrice Laster Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/65 Inmate ID: J61925

Address: 1 Main Street Facility: San Quentin State Prison 4-North Block - 4-N-87U

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows contain 'NA'.

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I, Ventrice Lajuan Laster, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Riverside with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

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Ventrice Laster
Applicant's Signature

4-8-18
Date

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2. Response:

I, Ventrice Laster, was twenty eight years old when I attempted to kill Ana Gonzales, Joseph Romero, Arturo Marquez and Augustine Sanchez on July 5, 1994. I had arrived home from spending the day at Perris Lake in Perris California, when my fiance, Cherie Mays, had informed me that her cousin, Nominick Hayes, was attacked by mexican gang members at an Arco gas station on the Eastside of Riverside.

Nominick was pumping gas for his cousin, Venus Blankenship with her two children in her car. Venus saw her car surrounded by mexican gang members. She tried to intervene but was ignored. She saw and heard the gangmembers cursing at Nominick and saw the gangmembers reach inside of her car and take food. Then Nominick was hit in the head with a forty ounce beer bottle and Nominick took off running in the streets. Venus drove to the police station and reported what happened. She called her mother, Francetta Mays, who tells her to get out of that neighborhood and come home.

Nominick finally contacts the police, telling them his location at a near by construction site. Venus goes to the site, but couldn't find him, so she returns home. After my fiance informed me about her cousin, Nominick's attack, I asked if I could borrow the car to go look for Nominick. I had prior knowledge that there was racial tension among the Hispanics and African Americans on the Eastside of Riverside and I was reluctant to drive there alone. I decided to make a stop before leaving to the Eastside of Riverside and picked up a young man named, "Skeet", who brought along another guy, who I didn't know. I explained to Skeet what had happened to my fiance's cousin and I invited him to ride along with me to look for Nominick. I began driving with my co-defendant, Mr. Hayes in the front passenger seat, the two young men in the back seat. I arrived at the neighborhood where Nominick had been attacked, and I began looking for him, but couldn't find him. I approached a school cross-walk and one of the young men in the back seat said, "There go some esses", and he asked me what did I want to do. I replied, "go ahead and shoot".

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2. Response: (continued)

The young man began firing from the back seat window, at a playground packed with Hispanics playing basketball. I drove away and fled the scene and I dropped the two young men off where I picked them up at.

Four people were left injured at the Longfellow school, two year old Ana Gonzales was hit in the head; Arturo Marquez was shot in the back and Augustine Sanchez was shot in the leg. The license plate number was taken and given to the police, which led to my arrest. My co-defendant, Frederick Hayes and myself were arrested and convicted of attempt murder on four counts, and sentenced to four consecutive life sentences, plus twenty years for arming and hate crime enhancements, with the possibility of parole.

Attachments

3. Responses:

I am requesting a commutation of my sentence based upon my good behavior. In the years of 2000 and 2004, I had two infractions. One, I disobeyed a direct order when my teacher instructed me to go outside in the rain for my 15 min. break. Two, I broke a rule that stated that I was only allowed to have \$50 worth of canteen ducats at a time, and I had \$250 worth. For the exception of those two infractions, I have maintained a disciplinary free life in prison.

I have avoided hostile confrontations, and I've maintained civil relationships with correctional officers, supervisors and staff members alike. Over the years my heart has changed how I feel about the harm that I caused my victims. I feel a lot of shame and guilt now and I think about all of the ways that I could possibly make amends.

I seriously thought about how I would feel if someone tried to kill me or my family, like I attempted to kill Ana, Joseph, Arturo and Augustine. I know that I would be extremely hurt, angry and traumatized. Words cannot express how sorry I am for the harm and trauma I caused my victims. These innocent people deserved to live a violent free life, and didn't deserved to be harmed.

I have seriously come to terms with the impact that I brought on my victims, I know that their families, friends, community and all of the first responders were impacted as well.

It's in the honor of Ana, Joseph, Arturo and Augustine and everyone who was impacted by my criminal behavior, that I have committed myself to a clean rehabilitated life inside and outside of prison. Today it is safe to commute my sentence because I no longer pose a threat to our society.

Attachments

3. Responses: (continued)

Other factors that I ask to be taken into consideration. After I was sentenced to four consecutive life sentences, plus twenty years, with the possibility of parole, my judge, Honorable Edward D. Webster, asked me if I had any questions. I asked how was it possible for me to parole with my long sentence. He responded with some encouraging and hopeful words saying, "Mr. Laster, since this is your first time going to prison, this is how it works. You take full advantage of all the programs and educational classes, and when you come up for parole, the parole board or I will be more than likely to parole you. I took the judges words very seriously and I began my journey of rehabilitation.

It was at the Protestant Chapel in Calipatria State Prison, 1996, when I experienced a spiritual awakening, which led me to surrendering my life to Christ Jesus. Today I am able to admit that I, Ventrice Laster, am completely guilty of attempting to kill Ana Gonzales, Joseph Romero, Arturo Marquez and Augustine Sanchez at Longfellow school. This crime happened because of my selfish unmet need for acceptance and my unmanaged emotions. These are not excuses for my crime, but some factors to help me understand how I arrived at my criminal thinking and violent behavior.

Attachments

4. Responses:

I believe that I should be granted a commutation of my sentence because I am no longer that same twenty eight year old violent criminal that I was twenty years ago. I have taken full responsibility for attempting to kill Ana Gonzales, Joseph Romero, Arturo Marquez and Augustine Sanchez. The mere word, sorry, isn't enough to express how shameful and disgusted I feel when I think about my actions on July 5, 1994.

I took what the judge said very serious (see attached list of programs). One of the groups that I participated in called "G.R.I.P." (Guiding Rage Into Power), presented an exercise to me that dealt with and exposed my childhood trauma and my drug addiction. (My mother, me and siblings physically abused). Another tool that was pivotal in my insight on acceptance, IF-ID, Identity Failed - Identity Denied. I learned that when I wasn't accepted by my peers, my image failed and my identity was denied. To assure that my image / identity wouldn't fail or be denied, I resorted to violence to be accepted.

Today I have learned to value only the acceptance of those who really matter to me and that mean me well.

It is not only safe to grant me a commutation of my sentence, but it is also beneficial to our communities because I plan to give back what I have learned from groups like: A.F.L.A.S.H. (A Felons, Life, Awareness, Seeing and Hearing) Inmate Motivational Speaking Program. Youth Mentor group called, "S.Q.U.I.R.E.S." (San Quentin Utilizing, Inmate, Resources, Experiences and Studies). "Overcomer's, NA, AA, Twelve Step Spiritual journey and "Brothers Keepers", Crisis Counseling.

I am not requesting a commutation because I believe that I earned or deserve it, but I humbly and respectfully submit this petition at the mercy seat of your office, in the hopes of obtaining a second chance at freedom as a completely different and improved man.

Remorse

On July 5, 1994, 2yr. old Ana Gonzales, Joseph Romero, Arturo Marquez, and Augustine Sanchez were enjoying a nice evening of recreation with family and friends at the Longfellow Elementary school. I, Ventrice Laster, attempted to kill these innocent people, and traumatized them and their families. There are no words to begin to express my deepest apology for harming Ana, Joseph, Arturo, and Augustine. No one deserves to be treated the way I treated these precious human beings.

Over the years I have often thought about how I would feel if someone tried to kill me or my family. Since I have been incarcerated my younger brother, Qadafi, was murdered, and I was extremely hurt and devastated. I understand and empathize with the people in my crime. Because of my senseless and cowardly actions, I impacted their lives and their community in the worse way.

Today I live with a great deal of shame and guilt when I think about the tragic and cruel conditions I caused these law abiding citizens at the playground. I once had a 2yr. old daughter, who is now 21, and I love and think the world of her. It would have hurt me to the core of my heart to see her bleeding from a head wound. I am completely responsible for that baby witnessing and experiencing such a horrific crime.

This crime that I committed was probably the first time Ana ever witnessed and I deprived her of the privilege of spending that day having maybe a tea party, easy baking some cookies or beautifying some of her favorite dolls, in the safety of her home. For that I am truly and forever sorry.

I am also sorry for causing that terrifying, tragic scene for 9yr. old, Albert, Ana's older brother, who fearfully witnessed his little sister get shot. I know without doubt he feared for her life, and felt powerless. I am not proud of my criminal actions and the type of person I was.

I am also extremely sorry and responsible for all of the hurt, pain and sorrow that I inflicted upon Joseph, Arturo and Augustine. I don't for one minute believe that these men woke up on July 5, 1994, expecting to be gunned down while playing basketball. When I think about the selfish and dangerous person I was roaming through the Eastside of Riverside without any meaning or purpose in my life, I am greatly ashamed and disgusted with myself for all of the underserved harm and trauma that I caused these people.

I wished that I could go back and erase all of the pain, blood shed, loud screams and terrifying emotions Ana, Joseph, Arturo and Augustine suffered. I will live with that reality for the rest of my life. There are no excuses or justifications for why I attempted to kill those innocent people.

I am sincerely sorry for my criminal thinking and actions. Today I have committed myself to making amends and honoring Ana, Joseph, Arturo and Augustine and everyone who was impacted by my criminal behavior. I have vowed to spend a life time giving of myself, by serving my communities in and outside of prison.

Remorse continued....

It is my hope and prayer that these innocent people have healed over the years from the trauma that I caused them, and have accomplished their deepest desires and dreams. I am truly and forever sorry for the un-doable damage I impacted on everyone.

Sincerely, *Ventrice Laster*

Ventrice Laster!

Educational/Vocational Achievements

- * High School Equivalency Certificate (G.E.D.)
- * Office Services Related Technology - Vocational
- * Garment Making - Vocational
- * Silk Screening - Vocational
- * Shoe Repair - Vocational
- * Computer Literacy Lab - Vocational
- * Childhood Growth and Development (Psychology 116)
- * Humanity & Arts

Self-Help/Facilitation

- * Yokefellows Peer Counseling
- * Alternative to Violence Program (A.V.P.)
- * A Felon's Life, Awareness, Seeing and Hearing (A.F.L.A.S.H.)
- * Criminal Gang Anonymous (C.G.A.)
- * Friends Outside Fatherhood Focus
- * Personal Growth Seminars (P.G.S.)
- * Bible Courses
- * Guiding Rage Into Power (G.R.I.P.)
- * Victim Offender's Education Group (V.O.E.G.)
- * San Quentin Utilization, Inmate, Resources, Experiences, Studies (S.Q.U.I.R.E.S.)
- * Overcomer's Twelve Step (NA, AA) Spiritual Journey
- * Brother's Keepers (Crisis Counseling)
- * Intercessory Prayer
- * Garden Chapel Ministry - Usher, Drama Ministry-Preaching Ministry

FROM: VENTRICE LASTER #J-61925 4-N-87U

Objective

To obtain employment with (SQ-PIA)

Out Of Prison Job Held & Skills

- Installation and weather stripping.
- Construction (Brick Mason, Hod Carrier, Driveways & Sidewalks)
- Quality Food Management: McDonalds, KFC, Red Lobster.
- Assembly Warehouse Worker: Anhiesuer Bush, Price Club, Costco's (forklift Driver)
- General Merchandise Clerk: Ralphs Supermarket, Von's Supermarket.

Inside Prison Jobs Held & Skills

- Education Clerk: ABE I, II, III
- Chaplains Clerk.
- Food Service Worker.
- Yard crew Worker.

Other Skills

- Micro Soft Office-Word, Excel, PowerPoint.
- Typing Speed, words per minute= 45-50
- Ten Key Calculator
- Orthopedic Shoe Repair.
- Garment Making.
- Silk Screening

Education

- GED .
- (3) Semesters at Coastline Community College
- (4) Semesters at Patten University

Thank You For Your Consideration



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Parole Plans

The following are my immediate and long-term plans to ensure my parole success.

Main Objectives:

To become a productive citizen in my community through hard work and maintaining the goals set in this document with the tools I have learned here at San Quentin.

Short-Term Goals:

Once released I will contact my wife, Cherie Laster, who will assist me in obtaining the following necessary items:

- * State-issued identification card
- * Application for driver's license
- * Transportation
- * Bus Schedule
- * Cell Phone
- * Hygiene items and clothing

I will contact my parole officer to understand the conditions of my parole. I will report to transitional housing in the local area to inform them that I have been paroled and would like to enroll in their program. The transitional home will also assist with my reintegration back into the community, recovery programs, housing, employment, and transportation. I will contact Jacques Verduin at (415) 602-4489 (jverduin @ Comcast) for long-term assistance in staying current with Guiding Rage Into Power (G.R.I.P.) curriculum. In addition, continuing my G.R.I.P. and Domestic Violence (D.V.) training certification.

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Prospective Residences

- 1) Cherie Laster (wife)
854 Single Tree Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89123
(702) 897-7506
- 2) Aeisha Nick (sister)
1651 N. Riverside Ave., Apt. 527
Rialto, CA 92376
(951) 907-0878
- 3) Iman Nick (brother)
95 Hart Ln., Apt. 201 A
Perris, CA 92571
(951) 287-3227

Alternative Transitional Housing

- 1) Hope of Sober Living
13653 Gemini St.
Victorville, CA 92392
(760) 955-6263
- 2) Haley House
703 East Main St.
Barstow, CA 92311
- 3) Rolling Start Center
15400 Cholame Rd.
Victorville, CA 92392
(760) 843-7959

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Food Options

My primary source of food will come from meals provided by the transitional home where I will be living. My secondary food source will come from my wife, Cherie Laster. Other options include gracious donations by my family and friends until I am able to support myself. (See support letters)

Clothing Options

My primary source of clothing will come from my wife, Cherie Laster. My secondary options will come from gracious donations of both family and friends. I will continue to use the support of my family and friends in this matter until I am able to obtain stable employment. (See support letters)

Financial Support

My primary source of financing will come from my wife, Cherie Laster. My secondary options will come from gracious donations of both family and friends. I will continue to use the support of my family and friends in this matter until I am able to obtain stable employment. (See support letters)

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Transportation

My immediate primary source of transportation will be using public transportation. Once I obtain my driver's license, I will be able to commute by using one of the vehicles owned by my wife, Cherie Laster. She can be reached at (702) 897-7506.

My alternate resources of transportation will be provided by the following family:

- 1) Bayyinah Nick (951) 840-1974
 - 2) Iman Nick (951) 287-3227
 - 3) Aeisha Nick (951) 907-0878
- (See support letters)

Employment Option

Employer: Mr. Sergio Arreola, Foreman for *Right Angle Fabricators*

Employment Assistance

Hope for Prisoners
3430 E. Flamingo Rd., Ste. 350
Las Vegas, NV 89121
(702) 586-1371

(See attached information)

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Future Goals

My future goals are to start my own family business *Laster's Sports and Entertainment Center*. Not only will we provide the means for sports and entertainment, but also special family events and services such as: Youth mentoring, Marriage counseling, Spiritual guidance, Health fairs, Day care, Financial management, and family picnics.

I want to provide a safe haven for at-risk youth and their families who are dealing with childhood traumas, suicidal tendencies, drug/alcohol addictions, illiteracy, and homelessness. I also plan to teach them values for being responsible and to value themselves and the God-given talents and gifts they possess.

Educational Goals

Upon release, I would like to attend college and obtain my Associate of Arts degree in Social and Behavioral Science. My long-term goal is to attend a graduate program and become certified as a marriage and family therapist.



Our mission: Helping men, women and young adults successfully reenter the workforce, their families and our community.

Hope for Prisoners works to empower returning ex-offenders and their families to create a successful future built on strategic leadership and character development. By mentoring those fighting for second chances, we strive to serve, build and strengthen our community.

Our Reentry Program

Transforming individuals from wards of the state to thriving taxpayers:

- Over 74% of our 325 clients in 2013 found employment (National ex-offender employment rates are 25-40%)
- Only 4.3% of our 325 clients were re-incarcerated (Nevada's re-incarceration rate is around 30%)
- It is the only program of its kind in the state
- Our team of mentors stay engaged in our clients' lives for 18 months or longer
- Over 200 trained volunteer mentors from the Las Vegas community have been recruited from many organizations, including faith based groups and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
- Law enforcement teaches part of the curriculum
- Our program helps ex-offenders build skills through training, assessment and mentoring
- Our innovative program and collaborations have received local, state and national attention

Hope for Prisoners Reentry Program commits to journey alongside these individuals, assisting them in navigating the challenges they might face during their reintegration process.

Our services over 18 months include:

- Leadership Academy
- Mentoring/Coaching
- Prevocational Training
- Computer Lab
- Life Skills
- Employment Referral
- Case Management and action plan (Our action plans including referrals as necessary to our community partners for child support orders, mental health counseling, addiction recovery, transitional housing, and more)

WHAT WE OFFER



MENTORING

HOPE for Prisoners is highly vested in the evidence-based practice of using well trained volunteer mentors to provide the necessary emotional and social support for ex-offenders as they transition to community life.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In our continuing effort to provide the best possible training to those re-entering society, HOPE for Prisoners is partnering with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to introduce a formal leadership academy



JOB DEVELOPMENT

The HOPE for Prisoners staff works to cultivate relationships with business owners and entrepreneurs throughout the community and seeks out employers who are willing to partner with us to provide employment opportunities to our participants.



BASIC COMPUTER LAB AVAILABLE

We offer a basic computer lab for active job searching at our location. General Computer Knowledge

- Open 9AM—4PM Monday—Friday
- E-mail/Internet Usage
- Typing

HOPE for Prisoners

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Las Vegas, NV 89121

Phone: (702) 586-1371
Fax: (702) 586-1381

Conveniently located on the Northeast corner of Pecos and Flamingo (Bus route 202)

WWW.HOPEFORPRISONERS.ORG

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING
NEVADA ID AND SOCIAL TO
SIGN UP FOR THE PROGRAM**



**Informational
Brochure**



WHAT WE DO...

HOPE for Prisoners works to empower returning ex-offenders and their families to create a successful future built on strategic leadership and character development. By assisting those fighting for second chances, we strive to serve, build and strengthen our community.

HOPE for Prisoners offers each of our participants an **18-month commitment** to come alongside them and help them navigate the many challenges that they will face during the reintegration process. We pride ourselves on providing comprehensive services to meet the diverse needs of our participants. At a minimum, each participant is required to complete a pre-vocational training workshop and is invited to participate in our mentoring program. Other key components to our success are our leadership training and job development services.



WHAT TO EXPECT

Through our 18 months program you will participate in an intensive one week leadership re-entry workshop.

In addition to the workshop, you will be required to attend our weekly huddles as well as other classes such as Personal Development, Emotions & Relationships, Leadership, Parenting, and more. In taking part of this program, it is expected that participants uphold themselves to a high standard of conduct. Failure to do so may lead to disciplinary action and removal from the program.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

JOB ASSISTANCE is provided as a large part of building a successful foundation for reintegration in helping returning citizens obtain and maintain stable employment. Each participant is required to work the program, so that we can then use our relationships with business owners throughout the community and employers who are willing to partner to provide employment opportunities to our participants.

Our partner employers have gotten to know our participants as hard working and faithful workers and gladly hire the next Hope For Prisoners Graduate.

CASE MANAGEMENT

Upon completion of our one-week re-entry leadership workshop, program participants will be placed with a case manager who will walk with them as they transition back to their families and community and work with them to gain full-time employment in the workforce.

After graduation of the workshop participants will be required to attend our weekly support group classes, check-in with your Case Manager weekly, and submit to random drug tests. Failure to do so may negatively impact your participation in this program.

MENTOR

Participants are assigned a team of mentors to help them set and reach goals and navigate the challenges faced during the reintegration process. Mentoring services are provided for a full year through one-on-one sessions, peer-to-peer contact, and ongoing support groups designed to provide support throughout the process of reintegration. Participants will be paired with a mentor based on their career and family goals and their interests. Participants will be required to contact their mentors weekly, have a face-to-face meeting with their mentor a week, and become a peer-to-peer mentor for 3-4 months. In addition to the week-long leadership course, participants will be required to attend our Tuesday Night Huddles.

After one year of mentoring, participants are invited to take part in a 6-month peer-to-peer program strategically designed to train them to give back and become mentors themselves.

“LASTER’S SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTER”

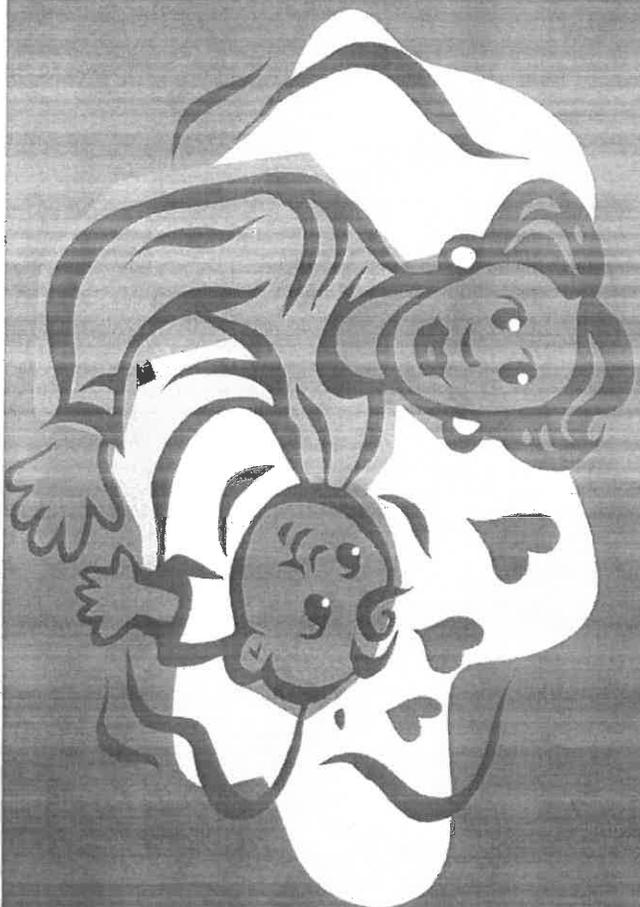
PRESENTATION NOTES:

- Intro. Good morning gentlemen, my name is, Ventrice, I am here this morning to hopefully persuade you to invest in my business. I would like to present to you.....
- [Slide #1]
- “Laster’s Sports and Entertainment Center”
- I was inspired to draw up the blue prints for this center because I observed the broken family structures in my community, and the high rate of obesity. It is my aim and intention to mend the family structures, by encouraging and promoting constructive interaction with sports & entertainment. All family & friends are welcome. I would be co-owner with you if you decide to invest in my business. Please allow me to present some “Sports & Entertainment” that would be available.
- [Slide #2]
- I believe that these activities would give families the opportunity to do some fun things with each other that they would not normally do. And not only that, I also believe that this would reduce the high rate of obesity with our families.
- You may be wondering, what is so special about my ideal because there are so many businesses similar to mine. That may be so, but the Laster’s sports & entertainment center is quite different. I present “Special Family Events & Services”
- [Slide #3]
- I included these special events & services because I know that realistically, sports and entertainment are not the only factors that are needed to mend our family structure. We also have these..... (Present events one at a time). Without these areas being addressed, it would be impossible to rebuild those family structures. Up next we have admission fees:
- [Slide #4]
- I have made these fees affordable for families that may not be that well off.
- These fees cover health insurance and our special events & services.
- [Slide #5]
- Location & Contact Info.
- It is my hope that you will come on board and invest in my business.
- Thank you for your time and consideration. Are there any questions?



WELCOME TO
LASTER'S SPORTS AND
ENTERTAINMENT CENTER!

ALL FRIENDS AND
FAMILY ARE WELCOME.
OWNED BY VENTRICE L. LASTER



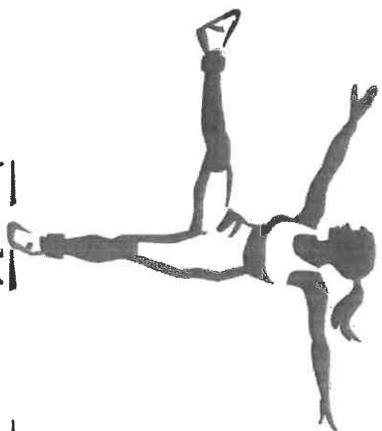
Sports & Entertainment:



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Swimming



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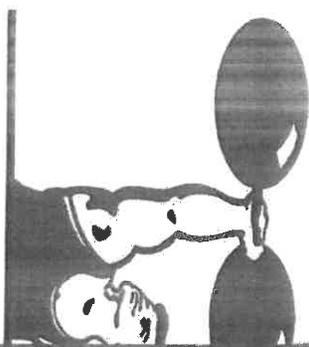
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Indoor Track



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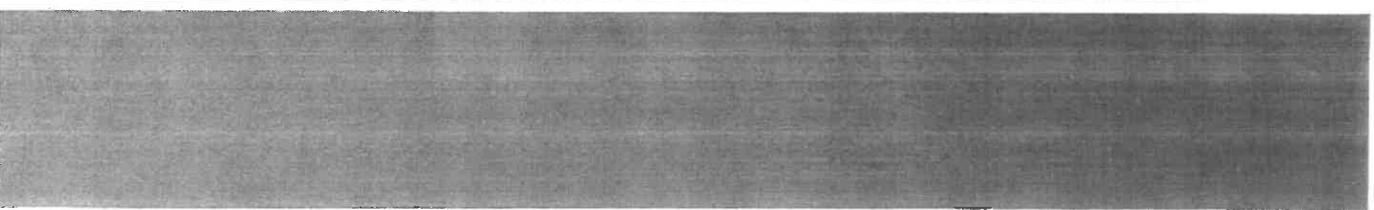
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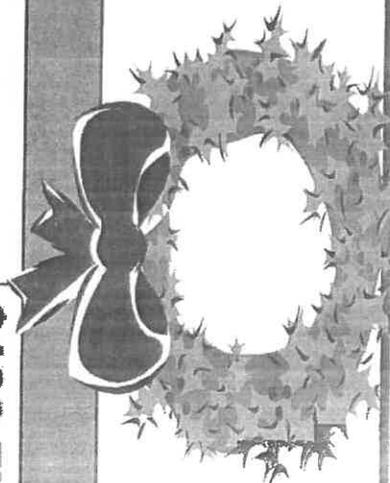
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SPECIAL FAMILY EVENTS & SERVICES!

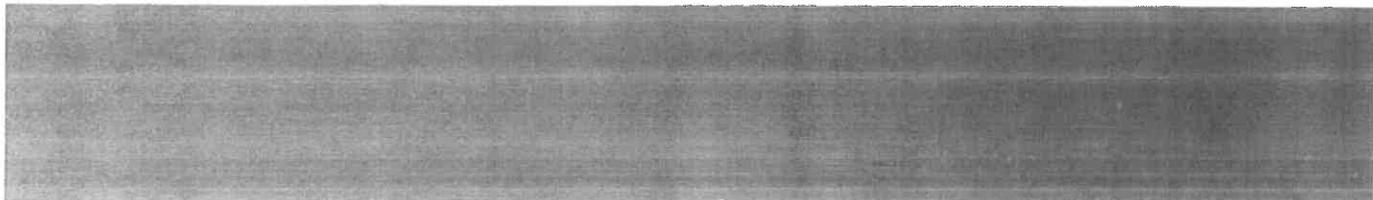
- ◉ Picnics
- ◉ Youth Mentors
- ◉ Marriage & Counseling
- ◉ Spiritual Guidance
- ◉ Day Care Services
- ◉ Health Fairs
- ◉ Financial Management



ADMISSION FEES:



New Members:	
Adults	\$100 First 6months
Children ages 10-17	\$50 First 6months
Regular Members:	
Adults	\$300 Every 6months
Children ages 10-17	\$150 Every 6months



Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Tyrell Lee

On April 26, 2008, Tyrell Lee and Donnell Hall, who were both gang members, confronted Tommy Belin regarding an ongoing feud. During the altercation, Mr. Lee handed Mr. Hall a handgun. Mr. Hall shot Mr. Belin four times at close range, but he survived. On December 10, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lee to 5 years for attempted murder plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement — a total term of 30 years to life.

Mr. Lee was 19 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for over a decade. In his application for clemency, Mr. Lee wrote, "I have gained a knowledge and understanding of the nature of my crime and why it was committed and for the last few years I've been helping at risk youth to sidestep the negative lifestyle that is so easy for children to fall victim to." He explained to an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he was entrenched in the gang lifestyle since he was a child but has since recognized how his lifestyle choices have affected his family and those he has harmed.

Mr. Lee he has shown a sincere desire to change his life. Mr. Lee was enrolled in Adult Basic Education from 2009-2012. In 2009, an instructor noted that Mr. Lee was "very enthusiastic" and an "excellent student." He later earned his GED in 2012. He has also completed vocational training in network cabling, electronics, and computer literacy. Mr. Lee has routinely received above average work ratings. In 2017, a culinary supervisor commended Mr. Lee for being a self-starter and working well with others. In addition, Mr. Lee has taken advantage of multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Anger Management, Victim Awareness, and Alternatives to Violence. In 2017, Mr. Lee served as a facilitator for Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Lee is currently involved in a youth diversion program, which helps at-risk youth avoid violence. He stated to the Board investigator that, upon his release, he intends to create and continue a similar program in the community.

Mr. Lee participated in a serious crime. However, he has turned away from gangs and violence and has been committed to bettering himself and others. I believe that he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Tyrell Lee to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Tyrell Avion Lee Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 89 Inmate ID: G43741

Address: 748 E Via Wanda St Long Beach CA 90805 Facility: C.T.F. California Training Facility

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
664/187 Att. Murder	4/26/08	Los Angeles County	30 to life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Convicted of aiding and abetting to a 2nd degree Att murder with a gang enhancement this crime was the result of a street fight between kids gone wrong.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation because the sentence issued for this crime was 30 to life 5yrs for the actual Att murder and 25 to life for the great Bodily Injury enhancement however due to the fact that I'm not the shooter 25yrs to life which is 5x the time for actual crime is excessive especially for a layr old whos never been in serious trouble

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I'm asking to be granted a commutation IF the pardon is not granted to me I've been in prison over all 10 in a half years and honestly learned my lesson and also look at LIFE as possible thoughts and well beings of others is very important to me

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No one was paid or given

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Tyrell Arion Lee, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

7-14-18

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of los angeles County: Please take notice that I, Tyrell Arion Lee,
was convicted of the crime of ATT. murder,
committed in los angeles County, California, on the date of 4/26/08.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Tyrell

Applicant's Signature

7-14-18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Timothy Lobretto

In 2001, Timothy Lobretto and several other men went to a motorcycle club open house. They got into a fight and seriously injured several club members, threatened them, and took property from the clubhouse. On November 30, 2004, the Kings County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lobretto to 23 years and 8 months for assault, robbery, false imprisonment, burglary, and gang and great bodily injury enhancements.

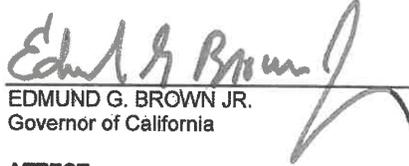
Mr. Lobretto is now 58 years old and has been incarcerated for 17 years. Before committing this crime, he had no criminal history and served honorably in the Navy for many years. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct during nearly two decades of incarceration, and has never been involved with violence, drugs, or gang activity in prison. Instead, Mr. Lobretto has shown a commitment to turning his life around. He has participated in multiple self-help classes including Anger Management, Victims Awareness, veterans groups, and Bible studies. He currently participates in a program that trains service dogs. In 2018, a correctional lieutenant praised Mr. Lobretto's work in the program and wrote, "His dedication to providing a service dog to a veteran or a first responder reflects his own dedication to a life of service." Mr. Lobretto routinely receives excellent work ratings from his supervisors, who regularly praise his skill and dedication to his work. In 2017, a Prison Industry Authority superintendent commended Mr. Lobretto's work ethic and wrote, "He assumes his responsibilities well and has a dedication and a desire to succeed. Inmate Lobretto has a positive attitude and works well with staff and the other employees." Mr. Lobretto has a strong plan in place for his release – he plans to return to Michigan where his family lives, work as a volunteer firefighter, and help raise his grandchildren.

Mr. Lobretto participated in a reckless crime almost 20 years ago. Since then, he has been a model inmate and has shown that he intends to return to society as a productive citizen. For the foregoing reasons, I believe that it is Mr. Lobretto should have an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Timothy Lobretto to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Dear Governor Brown

Please consider my case for executive clemency. As a first offence, I made a terrible mistake for which I have already served my time. I have an exemplary prison record and have paid in full the assigned retribution of \$5000. The gang enhancement years that I am currently serving seem excessive, in light of the above, and are the cause of undue hardship for my family.

My character is not that of a career offender. I do not think, act or talk like many of the inmates around me and am more apt to side with the correctional officers on issues of law and discipline. As well as an exemplary prison record, I have had a distinguished naval career and no prior arrests or illegal activity in my entire life.

I made a single but terrible error in judgement when I wished to become a member of the Hells Angles. A fight started when I was attempting to change clubs and was over items that were to be moved as well as the sexual harassment of my then girlfriend. The damage done to Paul Goonan was wrong and I am deeply sorry for it. I am not that person anymore and have no intension of ever associating with any type of motorcycle club in the future.

Both my personal history and my prison record have proven that I shall be a productive member of the community. Should I be granted release, I intend to go home to Michigan as soon as the State of California allows. For personal support, I have a house in Michigan, a job awaiting me and my family is there including my only child and two grandsons, ages 2 and 4. I was 44 when I came to prison, I am now 57. I feel that it serves no purpose to keep me incarcerated, many years past my already served sentence, when I could be helping my daughter and her children.

Thank you for your consideration for executive clemency.

Sincerely,


Timothy LoBretto

AMSC (AW) U.S.N. Retired



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**APPLICATION FOR
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Timothy Alan Lobretto Date of Birth: ██████ 60 Inmate ID: V61301

Address: P.O. Box 8103 San Luis Obispo, CA. 93409 Facility: CMC--WEST

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
NONE			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
SEE ATTACHED SHEET

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
SEE ATTACHED SHEET

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
SEE ATTACHED SHEET

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

\$1.60 (For Copies) From my trust account to CDCR

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

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I, TIMOTHY ALAN LOBRETTO declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of KINGS with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

1 OCT 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Summary

- 1) **No prior convictions: See attached Felony Abstract of Judgement and Legal Status Summary for current convictions.**
- 2) **Crime(s) committed in 2001: During the time frame in which I was attempting to transition from one motorcycle club to another. A fight broke out with the Sargent at Arms of my previous club over property belonging to me (and others) as well as sexual harassment of my house mate and girlfriend.**
- 3) **I am appealing for commutation because of the length of my 23 year 8 month sentence; 18 years and 4 months of which are for P.C. 186.22 Criminal Street Gang Enhancement(s)***
- 4) **As one of 16 defendants in this case, the person who has served the longest (other than me) is Mark Carver who served 4 years of an 8-year sentence. Judge Schultz, the trial and sentencing judge has said as far as he could see, I was not any more culpable than Mark Carver, however, the D.A.'s offer to me was 17 years minimum so I opted to go to trial.**

***The combination of my convictions amounts to 5 years and 4 months. I have *already served two and a half times* that. The remaining 18 years and 4 months of my sentence is entirely a combination of gang enhancements added to each conviction.**

My prison record has been exemplary but this is an undue hardship for my family.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Marcella Lunsford

Chastity Lunsford was involved in a custody battle with Nathan Dannemiller. On August 6, 2002, Douglas Lunsford, Chastity's father, shot and killed Mr. Dannemiller as he left his apartment. Investigation revealed that Marcella Lunsford, Mr. Lunsford's wife, had conspired with Mr. Lunsford to kill Mr. Dannemiller. On August 22, 2006, the Humboldt County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Lunsford to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus one year for a firearm enhancement.

Ms. Lunsford is now 64 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 15 years. Faced with a sentence offering no possibility of parole, Ms. Lunsford has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct. In 2016, she earned her high school diploma and completed vocational training in office services. Ms. Lunsford has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Comfort Care, Recovery from Codependency, Parenting from the Inside, and LifeScripting. Ms. Lunsford received above average work ratings and volunteered as a literacy tutor. She lives on the honor dorm at California Central Women's Facility.

Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Lunsford has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see her on a regular basis. In 2017 and 2015, four correctional officers commended Ms. Lunsford for her polite and respectful attitude and for her positive programming in the honor dorm. A correctional officer who has known Ms. Lunsford since 2012 wrote, "Inmate Lunsford freely gives of her time to the [honor dorm garden], and is to be commended for all her hard work. Lunsford is active in her rehabilitation; she participates in self-help groups and has successfully completed high school. Inmate Lunsford has been polite and respectful in her interactions with staff and assists with any task requested of her." In 2017, another correctional officer who has known Ms. Lunsford since 2012 wrote, "Throughout the 4.5 years I have known Ms. Lunsford I have observed that she is actively involved in her community. . . . I have observed her freely giving of her time to mentor and Facilitat[e] for Bridges to Life and Calm Classes."

I understand that this crime was devastating to Mr. Dannemiller's family members, who have opposed clemency in this case. I have read and considered the letter from his family expressing the pain caused by this heartbreaking loss. After serious consideration, I cannot discount the turnaround Ms. Lunsford has made during her incarceration. Because of this, I believe that Ms. Lunsford has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Marcella Lunsford to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: MARCELLA LANSFORD Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1/54 Inmate ID: X 19815
Address: PO. Box 1508 Chowchilla Ca. 93610 Facility: C.C.W.F.

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
No prior convictions			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

My daughter and son-in-law were divorcing. My son-in-law was molesting my 3 year old grandson as noted in court records. My son-in-law placed blame on my estranged husband for the abuse that was the reason for the fight that led to the murder of my son-in-law.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was NOT present or aware of my son-in-law's impending death. I was NOT involved or in agreement with my estranged husband's intent to do harm. I had NOT lived with my ex-husband for 2 years prior to this incident.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have been in prison for 14 years never been in trouble in or out of prison. While in prison I received my high school diploma, paid victims restitution in full taken numerous self-helps. Please consider my case and circumstances + commute my sentence.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

None

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I, Marcella Lunsford, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Humboldt with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Marcella Lunsford
Applicant's Signature

March 1, 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Humboldt County: Please take notice that I, MARCELLA LUNSFORD,
was convicted of the crime of 1ST degree FELONY MURDER,
committed in HUMBOLDT County, California, on the date of 3/1/17.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Marcella Lunsford

Applicant's Signature

March 1, 2017

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Maggie Fleming, District Attorney of the County of Humboldt,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from M. Lunsford,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

M Fleming

Date

3/21/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Richard Manchego

In 2008, Richard Manchego and Jorge Pozos got into a fist fight. After the fight, Mr. Manchego went to his car, got a gun, and fired multiple shots, killing Mr. Pozos. Mr. Manchego maintains that he acted in self-defense, and that Mr. Pozos' brother had been threatening him and his girlfriend for months before this crime. On October 12, 2012, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Manchego to 15 years to life for murder, plus a 25 year to life firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

Since coming to prison, Mr. Manchego has demonstrated a serious commitment to leaving violence behind and focusing on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, he expressed remorse for participating in this crime, writing, "I wish I could take it all back and not because I'm in prison but for Jorge." He continued, "I will do everything in my power to live a productive life and if possible make amends with the Pozos family." To that end, Mr. Manchego has maintained a spotless record in prison. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct during over a decade of incarceration. He has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Cage Your Rage, Life Without a Crutch, Success from the Inside Out, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Manchego routinely receives positive ratings from his supervisors, and currently works with other inmates as a literacy tutor. In 2018, two correctional officers commended Mr. Manchego for his good behavior and attitude and wrote, "Inmate Manchego has maintained a high level of integrity, in spite of the environment, by immersing himself in rehabilitation programs and college. Inmate Manchego is an example of CDCR's goal of rehabilitation." A professor at McGeorge School of Law supported Mr. Manchego's commutation and wrote, "Mr. Manchego's violent crime was atypical of the rest of his life. He has used his time in prison to improve himself....His continued incarceration is not needed for public safety."

Mr. Manchego committed a senseless crime, but has worked hard in the years since to show that he is no longer the same man he was at that time. For all of these reasons, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Richard Manchego to a total of 13 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Richard D. Manchego Date of Birth: ██████/1971 Inmate ID: AM-8714

Address: 2302 Brown Road (A2-122) Facility: Centinela State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Disorderly Conduct "Misdemeanor"	03/04/1991	Maricopa County	Probation "Early Termination"

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No money or gift was given in the Preparation of this application.

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I, Richard D. Manchego, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Riverside with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

06/04/2018
Date

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Riverside County: Please take notice that I, Richard D. Manchego

was convicted of the crime of 2nd Degree Murder

committed in Riverside County, California, on the date of 05/08/2008

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.


Applicant's Signature

06/04/2018
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, CDDA Jerry Fineman, District Attorney of the County of Riverside

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Richard D. Manchego

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signature acknowledges receipt of this document but does not signify recommendation of the application.

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Signed



Date

6/22/18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Background:

I was born in Azusa, California on [REDACTED] 1971, an only child. When I was a year old we moved to Colorado Springs, and eventually onto Denver and Various Suburbs where I was raised. Both my mother and father were from small towns about 4 hours west of Denver. As a family we moved a lot, at least once a year. My father was the primary source of income as a Civil Engineer Draftsman; however, he is an alcoholic and couldn't hold a job for very long. Other than moving and some occasional arguments between my parents, I was a happy kid. I have a strong work ethic that was instilled in me at an early age. I had a weekly allowance for completed chores as well as a paper route by the age of twelve. I still found time to get out on my B.M.X. bike to do some freestyle tricks with friends or just go to the local Italian restaurant to play video games.

My parents divorced when I was twelve, and because my father made more money I lived with him and visit my mother on weekends. After a couple more evictions my father and I moved to New Mexico. Almost a year later we were evicted again, this time with Police Officers present, we moved back to Colorado. My dad dropped me off at my mother's one bedroom apartment and he moved back into his mother's house in Rocky Ford, Colorado. I was seventeen and I just started my senior year in high school when my girlfriend and my mother got into an argument, my mother said, "If you don't like it you can go to", so I did and I've been on my own ever since.

I've always worked and made the best out of the jobs I've had, but deep down I've always had an entrepreneurial spirit. A couple of years after I left home I was offered a job in Phoenix, Arizona. It was in Phoenix I met a lady who was in a Medical Trade School and was from Indio, California. Two years later Marlina and I were married and shortly after our daughter Mia was born. Like my own infancy we moved a year later to Indio.

I had been working in the Electronic Security Business since Colorado, and I continued that work until I bought my first business. I purchased a Fast Frame Franchise in La Quinta, California for \$135 thousand. After almost three successful years I was made an offer of just over \$200 thousand to sell. After the sale of Fast Frame I purchased a Sports Bar in Palm Springs. I didn't want that bar but it had the type of Liquor license that I wanted. So the plan was to continue business until the lease was up and sell the bar minus the Liquor License, re-attach it to another facility in a nicer area and open an upscale Billiard Club. Sometimes in life you get advice that in hindsight you wish you took. I decided it would be easier to share the expense and brought in a partner, for me that advice was to never go into business with anyone unless you have to. Shortly after I sold the bar this incident took place.

Question 2:

The crime is 2nd degree murder with the use of a firearm, for a term of 40 years to life.

In June of 2007 two things were happening simultaneously, one was after 14 years of being together, twelve of which were married, my wife and I filed for a Divorce, second is I was in Escrow selling the Sports Bar I co-owned.

I started Dating Lidia Estrada. Lidia was also recently out of a relationship, however hers was an abusive one. On our second date, Lidia received a text message from her ex-boyfriend Mike Pozos stating, "I know your with someone and I'm gonna fuck him up". These threats would continue via text, e-mail, letters and voicemails, and increased in aggression over the course of a year. I didn't like these threats but I wasn't serious with Lidia so I didn't respond to them.

On May 7, 2008 Lidia had asked if I could pick her and her son up at her mothers work and take them home. On our way to Lidia's house we saw Mike Walking up the street. I pulled onto a side street and went to talk to Mike. I told Mike that whatever he has going on with Lidia I didn't care, just leave my name out of it. Mike didn't say anything he just shook his head in acknowledgement and continued trying to call someone on his cell phone. I got back on the road and within 2 blocks Lidia received a text from Mike that said "Fuck that Fool", I just continue on with no response. The next day May 8, 2008 at approximately 5:30pm I received a phone call from Lidia, she said Now Jorge is involved and he wants to talk to me. I met Jorge once before, while dropping Lidia's two children off at their apartment, Jorge came outside into the parking lot and introduced himself to me through my passenger window. This meeting was brief but cordial. Lidia came back and we left. I was at McDonalds about four blocks away from Jorge. I called and Jorge told me about calling his brother out with his daughter in my car. I told Jorge that wasn't what happened, I said if Mike knew anything about his kids he would have known that his daughter was in school at that time and his son was strapped into his car seat. Jorge thought for a second then said come over. I thought in finally going to talk to someone sensible to stop the lies and threats. Upon arrival I saw three individuals on the edge of the street, Jorge, Mike and Graciela their sister. I parked and by the time I exited my car Jorge was coming across the street, we met and Jorge swung and knocked me down. I got up dazed and confused and was hit again. I don't remember much of the fight or how long it lasted. What I do remember is being in a rear chokehold and feeling someone kicking or hitting my ribs and slamming me against my car. I started seeing spots and I told myself, "If I don't get out of this headlock I'm going to die". I made a last push with all I had and flew backwards. The next thing I remember is being shook or grabbed and someone said, bounce, bounce, the cops. It's at that time I heard the police sirens.

Richard Manchego
Commutation of Sentence Request
6/4/2018

Question 3:

First and foremost I am in no way taking away or minimizing my actions on May 8, 2008. However, I do feel that after doing research on "Sudden Quarrel and Heat of Passion Manslaughter defenses" that, is where this conviction should have been.

I was not a felon and the gun was registered to me. I had a current California License to own and carry a firearm. In fact that gun was only test fired by the manufacturer; neither I nor anyone else ever fired that gun until that day.

I'm requesting a Commutation for the following reasons. First as stated above upon reading about "Sudden Quarrel and Heat of Passion Manslaughter defenses", I have always believed that is where my case would end with. Second if there were multiple things that were mishandled or not handled at all by my state appointed attorney.

When the Pathologist took the stand she stated that before she examined the body she was told that the victim (Jorge Pozos) was in an altercation and had been shot. She said, they don't tell her details so it won't influence her findings. She stated other than the bullet wound to the chest, she immediately noticed his hands and how bruised they were. She said "I thought to myself, what was this guy hitting "a block wall"? It was no wall, it was me. The doctor said she was curious to see how far into the hand the bruising went, pictures show it went into the palm on both hands. I don't remember much of the fight until I was placed in a rear chokehold, my nose and wrist were broken, I was seeing spots, and losing consciousness. I told myself "if I don't get out of this headlock I'm going to die". I made one final push and flew back. The next thing I remember is someone grabbing me and saying, "bounce, bounce the cops. That is when I heard the police sirens. I didn't sleep until the next day and when I finally took a shower I had fresh cuts on the top of my head. To this day I still have no clue as to how they got there.

So I believe that I did suffer from a concussion and was not in my right state of mind. However, my attorney Demetria Tolbert said repeatedly to me and my family, for me not to take the stand. I stated to her that if I don't take the stand then I want Dr. Roth to take the stand. Demetria said, I'll never put a psychiatrist on the stand, because all Juror's think their quacks".

I felt that I needed to take the stand even if just to clarify certain inaccuracies that the District Attorney was presenting. Everything I read on Manslaughter said the Jury wants to hear your side for state of mind consideration. Demetria said that it would do more harm than good and between character witnesses and the Pathologists testimony; the jury will see I wasn't in my right state of mind.

Richard Palmerico was a witness that called Palm Springs 911 twice from the scene, once to report the beating by saying "they're going to kill him" and second to state now the guy who was getting beat is shooting. This official 911 transcript was introduced during trial; however Mrs. Tolbert did not place this document into exhibits. After multiple days of deliberation the jury was deadlocked. Judge Erwood

Richard Mañchego
Commutation of Sentence Request
6/4/2018

gave them more instructions and sent them back to deliberate. The following day the Jury asked a question. They wanted to see the 911 Transcript. Judge Erwood said; "well we've all seen it, however it was not placed into exhibits so I can't give it to them. His response to the question was that it was up to them to determine whether Mr. Palmerico's Testimony was True or False. I don't believe the jury was questioning the calls, I believe they were looking for the times between calls to discuss a cool-off period. I believe that document could have altered their decision.

In conclusion I believe that I was denied effective representation by Demetria Tolbert's insistence to not put Dr. Roth on the stand. Please see Dr. Roth's Psychiatric summary attached.

Question 4:

I believe I should be granted a Commutation of Sentence for the following reasons:

After reading the Psychiatric Summary from Dr. Roth, two juror's letters, countless articles, and case law on "Sudden Quarrel" and "Imperfect Self-Defense cases", I truly believe my case is not a Murder Case.

I have also attached a background letter so that you can see what I did before this occurred, (Please see attached). I was not a Felon, I always worked and supported my family and I even managed to own and operate two businesses. My daughter Mia is now in College pursuing a degree as an Ultrasound Technician.

Since I have been in custody I have never been in any altercation and I have no 115's or and disciplinary infractions. I am a .V.E.P Tutor (Voluntary Education program) and I have been there for almost two years. (See attached Work Performance Evaluations). I teach an Art/History Class that students learn Art through History. I'm currently two classes away from obtaining Four Associate Degree's in American Studies, Business, Arts & Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences. I have completed multiple classes in Self-Help such as Cage your Rage and Life without a Crutch, among other classes. Please see attached (Self Help Certificates). My relationship with my mother has improved dramatically over the years. Please see (support letters attached).

In closing I wasn't a bad guy out there and I'm not one in here. I made a very poor choice by thinking I could rationalize with someone who had violence in mind. I wish I could take it all back and not because I'm in prison but for Jorge. I was 36 years old when this happened and lived a good and productive life up until then. Jorge Pozos was 25 years old and although I don't know too much about Jorge's past, what I've heard was he was a good person and I'm sure had a bright future. But if I'm granted a Commutation from Murder to Manslaughter I will do everything in my power to live a productive life and if possible make amends with the Pozos Family.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

John Manning

On August 21, 1993, John Manning and two crime partners murdered Filiberto Mendoza over a \$5,000 drug debt. Mr. Manning was one of two shooters and fired the fatal shots that killed Mr. Mendoza. On February 17, 1995, the Glenn County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Manning to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 5 years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Manning is now 56 years old and has been incarcerated for 25 years for this crime. In his application, he wrote, "Realizing the damage I have done to Mr. Mendoza, his family, and mine, I have been constantly educating myself on why I was able to commit such a crime." Mr. Manning described the positive gains he has made in prison, including participating in self-help classes and learning marketable skills. He wrote, "I know there is nothing that I can do to ever make up for the damage I have caused, but I believe that I have gained the tools needed to be a productive member of society and a good neighbor."

Mr. Manning has been dedicated to his rehabilitation over the course of two and a half decades in prison. Mr. Manning has received only two rule violations and has remained discipline-free for the past 18 years. He currently resides in the progressive programming facility at his prison, and has participated in various self-help programs, including Getting Out by Going In, Victim Impact, and Alcoholics Anonymous. Mr. Manning earned his GED in 2011 and is currently taking college courses. Mr. Manning also participates in the Paws for Life program, training and caring for rescue dogs. Mr. Manning has earned the support of correctional staff, who have commended him for his positive attitude and behavior. In 2018, a supervisor praised Mr. Manning for being a role model on the job and wrote that he "has been rehabilitated and deserves a second chance. If [Mr.] Manning is paroled I would enjoy him as my next door neighbor." In 2017, a correctional officer praised Mr. Manning's positive attitude and wrote, "It is clear that the decisions being made by Inmate Manning are positive, law abiding and free from disrespect or violence. . . . I expect [Mr.] Manning would be able to transition successfully if released from custody." In 2013, a program lieutenant who had known Mr. Manning for 17 years wrote that "if given the opportunity, [he] has the potential to become a productive member of society."

In addition, Mr. Manning's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Manning.

Faced with a sentence that gave him no hope of parole, Mr. Manning has nevertheless exhibited a commitment to his rehabilitation. I acknowledge that this crime was devastating to Mr. Mendoza's family members, who have opposed clemency in this case. However, after serious consideration, I cannot discount the transformation Mr. Manning has made during his incarceration. I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of John Manning to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: John A. Manning Date of Birth: 62 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: California State Prison-LA County P.O.Box 4670 Lancaster, CA 90539-4670

1. Conviction Summary:

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC187	August 21, 1993	Glenn	LWOP
PC190	August 1993	Glenn	LWOP
PC2022.5 (a)	August 1993	Glenn	LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

While under the influence of cocaine and Methamphetamine, I participated in the killing of Mr. Meddoza by shooting him, after another person had already shot him. Mr Meddoza had been lured into believing he was going to steal marijuana plants. However, he was killed instead.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am a first time offender and now ~~50~~ 50 years old with 25 years incarcerated. Since my incarceration I have spent my days trying to rehabilitate myself. I know there is nothing that I can do to ever make up for the damage I have caused, but I believe that I have gained the tools needed to be a productive member of society and a good neighbor.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Realizing the damage I have done to Mr. Meddoza, his family, and mine I have been constantly educating myself on why I was able to commit such a crime. Over the last 20 years I have participated in numerous self-help programs, such as AA/NA, Anger Management,

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, John A Manning, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of GLENN with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

John A. Manning
Applicant's Signature

April 5, 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Conv 2243-14

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of GLENN County: Please take notice that I, John A. Manning, was convicted of the crime of PC17, PC190 and PC2022.5(a) committed in GLENN County, California, on the date of August 1993

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: J-51502

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

John A. Manning

Applicant's Signature

April 2, 2017

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Dwayne R. Stewart, District Attorney of the County of Glenn,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from John A. Manning,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed

[Signature]

Date

14 April 2017

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

I have been a long term member of "Mens Support Group", which specifically deals with men's reasoning and social skills; how to recognize triggers that led to destructive behavior and methods for making and choosing correct decisions. I am a first time offender and I have remained disciplinary free. I have earned my G.E.D., and am certified to type 70 w.p.m., and have developed office skills which are highlighted in the attached documents to this petition. I have gained trade skills that I believe will help me become a productive member of society, as seen in attached documents. ("Paws For Life") I have completed over 60 weeks of formal training in the trade of "Dog Trainer" in the "Paws For Life" program at Lancaster, CSP-LAC, where I have been certified as a professional pet dog trainer since August 9th, 2014. (See certifications enclosed) I believe my in-prison conduct has been evidence of my rehabilitation and therefore I believe a commutation of sentence could be granted. I realize how great of a request I am asking and again believe that if given a second chance, I would be a productive member of society, and a good neighbor. For these reasons I am respectfully requesting for your "Executive Order for Clemency" To be granted in my case.

Thank you for your consideration in my case.

John Anthony Manning J-51502



Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Joseph Marshall

On April 21, 2004, Joseph Marshall and a friend exchanged gang signs and words with Lorenzo Hernandez and Cristian Rodriguez, who were seated in a car. Mr. Marshall walked over to the passenger side of the vehicle and began shooting into the car. Both Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Rodriguez were shot and injured, but survived. On April 26, 2005, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Marshall to 9 years and 4 months for two counts of attempted murder, 50 years to life for 2 firearm enhancements, and 20 years for two gang enhancements – a total term of 79 years and 4 months to life. Mr. Marshall has a youth offender parole eligible date of April 2028.

Mr. Marshall was only 17 years old when he committed this crime and has now been incarcerated for over 14 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Marshall acknowledged that at the time, he did not value any life, including his own. He now realizes that "life is to be honored, valued, and appreciated not destroyed." Over the course of the past 14 years, Mr. Marshall has been dedicated to his rehabilitation. He has lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities, for several years. He has participated in Adult Basic Education classes and multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Victim Awareness, Getting Out by Going In, and Personal Awareness.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Marshall has earned the respect of prison staff and volunteers. A Men for Honor co-sponsor commended Mr. Marshall in 2016 for participating in the New Choices, Different Directions class. The sponsor wrote that "Marshall actively participated in class and group discussions. Marshall also has perfect attendance and should be commended for his effort to better himself and help others." Another self-help sponsor praised Mr. Marshall for his work in the class, writing, "During group discussion, he took full responsibility for his old life style and poor choices, as well as the harm he has caused others." The sponsor continued, "I commend Marshall for his growth and his efforts toward rehabilitation."

I commend Mr. Marshall for making efforts to better himself. Although he has more work to do, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Joseph Marshall to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Joseph Marshall Date of Birth: ██████ 1987 Inmate ID: V-77832

Address: P.O. Box 4430 Facility: CSP Los Angeles County

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<u>First Term.</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was 17 years old when I attempted to murder Christian Rodriguez and Lorenzo Hernandez in a Jack 'n' box parking lot in 2004 to benefit my gang. Me and a friend (Jon Newton) encountered Christian and Lorenzo on April 21, 2004. We exchanged words and I then decided to shoot Christian and Lorenzo after the words were exchanged.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I'm no longer a threat to society or my self. I didn't value people's life or my own life. I now have a change of heart. I realized the life I was living was wrong. Life is to be honored, valued and appreciated not destroyed because I'm hurting inside. I now know why hurt people hurt people and I want to help people over come the same mind set I once had.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have alot to give to the youth who are seeking love through gangs and drugs. I want to help them understand that gangs dont give love, family give's love. Gangs hurts family. Drugs destroys family. When we are hurting inside we dont need to use drugs to numb our pain.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No Help.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Joseph Tyre Marshall, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Riverside County with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Joseph Tyre Marshall
Applicant's Signature

May 24, 2010
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Christian Martinez

On October 10, 2004, Carlos Martinez and Peter Santisteven robbed Albert Castillo and Nacho Barbosa in their hotel room in Arcadia. During the course of the robbery, Carlos Martinez shot and killed Mr. Castillo. Christian Martinez was driving the car that Carlos Martinez and Mr. Santisteven fled in. On December 17, 2007, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Martinez to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 3 years and 4 months for robbery and a firearm enhancement.

Ms. Martinez, who was 18 years old at the time of this crime, has been incarcerated for almost 15 years. Although her sentence gave her no hope of parole, Ms. Martinez has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct. She earned her GED and is currently taking college courses. Ms. Martinez has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Healthy Relationships, Anger Management, Self Esteem, Denial Management, the Juvenile Offenders Committee, and the Long Termers Organization.

Ms. Martinez's commitment to her rehabilitation has earned her above average work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2016, a work supervisor wrote regarding Ms. Martinez's work on a pharmacy construction project, "Inmate Martinez strives to have perfection in her work, she will work on something until its done right." The supervisor wrote, "Inmate Martinez has a very good attitude towards all members of the crew, she can work well with anyone. She always takes direction very well, when given a task she gets the job done without any poor attitude." The supervisor concluded, "Inmate Martinez finishes a task with precision [and] when she works on a task, she makes sure it is done as efficient[ly] as the professionals." Additionally, Ms. Martinez served as a mentor in the Big Sister Mentor Program from 2012-2015. In 2014, a correctional officer commended Ms. Martinez for her work in the program, writing, "She is a role model in general population and takes on the responsibility of being a mentor and guiding new inmates in positive programming activities, including events, workshops, self-help classes and other positive activities." The officer continued, "Inmate Martinez is an active participant in the program and helps in the rehabilitation of herself and others."

Based on her conduct in prison, dedication to self-improvement, and commitment to helping others, I believe that Ms. Martinez has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Christian Martinez to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Christian Martinez Date of Birth: [REDACTED] / 1985 Inmate ID: X-27927
Address: P.O. Box 1508 Chowchilla, Ca 93610 Facility: CCWF

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On October 10, 2004, at a Motel Le Alberto Castillo and Nacho Barboza were robbed within one of the motel rooms. In the process of the robbery Alberto Castillo was shot once in the chest, and killed.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I'm requesting for a commutation to have the opportunity as an L.W.O.P. to go before the Parole Board to show my growth and accomplishments during my time in prison. I have also grown a close relationship with my daughter while incarcerated by visits, and I would like a chance to become a better role model for

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

During these past 14 years I have been incarcerated I have grown and prospered under the circumstances of having a sentence of life without the possibility of Parole. I worked hard to maintain a positive record in prison, and I am currently living in the Honor Dorm. I have received my E.E.D. and pursuing

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Christian Martinez
(Print Full Name)

declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the District Attorney of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a commutation.
(Name of County*)

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

[Signature]
Applicant's Signature

5/30/18
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County:

Please take notice that I ^{MS.} Christian Martinez, was convicted of the crime of 211, 187, 12022(a)(1), committed in Los Angeles County, California on the date of July 2, 2007. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Christian Martinez
Applicant's Signature

4/26/18
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, STEVEN FRANKLIN District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

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Signed [Signature]

Date 5/15/18

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

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her as a parent. At the time of this crime, I was 18 years of age. A few months before this crime I got out of a residential program at the Phoenix House. I was trying to get my life together by finding a job, buying a car and taking care of the responsibilities as a young single mother. On the day of this crime I did not expect for a robbery to occur. Earlier in the day I was driving around with Peter S., looking for Carlos Martinez and Miguel Barragan. Once I found them, I realized that Carlos and Kristina Jaime were in need of a place to stay for the night. I offered to get them a room at a motel until they can figure out where to stay. We then went to the Motel 6, once we arrived my intentions were to help out Carlos and Kristina with a place to stay. Something I've always done growing up with him. I did not know Alberta Castillo and Nacho Barboza who were victimized in this crime. At the time of the robbery and murder I was in my car. In the end I drove away with the others without any knowledge of what had just taken place. I was young with no sense of understanding the consequences of my actions, but I now realize the things I could have done differently. If I would have stayed focused on my responsibilities as a mother, I would have not been out there with the intentions of helping Carlos and Kristina find a place to stay. This crime possibly could have been prevented if I had not placed myself in that situation in the first place. I have deep regrets on the impact that this crime has had on the community, the victims, and their families.

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a higher education through Feather River College to obtain my A.A. in Liberal Arts: Fine Arts and Humanity. I have taken the opportunities to improve myself to become a stronger, better compassionate woman and not stay stagnant with the sentence of L.W.O.P. The groups that I have taken that have brought about my change but are not limited to are Am.A.R.E, Victims Impact Awareness, and Beyond Violence. In these groups I realized that I was broken and I had to look within myself to find the answers of why I did the things I did. After reflecting on my past decisions, which became my biggest mistakes. I seen I was impulsive with no consideration of the consequences to which would happen in the end. Today I am aware of the results to all my actions, with seeing the end in mind. I have learned to set healthy boundaries and how to defuse or remove myself from bad situations that may occur. I know now that I am not perfect and can learn from my mistakes. I intend on being the best person I can be and by remaining disciplinary free shows that I can live a law abiding life. I gained skills at the jobs I have worked at, which are a porter; cleaning up the units, as a Stationary Engineer; working on H.V.A.C. throughout prison, and Inmate Day Laborer (IDL); which is construction work, to benefit me in becoming a working citizen of society. I also participate in all the prison fundraisers, whose proceeds go to help out non-profit organizations in the community. If I were granted a commutation it would give me the opportunity to re-write with my family and daughter, so that I may help and support them by showing and instilling in my daughter the morals of being a great person and citizen. I would like to thank you for considering me

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Christina Martinez

On July 3, 2004, Christina Martinez, her boyfriend Robert Hammons, and two juveniles attempted to rob Clayton Skinner at his house. Ms. Martinez gained access to the home, while Mr. Hammons and one of the juveniles searched for valuables. Mr. Hammons then beat Mr. Skinner to death with a steering wheel club. On September 22, 2011, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Martinez to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

An investigation conducted by the Board of Parole Hearings revealed significant evidence that Ms. Martinez was suffering from the effects of domestic violence perpetrated by Mr. Hammons at the time of the crime. Witnesses reported seeing Ms. Martinez with bruises and hearing Mr. Hammons verbally abuse Ms. Martinez, including threatening to kill her. One witness reported, "I personally watched him abuse her emotionally, financially, mentally, and a few times physically." Mr. Hammons was arrested in 2004 for domestic violence committed against Ms. Martinez, after an altercation during which Mr. Hammons assaulted and scratched her.

Ms. Martinez acknowledged the effect the abuse had on her actions at the time of the crime and described how she has worked to address her history while incarcerated. She wrote that she is "Working hard on myself to discover why I was part of such a heinous crime, taking several self-help classes while being incarcerated. I'm active in my rehabilitation. I am a survivor of domestic violence, which led up to the crime I committed. Suffering from trauma and abuse since childhood, as it continued with Robert. I'm grateful that prison saved my life."

Ms. Martinez has demonstrated her commitment to her rehabilitation. She has only been disciplined once for misconduct in prison. She has facilitated and participated in self-help programs, including Beyond Violence, Co-Dependency, Overcoming Addictive Behaviors, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, Verbal Abuse in Relationships, and A Batterer's Perspective. In 2017, a retired chief deputy warden commended Ms. Martinez for her work with the Beyond Violence program, noting that Ms. Martinez was "very influential and had such a positive impact on the groups" that she was immediately hired as a facilitator. The retired chief deputy warden wrote, "Ms. Martinez has made such a positive impact on the Central California Women's Facility community as a role model and upstanding citizen. . . . Ms. Martinez is a mentor for the younger ladies who are new to the system. She is a powerful force and a wonderful asset to the Beyond Violence program. I am pleased to have her on my team. I have watched her work hard to turn her life around and become an active participant in her children and family member's lives."

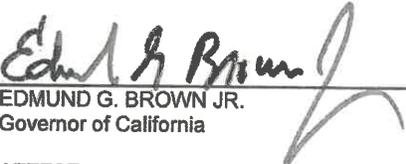
In 2018, a correctional counselor who has known Ms. Martinez for seven years commended her on her programming and attitude, noting that she is a role model to other prisoners. The counselor wrote, "Inmate Martinez interacts and communicates with staff positively and is respectful to both staff and her peers." The counselor continued, "Because of her positivity, it is evident that Inmate Martinez is well liked by staff and her peers and her optimistic behavior and attitude contributes [positively] to the prison population."

Mr. Skinner's family has expressed opposition to Ms. Martinez's release. While the profound impact of Ms. Martinez's crime cannot be erased, I have carefully weighed the evidence. Given Ms. Martinez's exemplary conduct in prison and her efforts to put the impacts of her prior abuse behind her, I believe she has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings in order to determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Christina Martinez to a total of 13 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Christina Marie Martinez Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 84 Inmate ID: WE3166
Address: P.O. Box 1508 Chowchilla, Ca 93610 Facility: CCWF

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
see attached pages			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see attached pages

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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I, Christina Marie Martinez, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of Sacramento County with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Christina Martinez
Applicant's Signature

9-1-17
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

**Application for Commutation of:
Christina Marie Martinez WE3166**

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries.

Offense	Date of Offense	County	Sentence
484 e(d) P.C. (Access Card Fraud)	11-2-2005	Sacramento	210 days
187 (a) P.C. (Murder, first degree)	7-2-2004	Sacramento	LWOP
190.2 (a) (17) P.C. (Burglary)	7-2-2004	Sacramento	LWOP
213 (a) (1) P.C. (Robbery)	7-2-2004	Sacramento	LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crimes for which you are requesting a Commutation.

This application for Commutation of Sentence arises from the 2004 murder. I, Christina Marie Martinez, age 19 at the time of the crime committed, was a severely battered woman since childhood. I was convicted of murder in the first degree, sentenced to (LWOP) Life Without the possibility of Parole, on September 22, 2011. I was in an abusive relationship with my boyfriend at the time Robert Lee Hammons, his two friends Taja Holliman and brother, Teran Holliman, and I were convicted of murdering Mr. Clayton Skinner. I lived in fear of Robert being abused and threatened daily. Robert is the "mastermind" who threatened to harm and kill anyone who "snitched" on him. Before the crime was committed in 2004 the police arrested Robert for domestic violence toward myself. After being arrested Robert threatened me into not pressing charges. During the trial leading up to the conviction, Robert continued to threaten me while incarcerated at Sacramento County Jail. Sending verbal messages through other inmates saying, "If I testify he will kill my family and our children." This type of abuse was part of Robert's ongoing pattern of terror, cruelty, and control over myself and our children.

Robert physically, verbally, sexually, psychologically abused me from 2003 at age eighteen until the day I was sentenced and transferred to state prison, the course of eight years. Robert's physical abuse against me included punching, shoving and choking. He also threatened to kill me and our children if I ever left him. Robert knew I suffered as a child by seeing my father physically abuse my mother, it brought back fear that psychologically terrified me. Being molested at the age of two by the neighbors, which is my very first memory. Police were called out to the home. I remember being asked, "Where at on my body was I touched?" I pointed to each part my body was touched, no one was arrested due to the ages of the two, a nine year old boy and a fourteen year old girl. Suffering from trauma and

abuse sexually, physically, verbally, and psychologically. Robert often blamed me for his physical violence toward me claiming "you made me do it," after punching, shoving, or choking me. He would threaten to harm our children if I told anyone about the abuse. I was afraid constantly. I felt at times death upon myself would be the only way out. I had no way out of this deep darkness. Robert sought control over every aspect of my life. He subjected me to punishment if I did not obey him by not allowing me to visit my family, forcibly making me pick and choose our children over my family. Robert strove to break me down completely, and make me dependent upon him by telling me that I was "worthless, fat, lazy, and no one will ever love me except him." He would criticize my body and my weight because I was obese. I believed the cruel things he would tell me, because my father said mean things about my weight. I began using drugs to cope with the abuse at the age of nine. Smoking marijuana kept me numb to all the painful emotions I felt. In 2003, once the abuse began with Robert, my addiction to marijuana progressed. Keeping my mind and thoughts in a trance along with my emotions.

In the immediate days proceed Mr. Skinner's murder I tried to leave Robert. I was beaten and threatened by Robert that he will kill me and my family. On July 2, 2004, Robert asked me to drive him and his friends to the store. On the way there Robert changed his mind and said follow my directions to this house. As I would obey his command in fear of being belittled and harmed, I continued to drive. Stopping on an residential street, Taja got out. Moments later he came back saying "It's not cool." Robert began to become furious and yelled "little bitch." He then told me get out and go knock at this door. I was terrified. Sitting in the driver seat felt like forever. Robert then punched me and said, "get the fuck out and do as I say." Handing me a cell phone he sent Taja with me saying, "knock at the door, get it open, tell them you want to buy the stuff for sale." In terror I walked up to the house, knocked at the door, not knowing who lived there. Mr. Skinner answered by looking out the side window, he said, "What do you want?" In a daze not sure what to say I said as told, " I want to buy the stuff for sale." Mr. Skinner looked at Taja and I for a few moments then closed the curtain. Standing there horrified not knowing what will happen I heard the door unlock. As it opened Taja forced his way in. Robert along with Teran followed Taja into the house. I was petrified frozen in place. I then turned around and ran back to the vehicle. In a panic I was shaking trying to start the vehicle. Then all three entered the vehicle, Robert yells at me "Bitch fucken drive." I drove away not sure of what happened. While driving Robert said, "I'll kill you all if you ever speak on this day." The tone of his voice sent horror through my body.

At this time in my life I worked two jobs, Arco AM/PM gas station, also I was in training to become a bank teller for Wells Fargo Bank. Once I began working full

time at Wells Fargo, Robert questioned me about my job duties. Demanding that I bring him the customers ATM cards. In fear while being beaten daily I stole the ATM cards for Robert. He then activated them and began withdrawing money. In 2005 I quit my job at Wells Fargo Bank due to an investigation. Detectives found evidence of Robert withdrawing money from the ATM machines. When questioned by the detectives I lied in fear of Robert and said my sister made me steal the access cards. I admitted that I did take them, I even wrote a letter of apology. I was threatened by Robert daily. I lived in fear of him. After working for Wells Fargo Bank I never applied for another job. In 2008 I plead guilty to all charges filed against me. Sentenced to two hundred and ten days. Pregnant at the time, the Judge ordered that I be placed on home detention. I have never been in Juvenile Hall, I have never committed any type of crimes, until I was forced, beaten and broken down by Robert. He abused me physically while I was pregnant with all three of our children. Hospital documents from Sutter Foundation will show proof that in 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2008-2009, I undergone several stress test while pregnant with all three of our children, suffering from toxic stress.

3. Explain why you are requesting a Commutation.

This request of Commutation is written with a remorseful heart. Mr. Clayton Skinner's life was stolen from him and his family in a brutal and selfish way. Words can never express the regret I feel every day. I am the driver who wasn't brave enough to ask for help. His life was ripped away from his parents, siblings, family, and friends. The effects of Mr. Skinner's murder effected many lives. The whole Skinner family, the Sacramento Community, the emergency response team, the police department, the detectives, the Judge, jury, District Attorney, my family, children, friends, myself, along with Taja and Teran Holliman's family. At nineteen, if I was only as strong minded as I am today, Mr. Skinner may still be alive. It is with deep empathy that I live with every single day. Working hard on myself to discover why I was a part of such a heinous crime, taking several self-help classes while being incarcerated. I'm active in my rehabilitation. I am a survivor of Domestic Violence, which lead up to the crime I committed. Suffering from trauma and abuse since childhood, as it continued with Robert. I'm grateful that prison saved my life. I had to lose everything. Mr. Skinner lost his life so that I can have this freedom within. Learning that I was severely co-dependent, which is a learned behavior. Being abused sexually at the age of two. Watching and enduring the physical, verbal, emotional abuse of my father placed on my mother, siblings, and myself. I was never given a chance at life. I live to break the cycle of abuse by teaching my children love and the value of self-worth. I am aware of the trauma and bad associates that brought me to prison. I choose to live my life crime-free. I am blessed to say, "I found healing and forgiveness in prison."

Teran was sentenced to voluntary manslaughter, a total of fifteen years in state prison. In December 2015, the Court of Appeal claimed by statute of limitation the burglary and robbery charges in this case should be reversed and dismissed. Due to the first degree felony murder Special Circumstance Rule, I am still sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole. During trial I was tried and convicted by the same jury as Robert, sentenced to the same charges as him. I was given anti-depression and opiates to help cope with all the back and forth trial dates. The medication kept me in an altered conscious state of mind, unable to fully comprehend what was going on or being said.

Governor Brown it is with prayer that you will see the compassion that I have. I have been victimized all my life, never given a chance until the prison system saved me. I am a woman of change, worthy, and deserving. I am rehabilitated. Mr. Skinner's murder effected a generation of family members and community lives. His life was sadly stolen, my life was saved by his death which I am reminded by daily. Governor Brown I pray you will give me a second chance to live in society. I would like to personally say thank you to the prison system for rescuing me. My request is that I be granted this commutation.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a Commutation.

Governor Brown, I have worked hard to improve and rehabilitate myself while being incarcerated. Understand the effects of my bad choices and being aware of my deeply rooted issues. I feel deep sorrow for Mr. Skinner and his family. Lack of self-worth, and allowing anyone into my life caused Mr. Skinner to be murdered using substances to hide behind my emotions and feelings. I did not listen to my inner voice when I felt a person or situation was wrong. Searching for love and acceptance in anyone who said they loved or cared for me, without questioning why. I did not ask for help when I needed help.

I have three young children ages eight, ten, and eleven, whom love me tremendously. They wait patiently in hope that their mommy will come home soon. I love my children dearly, I teach them the value of self-worth. Although I am not physically in their lives I am still the best mother I can be. Showing them love and affection by communication through mail and phone conversations. Guiding and encouraging them to make healthy and positive choices for themselves. Listening to their needs and expressing my life experiences with them. Congratulating them when they have done well in all they do. Helping them to set goals for their future. When they make a mistake helping them take responsibility for their actions, so they understand they have a choice and there are consequences. Helping them with their homework by asking them questions and finding ways to improve. I do the same with all my nieces and nephews. My children inspire me to never give up

as I do the same with them. My mother who is raising my children has several health problems. Diagnosed with dementia, she is losing her memory. I have family members and friends who have supported me emotionally, spiritually, and financially throughout the years incarcerated. They plan on continuing to be supportive upon my release to society.

I choose to live being an abiding citizen here in my community at CCWF Being a role model to the younger women. I have participated in numerous self-help classes to improve and better myself. Being a facilitator, I openly share my deeply rooted problems, issues, and experiences with others. Giving hope and knowledge to those whom feel there is no hope. I've found healing within, sharing this freely given freedom with everyone.

Here are a few out of many self-help groups that has impacted my recovery and rehabilitation.

- **Beyond Violence** – I am a certified mentor who participated first, now facilitates in this Pilot Program here at CCWF. Recently trained by Dr. Stephanie Covington who created this curriculum, and her most recent work called “Healing Trauma.” This program has helped me understand what trauma is and how my mind and body reacts to the situations in my life today. Beyond Violence taught me about my belief system and how to address my emotions assertively. I learned how to identify my feelings and ways to express any type of anger by communication techniques. I've discovered that my distorted thinking was a learned behavior. I have new coping skills that has taught me how to communicate.
- **Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous** – Narcotics Anonymous taught me about my addiction to drugs and why I used substances. Hiding from the pain and my feelings, I used drugs to numb myself. Working the 12 steps of recovery was a process and well worth all the tears shed. I fiercely searched while learning the 12 steps. This program broke me down while building me back strong. I had a sponsor through “Love lifted me Recovery: who helped me through the storm of tears and emotions. I'm grateful to have six years of sobriety, it's a beautiful blessing. I was on the panel of N.A. and A.A. for three years. I'm also a sponsor here at CCWF to all women in need of help with their recovery. I volunteer my recovery by walking others through the 12 steps.
- **Co-dependency** – While participating in this self-help class I was unaware of what co-dependency was. I realized I struggled all my life, searching for love and acceptance through other people and drugs. I had very low self-esteem, fear of being alone. I seeked approval from others. No self-worth, allowing anyone into my life, being in unhealthy relationships. I felt

ashamed of who I was and I believed all the horrible things said to me. Co-dependency taught me how to love myself, while building my self-esteem, it gave me strength to look within and love who I am. I understand the difference between a healthy and an unhealthy relationship. Co-dependency is a deeply rooted disease, passed down by family generation.

- **Victims Impact and Awareness** - Has allowed me to become aware of the full impact that my actions and bad choices has effected Mr. Skinner, his family, and several innocent lives. The choices and the bad associates I chose has helped rob Mr. Skinner of his life. His family, my family, the Sacramento community were all impacted by the murder and crimes against Mr. Skinner. I can only imagine the pain and fear his parents and family feels. The neighbors, first response team, Judge, jury, detectives, my family, my children, the community, myself, along with the Holliman family, Robert's family, were all effected by the murder of Mr. Skinner. Wells Fargo Bank, the employees, and the customers were also affected by this crime. I have impacted many lives by the crimes that have been committed. I understand that I can never undo the hurt, pain, fear, that I've caused. I give back in honor of Mr. Skinner and his family by teaching others and helping them with their struggles.
- **Vocation and Education** – I have accomplished and completed this vocational class called "Computer Literacy." I learned about: Applying for a job, Computer hardware and software, how to operate a computer, applications for word processing, spread sheet features, and presentations of software. I graduated from this IC3 Computer Literacy Program successfully. Also I am currently involved with (V.E.P.) Voluntary Education Program to improve my education and to better myself for my future goals set for college.
- **Domestic Violence (LOVE)** – This is my most recent class that I have begun to facilitate. "LOVE" stand for Living Outside Violence Everyday, a program sponsored by the active Warden here at CCWF. This program allows me to share my domestic abuse with others who were and are currently victims of abuse. Giving them knowledge of a battered woman, and strength to find healing. Sharing my abuse experiences with those who feel all alone, giving them courage to survive from their struggles. We are survivors of domestic abuse, together we have a voice. This program brings awareness and allows many women to grow and heal.

I am not afraid to ask for help and when others are in need of guidance, I help them as well. These self-help classes has helped me to develop healthy changes and strength I needed to become rehabilitated. I'll continue to improve, learn, and grow each day, even upon my release. I

have forgiveness toward myself and those who caused me harm. I pray one day Mr. Skinner's family will be able to forgive me as well.

Therefore I humbly request that my application for Commutation be granted. Governor Brown, I ask of you to please either commute the remainder of my prison sentence or to remove the LWOP designation so that I may have a second chance to prove my case by the Parole Board. Teran Holliman was sentenced to fifteen years with a chance to parole. It is with great prayer that I be given that chance as well. If given the chance I will continue to live with awareness and never commit any type of crime ever again. I look forward to being a positive asset in my community and in society. Thank you Governor Brown for your time and consideration.

5. If you paid any money or given any gift to any to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address and amount paid or given. (Required by Penal Code Sec 4807.2).

I, Christina Maria Martinez, has solely written and filed this application for commutation in prayer of a second chance.
and decisions.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Leugardo Martinez

In 2001, Leugardo Martinez found out that his wife was having an affair with Agustin Garcia. Mr. Martinez and one of his friends went to confront Mr. Garcia at his job where a fight ensued. Mr. Garcia was stabbed and taken to another location where he died. On September 12, 2003, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Martinez to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 1 year for a deadly weapon enhancement.

Mr. Martinez is now 63 years old and has been incarcerated for over 17 years. He seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Martinez stated he is a better person and "would like a second chance . . . to help others and change their lives."

Indeed, Mr. Martinez has demonstrated a commitment to bettering himself. He has successfully participated in the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities, for several years. Notably, Mr. Martinez has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned a vocational certification in computer skills and is working towards a GED. He has also taken advantage of multiple self-help programs, including Criminal Thinking, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Getting Out By Going In, and Alternatives to Violence. Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Wilson has earned the respect of prison staff. A chapel volunteer wrote that Mr. Martinez "exhibited characteristics of a repentant and a changed man." The volunteer continued, "[Mr. Martinez] helped to prevent gang riots and murder . . . at considerable risk to his own life."

Mr. Martinez participated in a senseless crime. However, he has made considerable efforts to turn his life around and has demonstrated that he can become a contributing member to his community. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Martinez has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Leugardo Martinez to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Leugardo Martinez Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-55 Inmate ID: C DCR # V-10102

Address: P.O. BOX-4430, LANCASTER, CA 93539 Facility: LANCASTER STATE PRISON

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
187 (Murder)	09-31-2001	LOS ANGELES COUNTY	L-WOP
207 (Kidnapping)	09-31-2001	LOS ANGELES COUNTY	5 years.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

The man who was having an affair with defendant Martinez's wife. Mr. Martinez never intended to kidnap the victim. Further, Martinez did not know that the victim would end up killed. It was a complete surprise to me when co-defendant Rafael Angiano pulled a knife out of his clothing and stabbed the victim.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a pardon because I have 16 years in prison and I did not kill the person that the court accused me of killing.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Like I said previously I did not kill the person. The court accuse me of killing, and the person that actually did the crime wants and is willing to sign a declaration saying that he was the one that did the crime.

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I, Leopoldo MARTINEZ, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES COUNTY with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Leopoldo Martinez
Applicant's Signature

06-26-2017
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*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

I'm sending this legal paper about my case.

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9 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

10 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,) DEFENSE OPPOSITION TO
11 Plaintiff,) PEOPLE'S PROPOSED
12 vs.) ELECTION OF FELONY
13) MURDER THEORY
14 LEUGARDO MARTINEZ et al,)
15 Defendants) Date: May 29, 2003
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: North Valley "F"

16 TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE SHARI SILVER, JUDGE OF THE
17 SUPERIOR COURT; TO B. KATHLEEN BLANCHARD, DEPUTY DISTRICT
18 ATTORNEY:

19 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the above-entitled date,
20 or as soon thereafter as may be heard, the defense will
21 request that the Court exercise its discretion and preclude
22 the amending of the information as it is untimely and will
23 substantially prejudice the rights of the defendant and
24 deny him due process. This Motion will be based on the
25 attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities and any argument
26 presented at the hearing on the Motion.

27 Dated: May 28, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mazza
Nancy Mazza

1 made clear throughout the pre-trial proceedings in this
2 case. In fact, all plea negotiations involved lesser charges
3 of second degree murder, and voluntary and involuntary
4 manslaughter. Not once were defense counsel ever advised
5 the prosecution might proceed solely on the felony-murder
6 theory. It was not until now, at the start of trial.

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8 MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

9 AMENDMENTS

10 The prosecution can amend without the court's permission
11 at any time before a plea is entered. After that, AMENDMENTS
12 ARE MADE AT THE COURT'S DISCRETION. Here, defendants already
13 months ago entered pleas of not guilty to the information;
14 any subsequent amendment can only be permitted by the
15 court and at the court's discretion. Penal Code Section
16 1009.

17 If an amendment is made shortly before trial and requires
18 further work by defense counsel, it is common for the court
19 to grant a continuance. (Penal Code section 1050).

20 Amendments are rarely permitted during trial. Here, the
21 first pool of 80 jurors has been sworn in and the court has
22 not yet rendered a decision on the amended information. By trial
23 time, the defense has already committed to a defense that it
24 would not have otherwise pursued had it known of the amended
25 information and the prosecution's newly announced felony-murder
26 theory. People v. Jones (1985) 164 CA3d 1173, 211 CR 167.

1 Furthermore, if the defendant has not yet pleaded to the
2 amended complaint, the trial shall not continue if the
3 substantial (due process) rights of the defendant would be
4 prejudiced, in which event a reasonable postponement, not longer
5 than the ends of justice require, may be granted. Penal Code
6 section 1009.

7 Here, the defense of Martinez was one whereby he never
8 intended to kidnap the victim. He did not know the co-defendant
9 of his own volition would stab the victim. He did not know
10 the co-defendant even had a knife. At this time defendant would
11 have to file a 995 since no evidence of a felony murder was
12 presented at the preliminary hearing pertaining to him.

13 An information may not be amended to add a charge that was
14 not proved at the preliminary hearing. Penal Code section 739.
15 People v. Pimental (1970) 6 CA3d 729, 734. No charge of
16 kidnapping was ever proved at the preliminary hearing against
17 defendant Martinez.

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19 THE COURT CAN INSTRUCT ON LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSES IN THIS
20 TRIAL

21 By the prosecution's own admission in its moving papers,
22 "The trial court simply has no power to impinge on
23 charging function of the prosecution, except in
24 one narrow circumstance. The trial court has a sua
25 sponte duty to instruct on lesser included offenses
26 when the evidence raises a question as to whether
27 all of the elements of the charged offense were
28 present and there's evidence of a lesser offense."

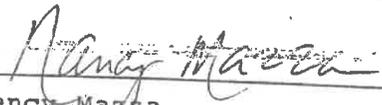
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of adequately preparing an adequate defense at this point with
no time to file 995's, hire experts as to whether the victim
was dead at the time of the kidnapping which would negate
the felony murder, etc.

At most defense requests the amended information be
rejected as untimely. At the least, the election is
premature and the court should decide the issue once all
the evidence has come in at trial.

Dated: May 28, 2003

Respectfully submitted by


Nancy Mazza
Attorney for Defendant
Leugardo Martinez

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Rosa Martinez

In 2012, 21-year-old Rosa Martinez and Alejandro Hernandez planned to rob Julieta Gonzalez's home. When Ms. Gonzalez answered the door, Ms. Martinez pulled a gun out, and Mr. Hernandez demanded a briefcase. Ms. Gonzalez started screaming, and Ms. Martinez and Mr. Hernandez fled. On October 16, 2013, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Martinez to 3 years for attempted robbery plus a 10-year firearm enhancement – a total term of 13 years in prison.

In her application for clemency, Ms. Martinez explained that she was severely addicted to methamphetamines when she committed this crime, and was desperate for money to buy more drugs. She reported that since then, she has made major changes in her life. Ms. Martinez wrote, "I have been clean and sober my entire incarceration. In my sobriety I now know I had so many other choices that day and that I needed to cry out for help. I thank God each and every day that no one was physical[ly] harmed because of my action. I know that I caused them harm and pain and for that I am truly sorry."

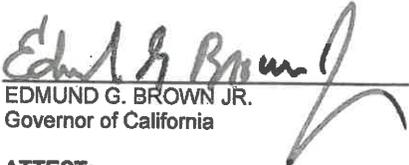
Ms. Martinez has maintained an excellent record during her incarceration. She has never been disciplined for misconduct, and has never been involved with drugs, violence, or gang activity in prison. Ms. Martinez earned her high school diploma, as well as a vocational certification in carpentry. She has participated in multiple self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Codependents Anonymous, LifeScripting, and Victims Impact and Progress. Ms. Martinez lives in an honor dorm and has participated in several fundraisers for charity. Her family members have written in support of her commutation, and offered their support as she transitions back into the community.

Ms. Martinez committed a very reckless crime when she was in the grip of a serious addiction. In the years since, she has worked hard to achieve sobriety and turn her life around. I encourage Ms. Martinez to continue to participate in drug treatment and other programs. I believe it is appropriate to reduce Ms. Martinez's sentence so that she can make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings by July 3, 2020 so that it can determine whether she is ready to be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Rosa Martinez so she is eligible for parole consideration by July 3, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Rosa C. Martinez Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 91 Inmate ID: W E 7872
Address: P.O. Box 1508 - 506-31-4UP Facility: Central California Women's Facility

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Pc 213(a) Robbery	7/23/2012	Los Angeles	3 years
Pc 12022.53(b) [01] Firearm	7/23/2012	Los Angeles	10 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

See attached

ANSWERS TO COMMUTATION

#2: Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation.

July 23, 2012 I was 22 years old. When I committed my crime I was addicted to Methamphetamine and the day of my crime I was withdrawing and needed to find more. When I picked the house to rob, I clearly remember that my addiction kept telling me to do the robbery, but the whole time my heart kept telling me to stop. I had never been in trouble before or committed a crime.

My intent that day was to get money to feed my addiction, never was it my intention to use a firearm or hurt anyone. Looking back at that day now I feel modified that it was me that committed that crime.

#3: Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

The reason why I am filing a commutation now is because I am becoming the young woman I have always wanted to be. I know that change is a long journey, but I am so willing and excited for the changes in my life. I have been clean and sober my entire incarceration. In my sobriety I now know I had so many other choices that day and that I needed to cry out for help instead. I thank God each and every day that no one was physical harmed because of my action. I know that I caused them harm and pain and for that I am truly sorry. All I can do is to honor them by my actions.

#4: Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

I am not asking for my Robbery conviction to be commuted (the 3 years) That is a small price to pay for what I put everyone through, I am filing this commutation in hopes that I be granted a reduction of the gun enhancement to be lowered from 10 years to the standard 1 year.

I have worked very hard to become the person I am today to prove to my myself, my family and society that my freedom and future will be bright and productive. My plans when I am released are to join a local NA/AA group and find a sponsor, register for college and further my education. I very much would like the opportunity to speak my testimony to youth groups on the dangers of drugs and how it can lead to prison.

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Governor Brown, every night when I lay down and say my prayers, I can see my future, married to the love of my life, and me and my husband raising our children. I see myself having that happy and wonderful life filled with love and joy.

I want to give back the support and love to my Mother that she has shown me all these years. I want to be a great role model to my nieces and nephews as well. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak to you regarding my request to reduce my Enhancement and prove to you that I can succeed and be a productive member of society.

#5: If you have paid any money or gift to anyone to assist I the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given.

No, I did not pay money or gifts to anyone for any help, it was important to me to tell my story all by myself.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Demetrie Mayfield

On February 3, 1983, Demetrie Mayfield broke into the house of Ora Pope to confront her about turning him in for stealing her car. Mr. Mayfield spoke with Ms. Pope and her houseguest, Edward Moreno, for several minutes before shooting and killing them both. On September 30, 1983, Mr. Mayfield was sentenced to death. In 2001, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals determined that Mr. Mayfield received ineffective assistance of counsel at the penalty phase of his trial. Following a penalty phase retrial, on April 10, 2003, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Mayfield to life without the possibility of parole for two counts of murder.

Mr. Mayfield is now 57 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 36 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Mayfield expressed remorse for the killings and wrote, "I think about them and what I did just about every day. I have no excuse for killing them. I know that I was young and wild. I am sorry for what I did to them."

Mr. Mayfield has worked to transform himself in prison. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct in the last 24 years of his incarceration. He has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. In 2010, Mr. Mayfield completed vocational training in office services. He currently resides on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard where inmates have access to unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities.

With better representation during Mr. Mayfield's trial, his attorney argues that Mr. Mayfield might have had a better outcome, preventing almost four decades of incarceration with no hope of parole. Mr. Mayfield's application for clemency details how his trial attorney's deep-seated and pervasive racial bias led him to consistently fail to provide minimally adequate representation to his clients, including Mr. Mayfield.

Mr. Mayfield committed a senseless crime as a young man and struggled when he initially came to prison. However, in the years since, he has shown a desire to transform himself and make amends for his past. I see enough progress on Mr. Mayfield's part to conclude that he should have an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Demetrie Mayfield to a total of 36 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Demetrie Ladon Mayfield Date of Birth: [redacted] 1961 Social Security Number: [redacted]

(Submitted for Demetrie L. Mayfield by Sanford Jay Rosen, Attorney for Demetrie L. Mayfield, 50 Fremont St, 19 F, San Francisco, CA 94105)

Address: Facility A1-112, P.O. Box 4430, Lancaster, CA 93539

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include PC 451 (misdemeanor), PC 242 (misdemeanor), VC 10581 (misdemeanor), and 2 Ct. PC 187 (1st degree murder).

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached Application for Clemency

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

This is a pro bono project. This application was prepared for Mr. Mayfield by Mr. Sanford Jay Rosen, Esq.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Sanford Jay Rosen, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of San Bernardino with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

Date

8-3-18

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

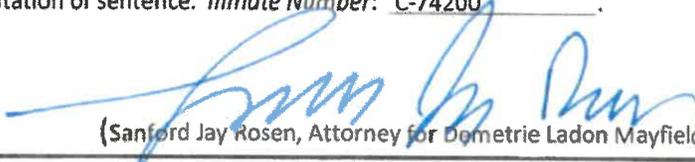
NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Bernardino County: Please take notice that I, Demetrie Ladon Mayfield,
was convicted of the crime of Two Counts of 1st Degree Murder,
committed in San Bernardino County, California, on the date of February 3, 1983.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. *Inmate Number:* C-74200.


(Sanford Jay Rosen, Attorney for Demetrie Ladon Mayfield)
Applicant's Signature

2/3/18
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

_____, District Attorney of the County of San Bernardino,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Demetrie Ladon Mayfield, C-74200,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

INTRODUCTION

Demetrie Mayfield, C-74200, asks you, Governor Brown, to exercise your Executive Clemency powers to make him eligible for parole. Mr. Mayfield has served more than thirty-five years on a sentence of life without the possibility of parole for the killing of two neighbors in 1983.

On February 3, 1983, when Demetrie Mayfield was twenty-one years old,¹ he broke into Ora Pope's house in San Bernardino. Ms. Pope lived near to him, and was the mother of a close friend. Mr. Mayfield was angry at her because she had turned him in for joy riding in her car, and he had been convicted of car theft a few weeks earlier. Mr. Mayfield found Ms. Pope and her friend John Moreno talking. Mr. Mayfield spoke with them for several minutes while pointing a single shot sawed off shotgun at them. The gun went off and Ms. Pope died instantly. In shock at what had happened, Mr. Mayfield reloaded the shotgun and shot and killed Mr. Moreno.

Mr. Mayfield was convicted of murder with special circumstances, and sentenced to death in 1983. Eventually, in 2001, after an arduous journey through the California and federal courts, the death sentence was vacated by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Mayfield is currently serving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole, at California State Prison – Los Angeles County, in Lancaster, California.

¹ This account of Mr. Mayfield's crime is drawn from various court records and central file records, including the Probation Officer's Report. A copy of the Probation Officer's Report dated September 30, 1983 is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

If that was all there was to the story, it might be appropriate for Demetrie Mayfield to spend his remaining days in prison. However, there is a lot more to be said about Demetrie, the murders and the aftermath. While none of what follows excuses the murders, it provides context and helps to explain why Mr. Mayfield should be made parole eligible now, thirty-five years after his crime.

Demetrie is now fifty-six years old and a changed man. He has matured greatly and made a life for himself in prison marked by seriousness and discipline.

Demetrie is and always was deeply remorseful for his crime. In recent years he has re-connected with increasing numbers of family and loved ones. He has solid parole plans and his family would support him getting back on his feet if you reduce his sentence to life with the possibility of parole, and he were ever to obtain parole from the Board of Parole Hearings.

For much of his time in prison, there was little programming available to him. This is because for the first twenty years he spent in the CDCR, he was on death row. Although death row prisoners can go to yard and have a few other programs available, for the most part there is no significant rehabilitative programming available to them. Nevertheless he worked to earn a 12.9 GED while on death row. After he was moved to a general population prison in 2003, Demetrie was initially housed in overcrowded Level IV prisons, including the California Correctional Institution in Tehachapi, Kern Valley State Prison in Delano, and ultimately California State Prison – Los Angeles County, where he is currently housed. For his first ten years in these prisons, as the Supreme

Court overcrowding case recounts, there were frequent lockdowns and little programming available in Level IV high security prisons.

However, in recent years there has been a substantial general expansion in the amount of rehabilitative programs available in all CDCR prisons, and for the last fifteen months, Demetrie he has been housed on an “honor yard” at his prison, California State Prison – Los Angeles County, where he resides with other older prisoners serving Life-Without-Parole sentences whose behavior is good. Since he has been on the honor yard, he has taken and successfully completed anger management and other rehabilitative and educational programs that are available to him, as well as engaging in educational courses through the mail. He continues to take these programs.

I. Mr. Mayfield Is Remorseful for His Crime and He Has Changed and Grown During His 35-Years of Incarceration.

Mr. Mayfield has always been and remains deeply remorseful for his killing of Ora Pope and John Moreno. He confessed to the crime very soon after it took place, shortly after he was arrested. In 1983, after his conviction, he told the Probation Officer that “I feel bad about it now. It shouldn’t have happened in the first place. I can’t sleep. I cry every time I think about it.” (See **Exhibit A** (September 30, 1983 Probation Officer’s Report) at 3.) His cousin Teresa Mayfield remembers how he cried about the crimes in the days and months after the killings, when he spoke with her and her children by phone and how even now his remorse comes through when they speak. (See **Exhibit A.**)

These feelings continue today. As Mr. Mayfield explains in his letter accompanying this application, “I think about them and what I did just about every day. I have no excuse for killing them. I know that I was young and wild. I am deeply sorry for what I did to them.” (See **Exhibit B** hereto (Demetrie Mayfield Letter to Governor Brown).)

In her letter of support, Mr. Mayfield’s cousin Teresa also stresses how he has matured, how he “continues to show and share his remorse,” and how he “empathizes more visibly now.” (**Exhibit C**) The other letters of support submitted by Mr. Mayfield’s close extended family also focus on his remorse and on the personal growth that has taken place while Mr. Mayfield has been in prison. His brother Cicero describes him as “a changed man” who “has matured in prison” and “grown as a person.” (See **Exhibit D** hereto.) Demetrie’s sister Kim Byrd notes that Demetrie “speaks only of positive things,” and that “he is working hard to better himself, going to school and taking other programs in prison.” (See **Exhibit E** hereto.) She notes that “he has religion in his heart” and explains that “he misses his son and his grandchildren.” *Id.* She explains that if he were released, she “would love it if Demetrie could live with me and my husband.” *Id.* Demetrie’s son, Demetrie Jr., explains in a letter of support that he has recently reconnected with his father and that were he to be released “it will make me and my children very happy” and “we will surround him with love and care.” (See **Exhibit F** hereto.) Demetrie’s younger brother Ivan Johnson reports that Demetrie “tells me how sorry he is for what he did and wishes he could make it up to the Pope and Moreno

families, and to our family.” (See **Exhibit G** hereto.) He promises that if Demetrie were released, he and his wife “would look out for him.” *Id.*

The letters of support also highlight Demetrie’s kindness and even heroism from before the crime. For example, in a letter from 2003 attached to his current letter of support, Demetrie’s brother Cicero tells the story of how Demetrie rescued him from drowning when he was twelve years old. (See **Exhibit G**) His cousin Teresa recalls how before his crime, Demetrie would frequently babysit her children, making them dinner and putting them to bed, and explains that this help was crucial in allowing her to go to school and become a teacher’s aide who works with troubled children. (See **Exhibit C**)

II. Because of His Racist Defense Attorney, Mr. Mayfield Was Never Given a Fair Trial Which Now Would Be Required Under the U.S. Supreme Court’s Latest Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel Decisions, and His Appeals Revealed Mitigating Information About His Life and Crime.

Demetrie’s mother was just fifteen when he was born, and he had four siblings. When Demetrie was about two or three, his parents separated, and his father was mostly absent after that. He was raised by a hard-working single mother in a multi-sibling, working poor family in San Bernardino’s black ghetto. He had no sources of work, no job skills and little meaningful formal education.

Demetrie had long suffered from Type-1 diabetes, which first presented when he was a ten-year old. In 1971, Demetrie was mentioned in a profile of Meals-on Wheels as someone receiving a diabetic diet from the organization. (See “Meals on Wheels Notes Anniversary of Hospital Route,” *Redlands Daily Facts*, October 5, 1971 (**Exhibit J** hereto.) Unfortunately, growing up, Demetrie did not take care of himself and did not

learn to properly manage his diabetes. In 1983, when he murdered Ms. Pope and Mr. Moreno, his diabetes was out of control because he was not taking his insulin shots regularly, he was eating poorly; he was also drinking heavily, and smoking marijuana and PCP.

Mr. Mayfield's first victim, Ms. Ora Pope, lived near Demetrie. She was the mother of a close friend of his, and in many respects like a second mother to Demetrie. On the day of the murders, Demetrie was angry at Ms. Pope because she had turned him in for joy riding in her car. He was facing prison time for car theft and out of control. Although Demetrie takes full responsibility for his actions, his recklessness and lack of control on the day of the crime were exacerbated by both his uncontrolled diabetes and his substance abuse.

On the night of the crime, Demetrie broke into Ms. Pope's house, hoping to scare her into recanting her testimony or refusing to testify against him. He found her and Mr. Moreno, and spoke with Ms. Pope while pointing a loaded shotgun at them. According to Demetrie, he shot Ms. Pope by accident, but then reloaded and shot and killed Mr. Moreno. Mr. Mayfield confessed to his crimes shortly after he was arrested, but has always maintained that he only intended to scare the two victims, and that the shotgun went off by accident killing Ms. Pope. The chaotic aftermath of the crimes and Mr. Mayfield's quick confession support this account.

Demetrie was arrested several hours after the murders. He waived his right to counsel before being questioned. After he was interrogated by two San Bernardino

detectives for many hours, still unrepresented, he submitted to a video-taped reenactment of the murders.

After he confessed, Demetrie was assigned a court-appointed defense attorney, Donald Ames. Unfortunately for Demetrie, Mr. Ames was a deeply racist man who hated black people, and, rather than acting as Mr. Mayfield's defense counsel, he essentially acted as an adjunct to the prosecutors. In retrospect, it is clear that Ames was not committed to fighting the premeditation claim in Demetrie's case. This was the lynchpin for the death penalty conviction that was initially obtained against Mr. Mayfield, and for his first-degree murder conviction, which also underlies his current life without parole sentence. Mr. Ames also gave little or no thought or preparation for the guilt or penalty phases of Mr. Mayfield's capital trial.

Unsurprisingly, Demetrie Mayfield was convicted of two counts of First Degree Murder, with Special Circumstances, and sentenced to death. His case has been highlighted law-reviews and other publications as an example of convictions in which racism was a major factor: (See Johnson, Blume & Wilson, "Racial Epithets in the Criminal Process," 2011 Mich. State. L. Rev. 755, 768 (2011) (**Exhibit K** hereto); M. Bookman, "5 Death Penalty Cases Tainted by Racism," *Mother Jones*, Mar. 25, 2015 (**Exhibit L** hereto); B. Babcock, *In Defense of the Criminal Jury*, in *Postmortem: The OJ Simpson Case* (Jeffrey Abramson ed. 1996) (**Exhibit M** hereto); H. Mintz, "Death Sentence Reversals Cast Doubt on System," *San Jose Mercury News*, Apr. 13, 2002 (**Exhibit N** hereto); H. Weinstein, "Court Voids Death Sentence," *L.A. Times*, Nov. 8, 2001 (**Exhibit O** hereto); Death Penalty Information Center, "Outlier Counties: San

Bernardino, California Shares Problematic Patterns of Neighboring Counties,” Factsheet, Updated July 18, 2018 (**Exhibit P** hereto).)

Mr. Ames’ racism has also been profiled in articles and reports on the death penalty. (See, e.g., Fair Punishment Project, “Too Broke to Fix: An In-depth Look at America’s Outlier Death Penalty Counties,” Sept. 2016, 16-18 [highlighting Ames’ inadequate defense in four death penalty cases including Mayfield’s] (**Exhibit Q** hereto); Sara Catania, “A Killer Job,” *L.A. Weekly*, January 23, 2002 (**Exhibit R** hereto).)

In 2003, after nearly ten years of multiple post-conviction proceedings in the California and federal courts, and after spending twenty years on death row, Demetrie’s death sentence was vacated and he was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. However, despite his attorney’s profound racism and lack of loyalty to his client, Mr. Mayfield was never given a new trial.

Many of the court decisions issued during Mr. Mayfield’s long appeal process highlight the fundamental structural unfairness of his trial, and the substantial mitigating circumstances related to Demetrie’s medical condition and mental state at the time of the offenses that were never presented to a jury because of the terrible representation Mr. Ames provided to him.

At the beginning of his long appeal process, I was appointed as Demetrie’s attorney for his automatic appeal to and habeas corpus proceedings in the California Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ordered an evidentiary hearing to develop the facts concerning trial counsel’s inadequate representation. After a lengthy evidentiary hearing,

the referee found that Ames' representation of Demetrie was well below the standard for minimally adequate representation.

Despite Ames' extraordinarily inadequate representation, the California Supreme Court decided his appellate team had not demonstrated that there was a reasonable probability that Mr. Mayfield would not have been convicted of murder in the first degree with special circumstances and would not have been sentenced to death if Ames had provided adequate representation. (*People v. Mayfield* (1993) 5 Cal.4th 142.) A copy of the Supreme Court's decision, including the dissent, is attached hereto as **Exhibit S**. Nevertheless, the majority of the Court noted, among other deficiencies, trial attorney Ames' failure to present available expert evidence about Mr. Mayfield's diabetes, drug and alcohol use and psychiatric condition:

The referee found, among other things, that counsel failed to obtain various medical records, including records from the time of petitioner's arrest that would have revealed an elevated blood-sugar level of 387. Counsel did not consult an endocrinologist, a toxicologist, or a psychiatrist regarding the effect of diabetes or intoxicants on mental state.

As the referee found and the record reflects, an endocrinologist could have testified that when blood sugar exceeds 300, a diabetic may experience blurred vision, impaired reasoning, dehydration, headaches, and confused thinking, and might be clumsier than normal — a possible factor in a defense of accident. But the endocrinologist who testified at the reference hearing, Dr. Clinton Young, also testified that although an individual with petitioner's blood-sugar level might not feel well, he could still plan, premeditate, and form the intent to kill. Such a blood-sugar level would not have caused petitioner to do anything he would not otherwise have done.

A toxicologist could have testified that a chronic PCP user may store the substance in fatty tissue and it may later discharge, causing a psychotic reaction. Diabetes can enhance this effect.

A psychiatrist could have testified that petitioner suffered from mental disorders that might have affected the voluntariness of petitioner's *Miranda* waivers — indeed, the psychiatrist retained by petitioner's appellate counsel opined that petitioner's waiver was involuntary. (*Id.* at p. 200.)

The federal district court in Los Angeles then denied Demetrie's federal habeas corpus petition because it found that there was no a reasonable probability that he would have not have been convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death if he had been adequately represented. (See *Mayfield v. Calderon* (C.D. Cal. Oct. 27, 1997, No. 94-6011) 1997 WL 778685 at *11, *17-18.) The district court's decision is attached as **Exhibit T** A three judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit also initially agreed. (See *Mayfield v. Calderon* (9th Cir. 2000) 229 F.3d 895.) The panel's decision is attached as **Exhibit U**.

Fortunately, a Petition for Rehearing and Suggestion of Rehearing *en banc* was granted, and Mr. Mayfield's appeal was re-heard by eleven judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The *en banc* panel, which included one judge from the three-judge panel, unanimously reversed the district court and directed that Mr. Mayfield's death sentence be vacated.

All eleven judges found that there was a reasonable probability that with adequate legal representation, Demetrie would not have been sentenced to death. The court thus set aside Demetrie's death sentence remanding for him to be retried as to whether he should be sentenced to death or to life without the possibility of parole.

Four of the eleven judges would have gone further. They would have vacated Demetrie's conviction of first-degree murder with special circumstances, remanding for

him to be retried both as to guilt and then as to penalty, if he were convicted again of first-degree murder with special circumstances. (See *Mayfield v. Woodford* (9th Cir. 2001) 270 F.3d 915.) A copy of the decision and all the separate opinions are attached hereto as **Exhibit V**. Had Demetrie been given a new trial in the guilt phase, he might have been able to avoid a first degree murder conviction, given the substantial mitigation and mental state evidence developed for the first time in the appeal.

Judge Susan Graber's partial dissent summarized how the legal system had failed Demetrie Mayfield, highlighting Ames' extreme antipathy to black people and his extraordinary failure to represent Demetrie which constituted an outright denial of his Sixth Amendment right to counsel:

Petitioner, Demetrie Ladon Mayfield, is an African American. His lawyer, S. Donald Ames, harbors deep and utter contempt for African Americans. As one of Ames' daughters puts it:

His contempt for us [his family] was exceeded only by his contempt for people of other races and ethnic groups. He especially ridiculed black people, referring to them with racial invectives. He used such terms and phrases as "nigger," "schwartz," "jig," "jungle bunnies," "trigger the nigger," and "shoot the coon to the moon."

Ames' former secretary states that he "consistently" referred to his African American clients as "niggers"; called another secretary "a dumb nigger"; and called a fellow lawyer "a big black nigger trying to be a white man." Another former employee avers that Ames "said because his client [not Petitioner] was black he, Ames, did not trust him and did not care what happened to him." An employee of the superior court says, in her affidavit, that Ames described a former secretary as a "dumb little nigger" and that he said of a minority death penalty client (not Petitioner) that "he deserves to fry." An investigator states that Ames referred to yet another African American client as a "dumb nigger." (*Id.* at p. 939-940.)

In her partial dissent Judge Graber also identified some of the profound deficiencies in Ames' representation of Mr. Mayfield in addition to his failure to call expert witnesses:

Here, Ames made his sympathies to the prosecution's position manifest not only by what he failed to do, but also by what he did do. What he failed to do was prepare or investigate, having spent only 40 hours to get ready for the guilt and penalty phases of a capital trial. According to the district court, "Ames's trial notebook contained no handwritten notes, no legal research, and no handwritten indications of out-of-court preparation." *Mayfield v. Calderon*, No. CV 94-6011 ER, 1997 WL 778685, at *3 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 27, 1997). Ames failed to hire associate counsel, although he had the right to do so. He used only about \$1,000 of the \$7,500 budget for an investigator; much of that represented activities other than actual investigation. (Maj. op. at 927.) Ames did not interview Petitioner until the morning of trial, when they met at the courthouse. Although the trial judge "wanted to settle the case by having [P]etitioner plead guilty for a sentence of life without parole[,] Ames did not discuss possible defenses with [P]etitioner" and proceeded to trial. 1997 WL 778685, at *4.

If the record stopped there, I might agree with the majority that Ames' antipathy to African Americans could not necessarily be linked with his incompetent performance. (Maj. op. at 925.) But Ames did much more than serve his client indifferently; he actively served the interests of the prosecution. On this record, there is no other explanation than a racially motivated breach of the duty of loyalty to Petitioner and concomitant sympathy to the prosecution's position.

At the guilt phase of the trial, the prosecutor introduced Petitioner's videotaped confession and re-enactment of the crime, as well as an excerpt of his audiotaped confession. In both, Petitioner consistently maintained that he intended to confront and scare Ora Mae Pope but had killed her by accident when she lurched forward to get a cigarette. Had the jury held a reasonable doubt, based on that account, that the killing of Ms. Pope was first-degree murder, then Petitioner would not have been eligible for the death penalty.

Ames made no opening statement to point this out to the jury. The only evidence that he introduced affirmatively during the defense case was the full audiotape of the police interview with Petitioner. That evidence irreparably damaged Petitioner and significantly helped the state. In the

tape that Ames played for the jury, Petitioner at first insistently denied any involvement in the crime. In other words, in a case that depended entirely on the jury's believing Petitioner when he said that the first killing was accidental, Petitioner's own lawyer introduced evidence proving that Petitioner had lied. Moreover, as the majority notes, p. 925, the tape needlessly revealed other damning admissions.... (*Id.* at p. 940-941.)

At the end of her partial dissent, Judge Graber identified the crux of how the criminal justice system failed in Mr. Mayfield's case, despite the apparent lack of prejudice in Ames' performance in the guilt phase of his trial.

I cannot fault the majority's analysis concerning lack of prejudice at the guilt phase. But this is one of the rare cases in which "defense" counsel's sympathies so obviously and cynically belonged to the prosecution that Petitioner received the equivalent of no counsel at all.

I have no hesitation in upholding a capital conviction. ... But in every case in which I have done so, the defendant had counsel who represented his interests. In conscience, I cannot uphold a conviction that results from a trial in which both the defendant's lawyer and the prosecutor represented the interests of the state. (*Id.* at p. 941-942.)

Judge Graber's opinion was joined by Chief Judge Mary Schroeder, Judge Michael Daly Hawkins and Judge Johnnie B. Rawlinson. In a separate opinion, Judges Hawkins and Schroeder added: "Ames's lack of preparation and bumbling presentation helped seal Mayfield's guilt, his woeful approach to sentencing assured Mayfield the gallows." (*Id.* at p. 942.)

In 2003 Demetrie was resentenced to life without the possibility of parole. This was certainly a welcome improvement, given that Mr. Mayfield had spent twenty years on death row. However, had it not been for Ames' racially motivated and grossly inadequate representation, Demetrie might well not have been convicted of first-degree

murder with special circumstances and therefore would not have been subject to a sentence of death *or of life without the possibility of parole*.

Ames was a consistent anti-black bigot who abandoned his clients, and over the years, several other Ninth Circuit decisions have catalogued his consistent failure to provide even minimally adequate representation for his clients, including at least one client who was executed. (See *Wade v. Calderon* (9th Cir. 1994) 29 F.3d 1312 [vacating death sentence due to Ames' inadequate representation]; see also *Anderson v. Calderon* (9th Cir. 2000) 232 F.3d 1053 and *Anderson v. Calderon* (9th Cir. 2001) 276 F.3d 483 [poorly represented client of Ames executed after Ninth Circuit declined to intervene over the objection of six members of the Ninth Circuit].)

The most recent Ninth Circuit case in which Ames' racism came under scrutiny is *Ellis v. Harrison* (9th Cir. 2018) 891 F.3d 1160. Ellis had asserted that his Sixth Amendment right to counsel had been denied due to Ames' deeply held racist beliefs about African Americans in general and Ellis in particular. Judges Jaqueline H. Nguyen, A. Wallace Tashima and Michael Daly Hawkins issued a *Per Curiam* decision that affirmed the district court's denial of Ellis' petition for writ of habeas corpus due to a lack of evidence of actual prejudice. This Ninth Circuit panel held that the *Mayfield* "precedent involving the same attorney and mostly the same evidence requires us to reject this contention... [because in Demetrie Mayfield's case, Ames did] not express his racist views to his client..." (*Id.* at p. 1162.)

The court's opinion identified additional evidence of Ames' unremitting racism against blacks and other minorities, including a case in which Ames disparaged an

Hispanic client and the Japanese American judge who presided at his trial. (See *id.* at note 2, discussing *People v. Gutierrez* (Cal. 2002) 28 Cal.4th 1083.) Gutierrez died of natural causes on San Quentin's death row at age sixty-four in 2008.

The panel in the *Ellis* case did something extraordinary. Judge Nguyen wrote a concurring Opinion, in which both Judges Hawkins and Tashima joined, echoing Judge Graber's partial dissent in the *Mayfield* case:

If we were writing on a blank slate, I would vote to grant relief. Of the constitutional rights given to a criminal defendant, none is more important than the Sixth Amendment right to counsel. By allowing Ellis's conviction to stand, we make a mockery of that right.

Ellis's lawyer, Donald Ames, openly and repeatedly expressed contempt for people who look like Ellis based on the ugliest of racial stereotypes. This was not just the depressingly common assumption that criminal defendants of certain races are more likely to be guilty, but something far more sinister: a belief in the inferiority of all people of color—be they support staff, co-counsel, or judge. Most damning of all, Ames made it clear that he did not care what happened to his black clients. It would be impossible for anyone with such views to adequately represent a non-white defendant....

[W]hen an attorney expresses such utter contempt and indifference about the fate of his minority clients as Ames did here, he has ceased providing the reasonably competent representation that the Sixth Amendment demands. A defendant in such an untenable may be better off with no counsel at all....

When examining the reasonableness of counsel's performance, we extend considerable deference to strategic choices. This deference is predicated on the assumption that counsel is acting in the client's best interest. For an attorney as deeply racist as Ames, that assumption is unfounded. It makes no difference that Ellis was unaware of his counsel's beliefs. The deleterious effect of such racism on the outcome is usually impossible to prove and, under these circumstances, we should presume prejudice.

Because I cannot in good faith distinguish Ellis's case from *Mayfield*, I reluctantly concur in the opinion. Had we not been bound by

Mayfield, I would have granted Ellis’s petition. (891 F.3d at pp. 1166-1167.)

A Petition for Rehearing and Suggestion of Rehearing *en banc* is soon to be filed in the *Ellis* case.

Starting with Judge Graber and those who joined her dissent in the *Mayfield* case, many Ninth Circuit judges now have rightly understood that Ames’ pervasive racism meant that Demetrie in effect had no lawyer representing his interest, just like the capital defendant whose lawyers simply vanished. (See *Maples v. Thomas* (2012) 565 U.S. 266 [capital conviction and death penalty untimely federal habeas corpus petition must be considered where he had been abandoned without notice by his attorneys].)

Taken together, the evidence in these cases of Ames’ unrelenting racism shocks the conscience. Attached hereto as **Exhibit W** are two declarations from Ames’ youngest daughter Alison Beth Taylor that attest to his racist comments towards African Americans, Latinos and Asians. Attached as **Exhibit X** are two declarations from Ames’ older daughter Jill Laurel Helft (later remarried and going by the name Jill L. Granger) that also attest to his routine use of racist epithets, especially toward African-Americans but also toward other ethnic minorities, and describes his abuse, degradation and mistreatment of his own family. Other declarations from the cases establish that Ames routinely described his own African American secretary as “dumb” and a “nigger.” (See **Exhibit Y** hereto [including Declarations of Laurie Little, Regina Mucklin, and April Johnson].)

The United States Supreme Court’s most recent right to counsel in a capital case also suggests that were his appeals prosecuted today, Demetrie would likely have been granted an entirely new trial, rather than just remand for a resentencing trial, because of the pervasive effect of his attorney’s racist views: In *McCoy v. Louisiana* (2018) 138 S.Ct. 1500, the six Justice majority vacated a judgment of guilt and the death penalty due to a structural defect that constituted a direct essentially facial violation of McCoy’s Sixth Amendment right to counsel. As the Court held, defense counsel’s concession that defendant had murdered his family, over defendant’s objections, “ranks as error of the kind our decisions have called ‘structural’; when present, such an error is not subject to harmless-error review.... Structural error ‘affect[s] the framework within which the trial proceeds,’ as distinguished from a lapse or flaw that is ‘simply an error in the trial process itself.’ ” (*Id.* at p. 1511 [alteration in original; citation omitted]; see also, *Pena-Rodriguez v. Colorado* (2017) 137 S.Ct. 855, 869 [“All forms of improper bias pose challenges to the trial process. But there is a sound basis to treat racial bias with added precaution.”].) The Court observed that “An error might also count as structural when its effects are too hard to measure, as is true of the right to counsel of choice, or when the error will inevitably signal fundamental unfairness, as we have said of a judge’s failure to tell the jury that it may not convict unless it finds the defendant’s guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.” *Id.*

At Mr. Mayfield’s trial, Ames conceded that Mayfield’s murder of Mr. Moreno was first or second degree murder and that his murder of Ms. Pope was involuntary manslaughter “at the very least.” Mr. Mayfield did not order Ames not to make that

concession. However, the litany of Ames' prejudicial actions and omissions, rooted in his racial hatred of Mayfield, inexorably and correctly led Judge Graber to conclude that Mayfield "received the equivalent of no counsel at all." (**Exhibit V** 270 F.3d at p. 941.)

Unfortunately, the ship may have sailed about thirty years too late for Demetrie to take advantage in a new habeas corpus proceeding of Supreme Court's *McCoy* decision or even to get the benefit of any *en banc* Ninth Circuit decision in the *Ellis* case adopting Judge Graber's position. (See 28 U.S.C. §§ 2255(f) and 2255(h) [strict AEDPA one-year statute of limitations for second or successive habeas petitions, unless new evidence is discovered supporting innocence, or unless the Supreme Court makes a new constitutional rule retroactive]. However, it is not too late for the Governor of California to right this wrong by making Demetrie parole eligible.

III. Mr. Mayfield Has Been Working to Improve Himself on the Honor Yard at His Prison, and Has Been Reconnecting with His Family, Forming Relationships That Will Help Him Should He Eventually Be Released.

Demetrie is now fifty-six years old. He has served thirty-five years of imprisonment, and is in bad health. He has been working hard to manage his serious diabetes and other health issues. He now lives on a programming yard at California State Prison – Los Angeles County, where he consistently programs and works to improve himself. Especially in the fifteen months since he has been on the Honor Yard, he has been successfully taking education, anger management and other self-help courses and programs, as well as a religious education correspondence course. (See **Exhibit Z** hereto [certificates of successful completion and progress].) Even before coming to the honor yard at LAC, he participated in work and programming when it was possible, given his

overcrowded, high security housing placements. For example, at the California Correctional Institution in Tehachapi, where he was housed between 2003 and 2007, he worked on the yard crew. (*Id.*) Similarly, when he was at KVSP between approximately 2007 and 2010, he worked as a porter and took some computer classes. (*Id.*)

Throughout his imprisonment, Demetrie has been in constant contact with his extended family, who have been loving and supportive of him. His Brother Ivan Johnson, who is retired as a cook for the San Bernardino Probation Department, wants Demetrie to live with him in San Bernardino; his sister Kim Byrd also wants him to live with her in Sacramento. (See **Exhibits G and E**) Recently he connected with and has established a loving and supportive relationship with his son Demetrie Mayfield Jr., and his grandchildren whom he has never seen. They are trying to arrange visits. (See **Exhibit F.**)

Additional family support has come from Demetrie's brother Cicero Mayfield, his cousin Yatosha Mayfield, his cousin (like a sister) Teresa Mayfield who is a teacher's aide working with troubled children, and his high school girlfriend Sharon Howard. (See **Exhibits D, H, C and I.**)

Demetrie's cousin/sister Teresa Mayfield says that:

Demetrie is a changed and matured man now. He continues to show and share his remorse; he empathizes more visibly now; he has his diabetes under control as best he can in prison; he successfully takes education and other betterment courses. When we speak he listens more than he did as a young man; he draws people out; he is calm, much calmer than he was as a young person; he shares his knowledge and experience freely; he is kind and patient; and always helpful. In my experience, like so many angry young black men, as a mature person entering old age, Demetrie is not a threat to others or to himself. (**Exhibit C.**)

My firm and I also have remain supportive of Demetrie. We correspond, speak with him frequently and visit on occasion.

I have been representing imprisoned felons for over fifty years, and as a young law professor was on what essentially was the parole board of Maryland's Patuxent Institute, a prison and treatment facility. Based on my long experience in dealing with imprisoned felons, I am confident that at age fifty-six, Demetrie no longer poses a risk to others or to himself. (See also **Exhibit C**)

CONCLUSION

Demetrie Mayfield committed a terrible crime when he was a young man. He does not try to minimize his crime or defend his actions on the night in question. He has continuous remorse for what he did, and he has turned his life around, all while serving first for many years on Death Row and then a life without parole sentence with little chance of ever being released. He is programming well on an honor yard at CSP-LAC Lancaster, and he has shown himself to be changed man who is no longer a threat to society.

Mr. Mayfield was never given a chance to properly defend himself against the first degree murder charges he faced. His death penalty challenges showed that such a defense was likely available, had he been provided with a reasonably competent counsel wholly committed to his defense. He is not asking for immediate release or anything like that. He is asking for you to exercise executive clemency so that he can make his case to the parole board that he is a changed man and ready to safely return to society.

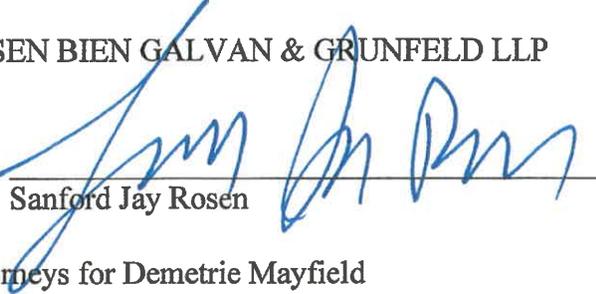
Like his family, I urge that you make Demetrie parole eligible so that he and his family can work with the parole and other authorities to have him properly released as he enters his old age.

DATED: August 3, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Corey McNeil

In 1995, Corey McNeil and Lent King saw Ernesto Gamboa at a store and asked him about his gang affiliation. Mr. Gamboa ran out of the store, and Mr. McNeil and Mr. King followed and fired multiple shots at him, killing him. Two of Mr. Gamboa's friends tried to help him, and Mr. McNeil and Mr. King continued firing at them, but they were not injured. On September 18, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. McNeil to 53 years to life in prison for murder, attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, and firearm enhancements. Mr. McNeil has a youth offender parole eligible date of November 2019.

In his application for clemency, Mr. McNeil expressed sincere remorse for his criminal history, and explained that he has dedicated himself to becoming a better person. He wrote, "I have worked hard over the years to understand my criminality and its impact; and my character flaws. Every day I practice ways of how I can better myself. Never again do I want to be that self-centered person, who only puts himself over others. I enjoy being an individual who has let go of himself to be of service to others."

Indeed, Mr. McNeil has maintained an excellent record during his 23 years in prison. He has never been involved with gangs, violence, or drugs during his incarceration. He earned his GED and a diploma from a theological seminary, and is currently taking college classes from Patten University. Mr. McNeil completed a vocational certification in plumbing, and routinely receives positive ratings from his work supervisors, who have commended him for his diligence and teamwork. Mr. McNeil has also participated in several self-help programs, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Victim Offender Education Group, Insight, and Nonviolent Communication.

Mr. McNeil has also been recognized by many San Quentin staff members for his positive attitude and behavior. The principal of education at the prison wrote, "I have had the opportunity to engage Mr. McNeil in meaningful dialogue about his incarceration and how he has chance since his incarceration. As an adult today, I believe Mr. McNeil has committed himself to the type of change and conduct that is required of a person to successfully reintegrate into society in order to be a lawful, contributing citizen." One correctional officer called Mr. McNeil a "model prisoner" and supported his commutation. Another officer wrote, "Inmate McNeil has truly been an asset, and he has proven himself to be trustworthy. He is an example of rehabilitation and I fully endorse his suitability to rejoin the community."

Mr. McNeil committed a senseless crime as a young man, but he has spent more than two decades since then turning his life around. I believe that he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Corey McNeil to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: COREY JAMES MENEIL Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 70 Inmate ID: K-24898

Address: 1 MAIN ST., SAN QUENTIN, CA 94974 Facility: SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s)
<u>SEE Attachment 1 (pg 1)</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE Attachment 2 (pg 2)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE Attachment 3 (pgs 2-5)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

SEE Attachment 4 (pgs 5-8)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, COREY JAMES McNEIL, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Corey McNeil
Applicant's Signature

4-26-18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Corey James McNeil,
was convicted of the crime of Murder, Attempted murder, and Assault with a deadly weapon
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of Sept 22, 1995.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Corey McNeil

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Applicant's Signature

Date

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steven Frankland, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Corey McNeil

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date 5-16-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capital, Sacramento, CA 95814.

List of prior offenses

<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Date of</u>	<u>County of conviction</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
148 PC Resisting Arrest	03-22-80	Los Angeles	HOP
148.9 Providing false information to a Peace Officer	02-27-90	Los Angeles	300 days jail Summary Probation
24252(A) VC Driving with a suspended license	05-31-91	Los Angeles	5 days jail
4000(A) VC No registration	05-31-91	Los Angeles	5 days jail

Life Crime Charges

<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Date of</u>	<u>County of conviction</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
187 (A) PC	09-22-95	Los Angeles	25 years to Life
664-187 (A) PC	09-22-95	Los Angeles	Life
245 (A) (1)	09-22-95	Los Angeles	3 years
1203.06 (A) 12022.5 (A)	09-22-95	Los Angeles	18 years

Briefly describe the circumstances of the crimes for which you are requesting a
commutation

On September 22, 1995, Mr. Lent King my co-participant and I pull up to Don's Liquor Store in Wilmington, California. I entered first with Mr. King close behind me. I then noticed Mr. Ernesto Gamboa talking to a woman. Mr. Gamboa and I made eye contact. I then said to Mr. Ernesto Gamboa, a gang slogan. Mr. Gamboa replied by saying, "What's up?" Guided by my distorted thinking I took Mr. Ernesto Gamboa reply as a challenge and because of the image I choose as a gang member I feared backing down from a challenge, would result in me losing validation from my peers. Consequently, I became angry and I then turned around while pulling out my gun. Mr. Ernesto Gamboa ran and I chased him out of the store and I murdered him. Then his brother Mr. Carlos Gamboa Mr. Rigoberto Alvarado came around from the side parking lot. I then shot at them before getting in the car with my co-participant and we drove away.

Explain why you are requesting a commutation

I am requesting a commutation of my sentence because of good conduct. I have matured into a person who has a different set of beliefs and values that are productive and in line with society rather than destructive to society. I have purposed within myself that I didn't want to be the same person with the same thinking that got me in prison. This endeavor was a challenge because although the will to change was there, not knowing how to change wasn't, when I became incarcerated at the age of 25 years old.

Since my incarceration these 23 years, I've had 5 verbal warnings, and 3 rules violation, none of which are violent. I've learned from these violations that it is not only sufficient to have the desire to change but also I need the tools to know how to change and the knowledge to apply these tools. Since I've been at San Quentin, I have acquired these tools. For example, I didn't realize that my cellphone infractions were a result of my distorted pattern of thinking I

had before I came to prison. In the past I would minimize and rationalize my criminal behavior, so that I could give myself the permission to do illegal acts, and to place the blame for my actions on anybody and anything. Once this was brought to my attention, I began to challenge my thinking patterns with a view to deconstructing them, and replacing them with thoughts that are rooted in my new belief system, that it is never right to do wrong irregardless of the situation or my feelings toward an individual.

My good behavior and commitment to change is reflected in my positive interactions within the community. For me it starts with my faith in God. When I gave my life over to him, I also left the gang because I can't serve God and the gang. These two are contrary to each other. I'm an active member of the Christian community here at San Quentin. I've taken what I have learned since being a graduate from Golden Gate Seminary and gave that knowledge back to the community, by teaching Bible lessons for new believers and preaching to the congregation. I've also learned the Hebrew and Greek languages, that I would love to teach to others when given the chance. I went back to school and received my G.E.D. and now I am 5 classes from getting my Associate of Arts degree. I frequently volunteer in school as a tutor to help others succeed, like those who have helped me. I now am a clerk at Patten University, which is here on the grounds of San Quentin. I consider this opportunity as a way of being a liaison for students who dropped out of school like I did because they may be apprehensive of school and their ability to learn.

I've also contribute to the annual Homeless Kids Drive for them to receive hygiene products. I've participated in numerous group discussions with victim panels. They have given me a greater insight into the crimes that I have committed, and the tremendous impact that they have on the victims and their families and friends. These panels always leave me feeling heartbroken and inspired. That is why I am currently a facilitator in training for a self-help

group called V.O.E.G. (Victims Offender Education Group) to assist others in understanding the impact of their crimes.

I really believe in the kind of work that V.O.E.G. is doing. It caused me to reflect back through my life to see how I became the person that could commit my life crime. I discovered that my anger came from feelings of abandonment, low self-worth, shame and resentment. These feelings were directly connected to my childhood experiences. I was born to a teenage mother, who was 12 when she gave birth to me. Consequently, I was raised by my grandparents in Jackson, MS. From my earliest childhood memories up until the age of 10, when my mother came to pick me up and took me to California with her, I was told and believed that my grandparents were my biological parents and my biological mom was my aunt, who I hardly knew. As a result I felt abandoned because I was torn apart from the only family that I knew. While in California my mother became frustrated because of the slow progression of our relationship (I couldn't bring myself to call her mom.) Eventually, after being punished she began to be physically abusive. She would hit me with extension cords and tree branches, which left me with bruises and whelps on my body. These marks on my body along with my southern accent were the cause of me getting teased and bullied at school. (The marks could be seen when I got dressed for P.E. by my classmates.) As a result, I began acting out and getting into fights. After a few fights the bullying stop and I did manage to make a few friends. With this I learned that by resolving conflicts with violence was a way to gain acceptance. Eventually I began to ask my mother who was my father. Despite her reluctance after months of asking, she finally told me that she was raped. This revelation shocked me to my core. The knowledge that I was the product of rape filled my with shame and hurt. Shame because I internalized that ugly act of rape to my identity and hurt because I know then that I would never have a father. Over time I could no longer identify with my family (every physical difference was magnified in my mind). I would look at pictures hanging on the walls and I couldn't see myself in the faces of my family. I also believe

that having my mother reveal this part of her life re-traumatized her because we both started isolating ourselves from one another.

Not wanting to deal with the exposure surrounding my existence and my mother's abuse I chose to leave home at the age of 15. Since this age until I committed the life crime at the age of 25 years old, the gang served as a substitute for family connection. Foolishly, I believe that I had found a place to fit in, after not knowing the truth of who I belonged to most of my life. By gaining acceptance from a gang I was able to numb the feelings of abandonment, low self-worth, shame and resentment. Consequently, I developed a false image of myself that was dependent on others expectation, demands and standards of how I should show up in life in order to get validation. Along with this image came beliefs and values that I chose to accept without any challenge. And whenever this image I chose was in jeopardy, because of fear of rejection I would act out in anger to protect it. My dependence on anger was a defense for me to hide my feelings of abandonment, shame, low self-worth. As a result I was selfish, impulsive, and dangerous. At this point in my life nothing mattered more to me than the image I had created, because in the streets I could hide. Nobody knew that I was the son of a rapist, whose mother couldn't love him because every time she saw him she was reminded of being raped. This image was the only shelter that I felt I had of not being exposed, so I hung to it dearly. Losing it was unimaginable. As a result of my self-centeredness and trying to prove my self worth, I murdered Mr.. Ernesto Gamboa and attempted to murder his older brother Mr. Carlos Gamboa and his cousin Mr. Rigoberto Alvarado.

None of this is an excuse or an attempt to justify my cowardly actions. There is no excuse what so ever for me killing Mr. Ernesto Gamboa and attempting to kill Mr. Carlos Gamboa and Mr. Rigoberto Alvarado. I am truly and deeply sorry. I never again want to cause that kind of pain or any kind for that matter to anyone ever again. I am also sorry for damaging my community and for wrongly enforcing the idea that it is acceptable to commit violence. I realize that my

actions have not only caused the Gamboas unmeasurable pain, but also those that knew them and for that I am sorry. I am also sorry for the trauma that the police and first responders, who had to process the devastating aftermath of my senseless actions. Also I am immensely sorry to society as a whole, who have had to foot the bill for my incarceration. Lastly, to my family, I apologize for bringing shame on them because of my actions and my mother who I resented because I didn't try to understand what she went through.

Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation:

It is safe to grant me a commutation because I have matured into a responsible person, who refuses to commit crimes and be a problem to society. Also I'm not that resentful, angry youth who at the age of 25 refused to take responsibility and be accountable for my actions. I am an individual who doesn't seek validation from outside negative influences. Instead my self-worth and esteem is rooted in my positive beliefs and values that motivate me to set goals that push my life in a positive manner and that is conducive to society. I realize how much I am in debt to society. This compels me to be a resourceful asset that wants to be used by society rather than being a liability that needs to be managed.

I have worked hard over the years to understand my criminality and its impact; and my character flaws. Everyday I practice ways of how I can better myself. Never again do I want to be that self centered person, who only puts himself over others. I enjoy being an individual who has let go of himself to be of service to others and live a crime free life.

A commutation would not be wasted on me because I understand how I became the ugly person that I was who committed crimes. And having this knowledge I can guard against any failings. My first line of defense is not to be around old gang associations. To ensure this I have no desire to go back to Los Angeles. Secondly, I have identified my warning signs for being triggered (isolation, lack of communication, people pleasing.) Along with my actual triggers, external and

internal, (being challenged, rejection, low self-esteem.) Before I had knowledge of these signs and triggers, I would instantly react impulsively because I didn't know how to regulate my emotions. Now I am aware of my body signals that tell me that something is wrong. Like for example, my jaws tighten, my heart rate increase, my thoughts speed up when I am being trigger. And the emotions that come with these body signals (fear, anger, anxiety). My awareness of these physical and internal signals helps me to respond consciously, considering all the consequences and then making the right decision that is positive rather than reacting negatively.

These skills I have learned from the various groups that I have taken over the years. The tools that I have received I continue to practice and refine. While in prison there have been times, like there will undoubtedly be in society, that unfair things will happen. Like for example people often cut-in line (for dinner, shower, phone). In the past I would take it personal as an attack on my so-called "manhood", and would react negatively by confronting the person aggressively. However, now I don't take what people do personally, by telling myself that the person doesn't even know me and that a person's actions are a reflection of who he is rather than who I am. With positive self-talk I often tell myself that I am solely responsible for my thoughts and actions. And one thought is that there is enough time for me to shower and use the phone because I have consciously made the decision to make ample time (knowing that people will cut-in line). and regarding dinner there is enough food, they won't run out. This kind of attitude and preparation has aided me in keeping out of trouble. I will take this mentality where ever I go.

Also it is safe to grant me a commutation because I have a support network that wants to see me succeed. It consist mostly of family that is willing to aid me with a place to stay (Although I have been looking into transitional houses, like GEO, Seven Step, and Serving California). In addition to residential help, they're willing to provide transportation and financial help, until I find

employment. Hopefully, finding a job won't be too difficult because I will pursue employment with the same zeal and work ethic that I have since I've been in prison, which has resulted in me holding a job 21 of the 23 years I've been incarcerated. Also I am a certified plumber, and I am trained in installing solar energy (a.k.a. green energy). Furthermore, I have experience in being a truck driver. In which I would like to renew my license so that I can have another option. I enjoy these three professions a lot and I could see myself being successful performing them.

Lastly, (but not least) if I should be fortunate to receive a commutation, I realize that it's an act of mercy because I murdered Mr. Ernesto Gamboa and attempted to murder Mr. Carlos Gamboa and Mr. Rigoberto Alvarado. My actions on September 22, 1995, were and still are inexcusable despite my change. I sentence dMr. Gamboa's family and all those who knew him to a lifetime of suffering. that is why I owe the rest of my life to make amends for my actions that night and also for all my selfish actions in the past. I am forever indebted to Mr. Gamboa and his family and society. I am immensely sorry for my actions. If given a chance a commutation would be the greatest gift that I never deserve.

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Geraldine Meyers

In 2006, Geraldine Meyers shot and killed her ex-boyfriend, Demetrius Warren, while he was playing a video game. On April 2, 2008, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Meyers to 15 years to life for murder, plus a 25-to-life firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life in prison.

In Ms. Meyers' application for clemency, she described her tumultuous relationship with the victim and acknowledged that at the time, she "didn't have healthy coping strategies and was unable to handle the conflict adequately." Ms. Meyers explained that she has devoted herself to understanding her choices and said, "I have remorse and insight into how my irreversible actions harmed and impacted Demetrius' family, my family, my community, and society." She continued, "[M]y whole life is geared towards making living amends. I do this daily by helping my peers and demonstrating true healing and recovery."

Ms. Meyers is now 57 years old and has been incarcerated for 12 years. In that time, she has demonstrated her serious commitment to her rehabilitation. She had no prior criminal history, and she has never been disciplined for misconduct during more than a decade in prison. She has participated in numerous self-help programs including Beyond Violence, Anger Management, Domestic Violence, and Victim Impact Awareness. Ms. Meyers completed a vocational certification and has lived on honor yards for years. She currently works as a peer mentor, and she has consistently received positive ratings from her supervisors. In 2018, a correctional lieutenant praised Ms. Meyers' personal and professional development and wrote, "Inmate Meyers has given back to the inmate community by training new clerks and serving as an example to the inmate population....I believe she is ready to successfully reintegrate herself as a productive member of society." A correctional officer recognized Ms. Meyers' "excellent" work performance and wrote, "I believe Ms. Meyers will be very successful on parole and continue her favorable and effective contributions throughout the rest of her life." Also in 2018, a self-help sponsor commended Ms. Meyers' "true rehabilitation" and wrote, "I know if given the chance for parole, Ms. Meyers will be an incredible and successful member of society, continuing her commitment to giving back to others and mak[ing] her community a better place." Ms. Meyers plans to live in a transitional housing program if released, and reports that she will receive additional support from her family as she re-enters the community.

There is no question that Ms. Meyers committed an extremely serious crime, and I acknowledge that Mr. Warren's family experiences ongoing pain as a result of his death. However, I cannot overlook the significant transformation that Ms. Meyers has made, and her commitment to serving others and making amends. For all of these reasons, I believe that she has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Geraldine Meyers to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Geraldine Meyers Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1961 Inmate ID: X29875
Address: 16756 Chino Corona Rd., Corona, CA. 92880 Facility: CA Institute for Women

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
<u>2nd Degree Murder with Firearm Enhancement PC 187(a)</u>	<u>11-20-2006</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>40 years to life</u>
<u>No other convictions prior to 11-20-2006</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On November 20, 2006, I shot Demetrius Warren in the head. We had been in a relationship for almost eight years. When I met Demetrius, I had just left my husband of twenty years. Demetrius and I had a very tumultuous relationship. At the time of my crime, I didn't have healthy coping strategies and was unable to handle the conflict adequately.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Releasing me back into Society would be beneficial because of the knowledge that I've gained throughout this journey. I help others recognize abuse and how it can potentially end in devastation. Sharing my story and the tools that I've learned during my sentence empower others to speak out and seek support so (see attachment)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

The instant offense was my first and only adult conviction. Since my incarceration, I have no disciplinary offenses. I have remorse and insight into how my irreversible actions harmed and impacted Demetrius' family, my family, my community, and society. Through my (see attachment)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

Application For Commutation Of Sentence

Question 3 (continued)

#3. they avoid continuing in self-destructive behaviors. I am almost 57 years old and my whole life is geared towards making living amends. I do this daily by helping my peeps and demonstrating true healing and recovery. If I were given the opportunity to parole, I would create classes that focus on Empowerment and healing the whole person. Being given the opportunity to examine and heal myself since incarceration has been life changing. I know that I would be part of the solution and healing that is needed in the world upon my release back into society.

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#4. rehabilitation, I have self-awareness into my causative factors and insight that led up to the day of my crime. I use tools I learned from Beyond Violence and other self-help groups as my road map to successfully honor Demetrius as my living amends to live my life in congruency. Having an understanding about the cycle of violence, healthy relationships, boundaries, emotional wellness, effective communication, coping tools and grounding techniques, I'm confident I will not harm others or make new victims. My crime would have not happened if I had the awareness that I needed to seek support and intervention for my state of psychological distress which was manifested in: depression, insomnia, anxiety, and appetite disturbance. I now seek support and speak out if I need help. Openness, effective communication, setting boundaries, respect, and equality are important in any relationship I'm in. My living amends and transformation is my driven purpose to be a positive role model and asset to my current CIW community and upon release into my community and society. I have support of family, and transitional housing which would allow me

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4. housing, employment resources and services, domestic violence, and anger management groups. This will allow me to successfully integrate in a safe, structured and supportive environment. I plan to resume employment as a taxpayer and pay off my restitution balance. My C-File reflects that I am low-risk recidivist, positive programmer, impeccable behavior and attitude toward staff and CIW community. As of January 3, 2018, I accepted the opportunity to be a Women's Advisory Council (WAC) representative in my CIW community. My behavior does reflect my change and transformation. I treat everyone with respect and value. If given the opportunity for parole or to make my case to the Board of Parole Hearings sooner, I would not let society down. I am a low-risk recidivist, I have the tools for me to re-establish and maintain successful integration and reunification with family; I would have healthy relationships, healthy lifestyle; and I would be a productive and positive citizen in my community and society.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Esteban Nerey

In 1993, Esteban Nerey and two friends decided to rob Edward Ahumada over a failed drug transaction. They forced Mr. Ahumada to drive to a remote area, took his gun, and Mr. Nerey shot Mr. Ahumada twice, killing him. On May 14, 1996, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nerey to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 5-year firearm enhancement.

Despite coming to prison with a sentence that offered him no hope of ever being released, Mr. Nerey has dedicated himself to turning his life around. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "If given a second chance I would not waste it. I would live my life the same way I am now. Trying to be a better person and an example of how people can truly change through rehabilitation efforts – with God's grace."

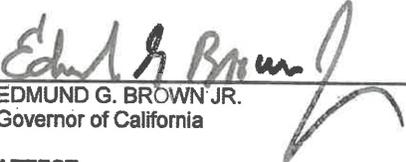
Indeed, while in prison, Mr. Nerey has demonstrated that he has transformed his life since he committed this crime. He is now 45 years old and has been incarcerated for over 25 years. In that time, he has never been involved with drugs or gang activity. Mr. Nerey has participated in numerous self-help groups including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Victim Offender Education, Getting Out by Going In, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Nerey also facilitated other groups for his peers. He completed a vocational certification program, maintained a solid work record, and received positive ratings from his work supervisors. A correctional lieutenant who supervised Mr. Nerey commended him for his excellent work ethic and wrote, "I have observed Nerey interact with custody staff and inmates during his regularly assigned work hours and while off duty, [and] he appears to treat people in a courteous and respectful manner." If he is released, Mr. Nerey plans to live in a transitional housing program, and reports that his family will provide him with support and resources as he re-enters the community.

Mr. Nerey committed a very serious crime, but he has made serious efforts to rehabilitate himself and to serve others during his many years of incarceration. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Nerey has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Esteban Nerey to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
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The Honorable Governor Edmund G. Brown
State Capitol / Attn: Legal Affairs
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown,

Enclosed is an APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE for Esteban Nerey, K-07292.

As Mr. Nerey declares, I was not compensated for, nor did I assist him in preparing this application.

Even with the prospect of never getting out of prison, Mr. Nerey has led an exemplary life whilst incarcerated.

Having represented hundreds of life term inmates before the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) for the past 13 years, it is my opinion that Mr. Nerey should be afforded the opportunity to be evaluated by the BPH.

We appreciate your consideration of this commutation of sentence application, Governor Brown.

Respectfully Submitted,


MARC ERIC NORTON, ESQ.

Enclosures: As Stated

Cc: Riverside District Attorney (including APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE and attachments)

ESTEBAN NEREY #K-07292
PBSP, D2-209
P.O. Box 7500
CRESCENT CITY, CA 95532-7500

MAY 3, 2018

THE HONORABLE EDMUND G. BROWN, JR.
GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE CAPITOL, FIRST FLOOR
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

DEAR GOVERNOR BROWN,

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED MY APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION , ALONG WITH CHRONOS AND CERTIFICATES; WHICH INCLUDES AN HONORABLE RECOGNITION CHRONO FROM MY SUPERVISOR IN REGARD TO PREVENTING POTENTIAL BRAIN DAMAGE; THE URBAN MINISTRY INSTITUTE, A 4 YEAR COMMITMENT TO A COLLEGE LEVEL COURSE IN THEOLOGY; A GRADUATION DIPLOMA FOR CHOICE THEORY CONNECTIONS - INTERNAL EMPOWERMENT COACHING. IT IS A NON-CONTROLLING, BEHAVIORALLY - BASED PSYCHOLOGY COMPRISED OF 420 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION WITH UNIVERSITY CREDITS AVAILABLE TO ME THROUGH LAYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY. THE UNIVERSITY ALSO RESEARCHED THIS PROGRAM AND BASED ON THE EVIDENCE IT REVEALED THAT THOSE WHO GRADUATED THIS PROGRAM HAD A 2.9% RECIDIVISM RATE IN CALIFORNIA PRISONS.

I AM GRATEFUL AND EXCITED ABOUT ALL THAT YOU ARE DOING FOR LWOP'S. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,

Steve Nerey



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ESTEBAN NEREY Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 73 Inmate ID: K07292
Address: P.O. Box 7500 #D2-209 CRESCENT CITY, CA 95532 Facility: PBSP

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
23103 P.C.	12-31-92	SAN BERNARDINO	PROBATION
187, 12022.5 (A)	5-16-93	RIVERSIDE	LWOP & 5 YR

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR QUESTION #2

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR IS CONSIDERING LWOP CANDIDATES FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE, AND I'M PRAYING FOR A SECOND CHANCE.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR QUESTION #4

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR QUESTION #5

**STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, ESTEBAN NEREY
(Print Full Name), declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the District Attorney of RIVERSIDE
(Name of County*) with notice of my intent to apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Esteban Nerey
Applicant's Signature

5-3-18
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of RIVERSIDE County:

Please take notice that I ESTEBAN NEREY, was convicted of the crime of 187 , 12022.5 (A), committed in RIVERSIDE County, California on the date of 05-16-93. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Steve Nerey

Applicant's Signature

5-1-18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____ do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from  _____, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

SHAWN HALSTEAD CALLED ME AT 10:00 PM. HE SAID HE HAD THE GUY WHO SET HIM UP TO BE ROBBED A MONTH BEFORE. IT WAS A DRUG DEAL, AND IT WAS MY MONEY. I MET SHAWN AND THE GUY, WHO TURNED OUT TO BE SOMEONE I KNEW AS EDDIE AHUMADA. WE ENDED UP IN A SECLUDED AREA IN EDDIE'S CAR. EDDIE WAS BEHIND THE WHEEL. SHAWN WAS SITTING IN THE PASSENGER SEAT AND GOT OUT OF THE CAR. I WAS IN THE BACK SEAT WITH MY SHOTGUN. I SHOT EDDIE AHUMADA TWICE IN THE HEAD.

THIS IS A DIFFICULT QUESTION FOR ME TO ANSWER BECAUSE IN NO WAY DO I WANT TO SAY THAT I EARNED OR DESERVE A COMMUTATION. I AM TRULY SORRY FOR MY ACTIONS, FOR TAKING EDDIE AHUMADA'S LIFE. I WAS A DISGRACEFUL HUMAN BEING WHO LACKED MORAL FIBER AND CHARACTER; BASICALLY I WAS A WEAK YOUNG MAN, AND A COWARD. I HAD NO REGARD FOR EDDIE AHUMADA'S LIFE, HIS FAMILY, OR EVEN MY OWN FAMILY. I CAN NOT UNDO WHAT I HAVE DONE. THERE IS NO WAY I CAN MAKE UP FOR WHAT I DID. I CAN ONLY ACT IN THE HERE AND NOW AND PRAY THAT I MAY BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE AS I GO FORWARD, HOPEFULLY MY LIFE WILL HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON SOMEONE'S FUTURE.

RECENTLY, IN MY CRIMINAL AND GANG MEMBERS ANONYMOUS (CGA) CLASS, SOMEONE ASKED EVERYONE IN MY GROUP, "WHAT WAS THE TURNING POINT IN YOUR LIVES? WHAT CAUSED YOU TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES IN OUR LIVES?" MOST PEOPLE SAID FAMILY AND LOVED ONES. WHILE FAMILY AND LOVED ONES PLAYED A PART IN MY EXPERIENCE, FOR ME, PRIMARILY, IT WAS A GOD MOMENT. I HAVE TO ADMIT I WAS NOT A MODEL PRISONER. IN 2010 MY FATHER PASSED AWAY AND IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND HIS SERVICE, I FELT AS THOUGH I COULDN'T PROPERLY GRIEVE HIM. HE ALWAYS HELD ON TO THE HOPE THAT ONE DAY HE WOULD SEE ME RELEASED FROM PRISON. ABOUT A YEAR AFTER HIS PASSING I ASKED GOD WHY HE ALLOWED HIM TO PASS? WHY DID HE TAKE AWAY MY GREATEST SOURCE OF HOPE? I WAS GRIEVING FOR MY FATHER AS I SPOKE TO GOD. ABOUT 6 MONTH LATER I WAS IN MY CELL WHEN I FELT AS IF JESUS AND MY DAD WERE LOOKING DOWN AT ME WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; THEIR PRESENCE WAS SO STRONG I HAD TO LOOK AROUND TO SEE IF THEY WERE ACTUALLY VISIBLE. WHEN I FELT IT AGAIN IT LEFT A DEEP CONVICTION IN MY HEART: I FELT LIKE THEY DIDN'T LIKE HOW I WAS LIVING MY LIFE. I ASKED, "WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?" I DIDN'T GET AN ANSWER, JUST A DEEPER CONVICTION THAT I HAD TO CHANGE MY LIFE AND STOP LIVING AS I WAS. I HAD TO FACE MY PAST, MY CRIME, AND ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS. I KILLED EDDIE AHUMADA. I KILLED AN INNOCENT MAN BECAUSE I LET MY MISGUIDED PRIDE GET ME INTO A SITUATION THAT

I COULDN'T HANDLE. I KILLED EDDIE AND I CRUSHED HIS PARENT'S HEARTS. I CAUSED PAIN AND SORROW TO EVERYONE WHO LOVED EDDIE. I INFLICTED PAIN AND SORROW AND BROUGHT SHAME TO MY OWN FAMILY, AND TO MYSELF. I DISGRACED MYSELF AND DEVASTATED MANY LIVES. FACING ALL OF THIS BROKE ME, AND I TOLD GOD I NEEDED HIM IN MY LIFE. I COULDN'T MAKE CHANGES WITHOUT HIM. THAT WAS ALL IT TOOK, GOD BEGAN TO MOVE IN MY LIFE. IN 2012, AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE APPEARED IN MY LIFE AND BECAME MY GIRLFRIEND. DIANE WAS THE FIRST WOMAN I HAD EVER BEEN COMPLETELY HONEST WITH. MY OPENNESS HELPED HEAL WOUNDS I DIDN'T REALIZE NEEDED HEALING. SHE HELPED TO RESTORE THE HOPE I LOST WHEN MY FATHER PASSED. A DESIRE TO CHANGE WAS ALREADY IN MY HEART, AND GOD USED DIANE TO HELP ME BEGIN TAKING BABY STEPS AND MOVE FORWARD. THAT WAS THE SAME YEAR LWOP'S BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR LEVEL III FACILITIES. IN FEBRUARY OF 2013 I WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE LEVEL III FACILITY AT CENTINELA. I WAS SURPRISED BY ALL THE SELF-HELP GROUPS; WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY UNAVAILABLE TO ME. THE CLASSES WERE ALL FULL, SO I REQUESTED TO BE PLACED ON THE WAITING LISTS. THIS BEGAN MY JOURNEY TO IMPROVE MYSELF, IN HOPE OF BECOMING A BETTER PERSON.

I REJOINED THE CHURCH. I UTILIZED MY PASSION FOR READING BY FOCUSING ON CHRISTIAN BOOKS. THE FIRST SELF-HELP CLASS I ATTENDED WAS A BUSINESS CLASS. NEXT WAS PROBLEM SOLVING & CRITICAL THINKING. I WENT TO A KAIROS WEEKEND RETREAT AND I LOVED IT. THE PRESENCE OF GOD WAS EVIDENT. I MET OTHER CHRISTIANS AND I LEARNED WHAT IT MEANT TO FELLOWSHIP WITH THEM. I ALSO COMPLETED THE JESUIT RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM. THEY TAUGHT ME HOW TO MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURES, AND HOW TO USE MEDITATION FOR SELF EXAMINATION. IT WAS IN THAT PROGRAM I LEARNED WHAT TRUE REMORSE WAS ALL ABOUT. IN ONE OF THE SESSIONS OUR INSTRUCTOR ASKED WHAT WE WOULD SAY TO THE MOTHER OF OUR VICTIM, IF WE HAD THE CHANCE. THIS MADE ME THINK OF MY FIRST DAY IN COURT, WHERE I SAW THIS WOMAN CRYING. SHE WAS EDDIE AHUMADA'S MOTHER. SEEING HER DEEP SORROW BROKE MY HEART AND

MADE ME THINK OF MY OWN MOTHER. HOW SHE WOULD BE CRYING FOR ME THE SAME WAY IF I WOULD'VE DIED THAT NIGHT. ALTHOUGH MY ACTIONS PUT MY DEAR MOTHER THROUGH COUNTLESS TEARS OF HER OWN, EDDIE'S MOTHER WAS CRYING EVERY TIME I SAW HER. I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HER NEVER-ENDING FLOW OF TEARS. I WISH I COULD TELL HER HOW SORRY I AM, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT ANY WORDS FROM ME WOULD ONLY HURT HER EVEN MORE. I CAN'T BEGIN TO IMAGINE HER PAIN. WHAT MAN CAN GRASP THE DEPTH OF SORROW A MOTHER MUST FEEL WHEN LOSING HER CHILD TO A SENSELESS, VIOLENT DEATH. IF I COULD OFFER HER ANY COMFORT I WOULD LET IT POUR FROM THE HEART, WITH GRATITUDE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. THAT EXERCISE IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WENT A LONG WAY TO INCREASING MY UNDERSTANDING, BUT SOMETHING WAS MISSING, SOMETHING THAT HAD BEEN EATING AT ME, AND I FINALLY FACED IT, TWO MONTHS LATER. USING THE METHOD I'D BEEN TAUGHT BY MEDITATING, I OPENED MY MIND AND BEGAN TO SEE MYSELF FROM EDDIE AHUMADA'S POINT OF VIEW. I FELT HIS ANGER, AND I FELT HIS SORROW. ANGER AT ME, AND SORROW FOR THE PAIN OF HIS LOVED ONES. HIS DEEPEST SORROW OF ALL WAS FOR HIS CHILD, WHO HAD TO GROW UP WITHOUT A FATHER. I FELT EDDIE'S ANGER TOWARD ME FOR ROBBING HIM AND HIS CHILD OF PRECIOUS MOMENTS THEY NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO SHARE. EMOTION FLOODED MY HEART AND OVERWHELMED ME. I UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS WHAT WAS MISSING: EMPATHY FOR MY VICTIM AND HIS LOVED ONES. THE TOTALITY OF MY CRIME HIT ME FULL FORCE. I FELT SHAME LIKE I'D NEVER FELT BEFORE. I TRULY NEVER WANT TO HURT ANYONE EVER AGAIN.

BY THIS TIME MY NAME WAS COMING UP ON SEVERAL WAITING LISTS, AND I'VE BEEN TAKING CLASSES EVER SINCE. I COMPLETED CREATIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION, PARENTING, ALTERNATIVE TO VIOLENCE PROGRAM (AVP) - BASIC, ADVANCED, FACILITATOR TRAINING, AND SERVED AS APPRENTICE FACILITATOR ON THREE OCCASIONS. I COMPLETED LIFE WITHOUT A CRUTCH, CELEBRATE RECOVERY - FOR WHICH I BECAME A FACILITATOR UPON COMPLETION, VICTIM'S AWARENESS, CAGE YOUR RAGE, AA/NA. CONTINUING ON MY SPIRITUAL PATH I TOOK FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH. I MADE A FOUR YEAR COMMITMENT TO

T.U.M.I., WHICH IS THE ACRONYM FOR THE URBAN MINISTRY INSTITUTE. T.U.M.I. IS A COLLEGE LEVEL STUDY OF THEOLOGY. THEY TEACH YOU HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN LEADER, IN ALL AREAS OF LEADERSHIP. SUCH AS PASTOR, EVANGELISTS, MISSIONARY, A LEADER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD, ETC. I'VE STEPPED UP HERE AT PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON TO A LEADERSHIP ROLL IN WORSHIP; I LEARNED HOW TO PLAY THE GUITAR AND LEAD MUSIC AND SONG. I COMPLETED 11 OF THE 16 T.U.M.I. MODULES. I ALSO COMPLETED 3 OF THE 4 T.U.M.I. REENTRY COURSES. I WAS NOT ABLE TO FINISH THE REMAINING T.U.M.I. MODULES BECAUSE I WAS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER FACILITY. I WILL COMPLETE ALL THE COURSES AS SOON AS THEY'RE AVAILABLE HERE.

SERVING CALIFORNIA HAS ALSO SENT ME A LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE AS A T.U.M.I. PARTICIPANT IN THEIR REENTRY HOME ORGANIZATION PARTNERSHIPS; WHICH PROVIDES HOUSING, JOBS, AND PROGRAMMING FOR T.U.M.I. STUDENTS UPON RELEASE FROM PRISON. ALTHOUGH I HAVE MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT I COULD STAY WITH, WHO WOULD OFFER THEIR LOVE AND SUPPORT, I BELIEVE THAT LIVING IN A REENTRY HOME WOULD BE THE BEST OPTION FOR SUCCESS. I ALSO GRADUATED CHOICE THEORY CONNECTION-INTERNAL EMPOWERMENT COACHING. THIS PROGRAM WAS COMPRISED OF 420 HOURS WITH 24 UNIVERSITY CREDITS AVAILABLE TO ME THROUGH LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY.

IN THE BIBLE, IN THE SECOND CHAPTER OF JAMES, IT SAYS, (IN A NUTSHELL) "FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD." IN OTHER WORDS, IF ONE IS SINCERE ABOUT ONES FAITH, HIS ACTIONS WILL REFLECT HIS SINCERITY. BY THIS SAME PRINCIPLE, I PRAY MY SINCERITY IS REFLECTED IN MY ACTIONS. I'M CONTINUALLY WORKING ON MYSELF. I'VE HAD NO 115'S SINCE COMING DOWN TO A LEVEL III PRISON AND I AM NOW HOUSED AT A LEVEL II FACILITY. MY JOURNEY OF SELF-IMPROVEMENT BEGAN LONG BEFORE THERE WAS ANY HOPE OF RELEASE FOR LWOPs. MY EFFORTS WERE NOT TO IMPRESS SOME BOARD I WOULD NEVER SEE. SINCE I HAVE ARRIVED HERE AT PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON, I HAVE COMPLETED GOGI, CHOICES, AND AM CURRENTLY TAKING VICTIM/OFFENDER EDUCATION GROUP, CGA, AND I ALSO ATTEND WEEKLY AA/NA MEETINGS. IF GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE I WOULD NOT WASTE IT.

ATTACHMENT FOR QUESTION #4

5 OF 5

I WOULD LIVE MY LIFE THE SAME AS I AM DOING NOW. TRYING TO BE A BETTER PERSON AND AN EXAMPLE OF HOW PEOPLE CAN TRULY CHANGE THROUGH REHABILITATION EFFORTS - WITH GOD'S GRACE. I'M STILL AWAITING TO RECEIVE MY CHRONOS FOR TUMI: MODULE #15 THE EQUIPPING MINISTRY AND CHOICES.

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR BROWN, FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION AND MOST OF ALL FOR GIVING LWOP'S HOPE.

SINCERELY,

Steve Nerey

ATTACHMENT FOR QUESTION #5

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MARC ERIC NORTON Esq., P.O. Box 162, ZAMORA, CA 95698, AS MY ATTORNEY WAS ASKED TO SUBMIT MY COMMUTATION ON MY BEHALF. HOWEVER MR. NORTON DID NOT ASSIST ME IN PREPARING THIS APPLICATION, NOR WAS THERE ANY FEE FOR SAID SERVICE.

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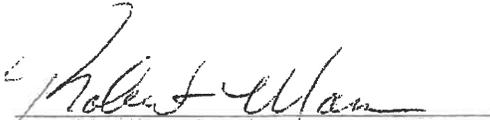
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I am submitting this laudatory chrono on behalf of inmate Nerey K07292

On December 13th 2017 @approx 0800, while performing my duties as the SHU canteen manager I fainted while securing the emergency secure keys, in the lock box located at the end of C and D corridors. Causing my head to hit the concert floor and rendering me unconscious and incapacitated . Two of my worker inmates Lewis P67269 and Nerey K07292 got the control booth officers attention in work change, to get me medical attention. Without their assistants and prompt actions, the head trauma I received could have potentially have been much greater.

I feel inmates Lewis and Nerey acted in an honorable and sincere manner. It is my personal belief that they are sincere with their efforts in rehabilitative programs, giving them the necessary tools to be a productive and functioning part of society.



R. Morse
SHU Canteen supervisor M&SS1
Pelican Bay State Prison

DATE: 2-12-2018

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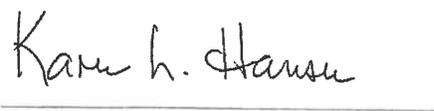
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Nerey, Estaban #K07292

This 128-B General Chrono is being written to acknowledge that Estaban Nerey completed the Dave Ramsey Financial Management Module that teaches new financial habits and transforms the way we approach money.

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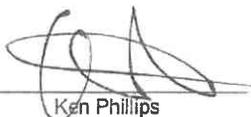
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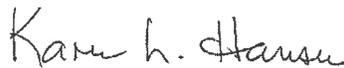
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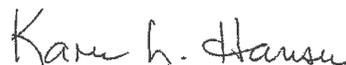
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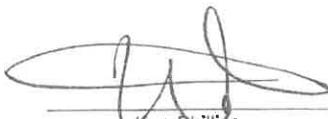
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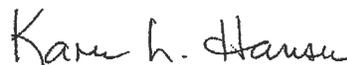
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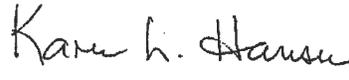
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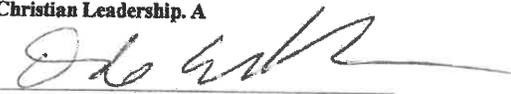
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On this date, I/M NEREY, ESTEBAN, successfully completed the following college level course(s) contained in THE URBAN MINISTRIES INITIATIVE (T.U.M.I.) CAPSTONE CURRICULUM.

Course completed -- Module # 11, Practicing Christian Leadership. A

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Dale Erlenbusch
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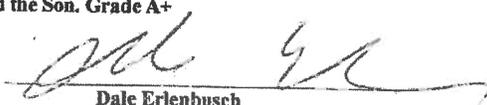
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Course completed -- Module # 10, God the Son. Grade A+

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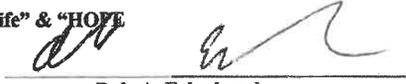
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On this date, I/M NEREY, ESTEBAN successfully completed the following 4 Wk. Prison Fellowship reentry course "Jobs For Life" & "HOPE" that helps each student understand what working is from God's perspective and how to realize their potential by looking at past accomplishments and mapping out a journey to reach their desired destination. The course examines areas such as: self-worth, setting goals, understanding God's plan, learning how to carry out the plan, identifying roadblocks and how to avoid them, finding the ideal job, the importance of first impressions, dressing for success, and importance of character, job search resources, answering the hard questions and conflict resolution. These subjects will help I/M NEREY, ESTEBAN to find, apply, and keep a job and to build a higher quality of life based on self-respect and achievement through Jesus Christ.

Course completed -- "Jobs For Life" & "HOPE"

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On this date, I/M NEREY, ESTEBAN, successfully completed the following college level course(s) contained in THE URBAN MINISTRIES INITIATIVE (T.U.M.I.) CAPSTONE CURRICULUM.

Course completed -- Module #4, Foundations for Christian Mission. A

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TUMI Site Coordinator

October 23, 2015

September 25, 2015

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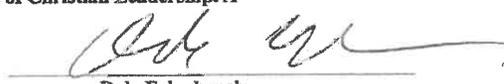
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Course completed -- Module #7, Foundations of Christian Leadership. A

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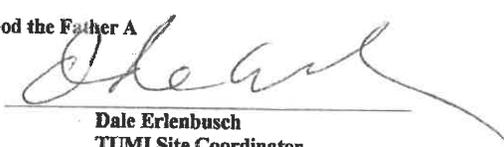
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Course completed -- Module #6, God the Father A

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August 11, 2015

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Course completed – Module #8, Evangelism & Spiritual Warfare A-

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March 27, 2015

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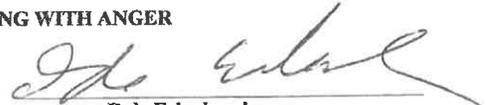
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On this date, I/M NEREY, ESTEBAN, successfully completed the "The Prison Fellowship Dealing with Anger course, which dealt with what is anger, controlling your anger, Anger thrives on unmet needs, Feeling controlled causes anger, Myths that perpetuate anger, Self-Inflicted anger, Anger reflects inferiority feelings, why anger lingers, and being Accountable. These subjects will help I/M NEREY, ESTEBAN, change lives, minds, and communities through Jesus Christ.

COURSE COMPLETED – DEALING WITH ANGER

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Dale Erlenbusch
TUMI Site Coordinator

November 22, 2014

Serving in the dual role of Principal of El Prado Adult School & College Programs and President of IECAST, Inc. (Internal Empowerment Coaching and Scripture Therapy[®]) Program, I certify that Mr. Nerey has successfully completed the Choice Theory[®] Connections-Internal Empowerment Coaching[®] Certificate Program, comprised of 420 hours of instruction.

The Program was facilitated at Centinela State Prison (CEN), in conjunction with William Glasser Inc., and Loyola Marymount University. This historic moment, in that Mr. Nerey is a part of the first graduating class of male incarcerated persons in the State of California.

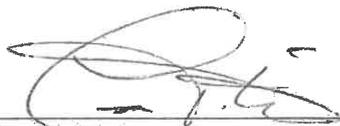
Choice Theory[®]-Internal Empowerment Coaching[®] is a non-controlling, behaviorally-based psychology. This program teaches individuals about behaviors, sustainable relationships, and about the choices they make that can lead to healthy, productive lives. The goal of the program is to have these students incorporate all they have learned into their own lives, then to share this information with the men of Centinela State Prison, their communities, and families. In doing so, they find their lives enriched, then reap rewards of helping another person improve their life.

This certification in the Internal Empowerment Coaching and Scripture Therapy[®] Program is at least one year of study and was completed on August 26, 2016. It consists of:

- *Reality Therapy & Choice Theory[®] Overview (30 Hours)*
- *Basic Coaching in the Treatment of 9 Areas of Addictions (30 Hours)*
- *Effective and Responsible Role Play (30 Hours)*
- *Old Plight New Flight-Vision Building (30 Hours)*
- *Choice Theory[®] Re-Entry Studies Transition (CT-REST[®]) (120 Hours)*
- *Choice Theory[®] Relevant Issues and Ethics for Coaches (30 Hours)*
- *Supervised Practicum/Internship (120 Hours)*
- *Understanding Behavior, Human Relations & Performance (30 Hours)*

This program is evidence-based, and researched by Loyola Marymount University revealed the program has a 2.9% recidivism rate in comparison to 67% recidivism rate in California prisons during the same period.

Mr. Nerey represented himself, Centinela State Prison, his family, the community, and IECAST, Inc. extremely well. Therefore, Mr. Nerey is to be commended on achieving this exemplary achievement. We encourage him to continue to practice what he has learned, and assist us in providing training to other incarcerated persons, their family members, caretakers, and communities.



Les Triche

Principal - El Prado Adult School & College Programs

President-IECAST, Inc. (Internal Empowerment Coaching and Scripture Therapy)

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Inmate

DATE: August 26, 2016

GENERAL CHRONO

Serving in the dual roles as Principal of El Prado Adult School & College Programs and President of Choice Theory® Connections, Internal Empowerment Coaching, and Scripture Therapy (IECAST), I certify that Mr. Nerey has successfully completed the training in "Choice Theory® Relevant Issues and Ethics for Coaches," this class comprised of 30 hours with 3 university credits available to him through Loyola Marymount University.

This thirty hour, graded course resulted in Mr. Nerey receiving training in relevant issues to coaches using Choice Theory principles and practices. This course began in August 2015 through June 2016, and was completed in conjunction with the renowned William Glasser Institute and Loyola Marymount University. This program is evidence-based, and research revealed it has a 2.9% recidivism rate in comparison to 67% recidivism rate in California prisons during the same period.

This course explored legal standards utilized in coaching as well as ethical considerations, client rights, regulatory restrictions, affiliated discrimination laws, ethical issues around harm reduction, and code of conduct regarding suicide prevention and pertinent laws governing the issue. Mandated reporting guidelines and duty to warn were also reviewed in this course. Using what he learned from the Choice Theory® Connections, Internal Empowerment Coaching, and Scripture Therapy (IECAST) program as a foundation, Mr. Nerey also participated in the development and creation of programs to expand CT-IEC as a means of giving back to society.

In recognition of completion of this course, Mr. Nerey was awarded a certificate, in connection with the William Glasser Inc. and Loyola Marymount University, and encouraged to continue enhancing his skills, knowledge, abilities and character.



Les Triché
Principal - El Prado Adult School & College Programs
President-(Internal Empowerment Coaching and Scripture Therapy)
IECAST, Inc.

cc: C-File
Inmate

DATE: July 11, 2016

GENERAL CHRONO

NAME and NUMBER

Steve Nerey

K07292

CDC-128B rev. 4/74

Serving in a dual role, as Principal of El Prado Adult School & College Programs and President of Choice Theory® Connections-Internal Empowerment Coaching and Scripture Therapy programs, I certify that Mr. Nerey has successfully completed "*Reality Therapy & Choice Theory® Overview*." This thirty-hour graded course provides an overview of self reformation from a Reality Therapy/Choice Theory® point of view, according to principles and practices, as written and taught by the late renowned Dr. William Glasser.

The course utilizes the theoretical application of Reality Therapy and Choice Theory® in the context of positive learning environments, externally controlled institutional environments, the workplace, and families. Furthermore, the course utilizes self evaluation, critical thinking skills, and an exploration of the individual's imagination through terminology interpretation, self-assessment exercises, as well as the development of short artistic, oral and written presentations.



Les Triché

Principal - El Prado Adult School & College Programs
President- Choice Theory® Connections &
IECAST, Inc.

cc: C-File
Inmate

DATE: July 10, 2016

GENERAL CHRONO

NAME and NUMBER **Nerey, Steve**

K07292

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Serving in a dual role, as Principal of El Prado Adult School & College Programs and President of Choice Theory® Connections-Internal Empowerment Coaching and Scripture Therapy program, I certify that the above referenced student has successfully completed "*Effective and Responsible Role Play*" class comprised of 30 hours, with 3 university credits available to him through Loyola Marymount University

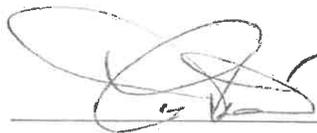
This course was completed in June of 2016, in conjunction with the renowned William Glasser Institute and Loyola Marymount University. This program is evidence-based, and research revealed it has a 2.9% recidivism rate in comparison to 67% recidivism rate in California prisons during the same period.

This thirty-hour, graded course involved extensive exercises in developing effective communication and relationship skills for Internal Empowerment Coaches. The major goals of communication, the communication process itself, and relationships were examined in depth.

Students were taught the importance of two-way communication in a coaching environment and were taught how to interact with clients, by asking clients questions with regard to their Quality World, Behavioral Systems, Perceived World, Comparing Place, and finally, Self-Evaluation. Students participated in role play exercises in communication and relationship coaching to hone in and implement the skills and tools taught through the Choice Theory® Connections-Internal Empowerment Coaching and Scripture Therapy program.

The above named student put forth an immense effort to participate and provide feedback while developing communication and relationship skills needed to become a coach.

In recognition of completion of this course, the above named student was awarded a certificate, in connection with William Glasser Inc. and Loyola Marymount University, and encouraged to continue enhancing his skills, knowledge, abilities and character.



Les Triché

Principal - El Prado Adult School & College Programs

President-(Internal Empowerment Coaching and Scripture Therapy)

IECAST, Inc.

cc: C-File
Inmate

DATE: June 7, 2016

GENERAL CHRONO

NAME and NUMBER

Nerey, Steve K07292

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Serving in the dual roles as Principal of El Prado Adult School & College Programs and President of Choice Theory® Connections, Internal Empowerment Coaching, and Scripture Therapy (IECAST), this writer certifies that Mr. Nerey has successfully completed the “*Choice Theory Re-Entry Studies Transition*® (CT-REST®)” class comprised of 120 hours with 12 university credits available to him through Loyola Marymount University.

CT-REST® is a form of psychotherapy, taught from an “educational perspective,” rather than as applied therapy, with the understanding that the “therapy” has been scientifically tested, and found to be effective in over three hundred clinical trials for many different disorders. In contrast to other forms of psychotherapy, CT-REST® focuses on the “here and now”; that is, the present day, is more time-focused, and is oriented toward problem-solving.

This course began in August 2015 through June 2016, and was completed in conjunction with the renowned William Glasser Institute and Loyola Marymount University. This program is evidence-based, and research revealed it has a 2.9% recidivism rate in comparison to 67% recidivism rate in California prisons during the same period.

Choice Theory® is a non-controlling, behaviorally-based psychology that teach individuals about trust, anger management, reformation, behaviors, sustainable relationships, and about the choices they make that can lead to healthy, productive lives. It encompasses: Substance Abuse Treatment, Barriers to Success, and more.

Students were taught through ten modules how to find answers to Relationships, Behavior, Choices and Trust issues, and to teach themselves and others how to synchronize their Thinking, Acting, Feeling & Physiology (Total Behavior) to their Five Basic Needs (Survival, Love & Belonging, Power, Freedom & Fun), to achieve effective and responsible self-rehabilitation results.

Mr. Nerey is to be commended on completing this exemplary achievement, and is encouraged to continue to practice what he has learned.

cc: C-File
Inmate



Les Triché
Principal - El Prado Adult School & College Programs
President- Choice Theory® Connections and IECAST

DATE June 4, 2016

GENERAL CHRONO

NAME and NUMBER

Steve Nerey

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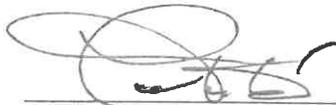
Serving in a dual role, as Principal and President of Choice Theory® Connections and Internal Empowerment Coaching program, I certify that Mr. Nerey has successfully completed Understanding Behavior, Human Relations and Performance class comprised of 30 hours with 3 university credits available to him through Loyola Marymount University.

This course was in May of 2016, and was completed in conjunction with the renowned William Glasser Institute and Loyola Marymount University. This program is evidence-based, and research revealed it has a 2.9% recidivism rate in comparison to 67% recidivism rate in California prisons during the same period.

This thirty-hour graded course provides an augmentation to previous training in Reality Therapy & Choice Theory®, by exploring "How and Why We Behave" through an inspection of a person's personality, perceptions, attitudes and self-esteem. Students examined these aspects of their selves and learned how they affect their own behavior and human relations as well as the behavior and human relations of others. Students also took inventory of their listening and communications skills and learned different conflict resolution styles to improve their own relations with others.

In addition, as part of this course, students created programs and logos to help others who are facing catastrophic life issues and decisions. These items will be presented and reviewed by the administration to determine their viability and implementation possibilities in the Choice Theory® Connections and Internal Empowerment Coaching program.

Mr. Nerey has gained a greater understanding of the physiological and psychological basis for human behavior, and has furthered his ability to apply Choice Theory to create positive relationships in all aspects of his life.



Les Triche
Principal - El Prado Adult School & College Programs
President - Choice Theory® Connections and
Internal Empowerment Coaching

cc: C-File
Inmate

DATE: May 8, 2016

GENERAL CHRONO

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Kiera Newsome

Seventeen-year-old Kiera Newsome was convicted of participating in a gang-related shooting that killed Christian Henton and injured Shawtay Allen in 2001. On July 17, 2003, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Newsome to 25 years to life for murder, plus a 25-to-life firearm enhancement and a 10-year gang enhancement – a total term of 60 years to life in prison. Ms. Newsome is currently eligible for youth offender parole hearing in 2027.

Ms. Newsome maintains that she was not involved in this crime. She had no prior criminal history before this conviction, and has maintained a positive record during her 17 years of incarceration. She earned her high school diploma and an A.A. degree from Feather River College. Ms. Newsome has been very active in self-help programs, including Beyond Anger, Offender Responsibility, Assertive Communication, Freedom to Choose, and Criminal and Addictive Thinking. She has also facilitated several programs for her peers. Ms. Newsome has lived in an honor dorm for years, regularly participates in community and charity events, and serves on the Juvenile Offenders Committee, which promotes education and rehabilitation programs.

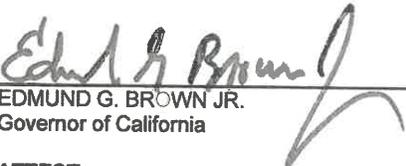
Ms. Newsome has also earned the respect of members of the correctional staff, who have praised her good behavior and leadership on the yard. One correctional officer reported that Ms. Newsome has maintained an "exemplary" record and wrote, "Inmate Newsome stays focused and committed to bettering herself and has completed several self-help groups and workshops....I commend her for having a good outlook on life and she should be commended for her behavior and the progress she has attained regarding her personal growth." Another correctional officer applauded Ms. Newsome for creating new a new self-help program that discourages profanity, and wrote, "Inmate Newsome should be commended for creating a curriculum that has the ability to make a drastic change in this environment and can also be very useful on the outside." Ms. Newsome's family has offered her housing, help finding a job, and other support in the event of her release to ensure that she makes a smooth transition back into the community.

For all of these reasons, I believe that Ms. Newsome has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kiera Newsome to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



RECEIVED

Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name <i>Newsome</i>		FIRST Name <i>Kiera</i>		MIDDLE Name <i>Sherree</i>	
Date of Birth [Redacted] <i>83</i>	Place of Birth <i>Inglewood California</i>	Social Security Number [Redacted]	Prison Number <i>X-00465</i>		

Current Residence

Address <i>508-15-320W P.O. BOX 1508</i>		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. <i>/</i>
City <i>Chowchilla</i>	State <i>California</i>	Zip code <i>93610-1508</i>

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01
 Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome

Commutation of current sentence
 Compassionate Release

Pardon based upon innocence
 Other

Why are you requesting clemency?

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense <i>1st degree Murder</i>			
Date of offense <i>April 16, 2001</i>	Date of conviction <i>July 17, 2003</i>	Arresting agency <i>Lennox Sheriff's Station</i>	County of conviction <i>Los Angeles</i>
Superior court case number <i>YA053720 & YA048172</i>	Your trial attorney's name and address <i>Anthony Tahan 11605 W. OLYMPIC Blvd Ste 1018 LA CA 90015</i>	Sentence <i>60 Years + Life</i>	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? <i>LIFE</i>
Did you appeal your case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, appellate case number and status of case <i>B168862 Denied</i>			

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:
Your current physician's name:
Physician's address:
Physician's telephone number:
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Give a brief account of your offense.
Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.
Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)
When were you discharged from probation or parole?
Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.
Why you are requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

There Are more teachers at my school who were never called in to testify me being in class when this crime was committed I feel it is Important because I would be free.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

I'm unsure I believe my trial Attorney notified the District Attorney but I know my mother talked to the Sheriff's department regarding this Matter

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

NO

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

**III
NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of

Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.
(Name of county)

Alicia Newsome
(Applicant's signature)

6/25/2012
(Date)

**IV
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Alicia Newsome
(Applicant's signature)

6/25/2012
(Date signed)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

This Notice is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 1304

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County:

Please take notice that I, Kiera Sherree Newsome, was convicted of the crime of 1st Degree Murder pc 187 committed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, convicted on 7/17/03 and sentenced to 60 years to life

- I will submit an application to the Governor of the State of California requesting a
- Pardon based upon rehabilitation
 - Commutation of current sentence
 - Pardon based upon innocence
 - Compassionate release
 - Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
 - Other
- If other, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN

Kiera Newsome Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED

Kiera Newsome Applicant's Signature

6/5/2012 Month, Day, Year

508-15-310w P.O. BOX 1501 Applicant's Street Address

Chowchilla CA 93610-1508 Applicant's City, State, Zip Code

This Section to be Completed By District Attorney Only

State of California

County of Los Angeles } SS.

I, D. DALE DEPT. 1 District Attorney of the County of LA, State of California, do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from SEE ABOVE that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon.

[Signed] [Signature]

District Attorney of the County of _____

Dear Governor

My name is "Kiera" I was arrested at the age of 17 for a murder I did not commit here I am getting older in this place not understanding that the system is to seek justice for those that have done wrong but I have done no wrong and I'm stuck in here with no help for being poor and barely making it I do not have the legal fees to get the representation I need to help me legally get out of here so I work with the California Innocence project of San Diego and their process is slow sometimes I feel like there is no hope like the innocent is left to suffer and the guilty gets away with everything. I do not know anything about the legal system so I tried my hardest to do this petition on my own and to hope that you understand it please I need your help even if it just to look at my case that is all I ASK.

Sincerely
Kiera Newsome

I Desperately need you.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Thaisan Nguon

In 2001, 20-year-old Thaisan Nguon exchanged dirty looks with a group of men on the sidewalk. Mr. Nguon later followed their car onto the highway, and his crime partner fired multiple shots into the other car. Vutha Tea was shot and killed, and Sina Mao was shot, but survived his injuries. On April 29, 2003, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nguon to life without the possibility of parole plus 50 years to life for murder, attempted murder, and a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Nguon is now 38 years old and has served almost 18 years in prison. In his application for clemency, Mr. Nguon expressed sincere remorse for his role in this crime and demonstrated a clear understanding of the pain that his actions caused for the victims. He wrote that he has worked hard to change himself for the better, and hoped to "earn the privilege to demonstrate to the parole board that I have redeemed myself through higher education, rehabilitative programs, and my faith in God." To that end, Mr. Nguon has spent many years dedicating himself to his rehabilitation. He earned his A.A. degree and an Entrepreneurial Planning certificate from Feather River College. Mr. Nguon has participated in numerous self-help classes, including Houses of Healing, Victim Sensitivity, Alternatives to Violence, and Gang Awareness and Recovery. He lives on an honor yard, contributes to fundraisers for charity, writes letters to at-risk youth, and currently works in a program that trains shelter dogs for families in the community.

Mr. Nguon has also earned commendations from staff members who interact with him on a regular basis. In 2018, a correctional officer praised Mr. Nguon's positive behavior and wrote, "Nguon has shown the positive characteristics, and behaved in a manner that is conducive to a successful reintegration into our society when released from custody." A program coordinator from Feather River College called him an "exemplary student" and wrote, "This is a person that has truly changed [his] thinking because of college." Another correctional officer noted Mr. Nguon's respectful attitude and wrote, "Nguon is to be commended for his work ethics and being a positive role model [and] a showcase for rehabilitative reform."

In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Nguon said, "I'm dedicated to making amends for the harm and the pain that I've inflicted on [my victims'] families and on the community, regardless of if I have to spend the rest of my life in prison." He continued, "I will never ever be able to atone myself, but I want to do my best to do so through helping our community." Mr. Nguon has shown through his words and actions that he understands the magnitude of his past errors and is dedicated to living differently in the future. He has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

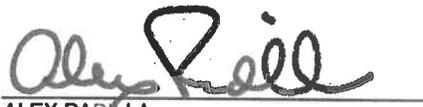
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Thaisan Nguon to a total of 18 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

July 7, 2018

Honorable Governor Brown:

My name is Thaisan Nguon and I am one of the many inmates who have a Life Without the Possibility of Parole (LWOP) sentence that submitted an Application for Commutation. When I was twenty years old I murdered Mr. Vutha Tea and attempted to murder Mr. Sina Mao and Mr. Sattia Nin in a drive-by shooting. For a long time after I committed these heinous crimes I relied on my warped belief system that was based on a callous gang sub-culture to avoid taking full responsibility of my actions. I am ashamed to say that I abandoned God to follow that warped belief system. However, through God's grace, glory, and light I was able to find my way back home to Him. My relationship with God has given me the strength to truly reflect upon myself and see through clearer eyes how I became a person who could murder Mr. Vutha Tea and attempt to murder Mr. Sina Mao and Mr. Sattia Nin. I see how my life is truly guided by His hands and how He entrusts me to make the right decisions now. Since my re-commitment to God, I have become more aware of how deeply impactful my crimes continue to be. God was able to show me this by placing certain opportunities in my path that was contingent on me making good decisions. It started with entering a pilot program for Feather River College at Substance Abuse Treatment Facility state prison. As soon as I received my AA in Liberal Arts and the Humanities I was afforded the opportunity to transfer to the Progressive Program Facility (PPF) here at Cal. State Prison Los Angeles County in Lancaster. Upon my arrival here I immediately submitted an application to join the PAWS For Life dog program. I knew the process of getting into the program would take some time so in the meantime I participated in the many rehabilitative classes that this facility had to offer and also applied for the Cal State Los Angeles Bachelor program. In 2017, I was accepted into the Cal State Los Angeles Bachelor program and in April of 2018 I was blessed to be interviewed and accepted into the PAWS For Life dog program. With my Bachelor degree I plan to efficiently be a productive field representative for my sister Julie Daniels's business C-NOW (Cambodians Networking Our World). C-NOW helps bring together Cambodians from diverse professions in ways that might innovate their field of expertise. C-NOW also conducts benefits and donation drives for the community it serves. Also, with the experience and knowledge I am receiving about dogs through the PAWS For Life program I can start my own business of assisting new pet owners of housetraining their pets and show them ways of socializing their pets with people and other pets. The rehabilitative classes, Cal State Los Angeles Bachelor program, and the PAWS For Life dog program here at the PPF yard here at Lancaster continues to shape and mold me into better person. A person who is far removed from the twenty year old gang member who senselessly murdered Mr. Vutha Tea and attempted to murder Mr. Sina Mao and Mr. Sattia Nin. Please consider commuting my Life Without the Possibility of Parole sentence so that I may one day have an opportunity to present to the parole board my transformation and rehabilitation. Thank you so much for hearing me out and especially for serving our great state of California Governor. May God Bless You and Your Family.

Sincerely,
Thaisan Nguon



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. • State Capitol • Sacramento, CA 95814

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Thaisan Ngon Date of Birth: [redacted], 1980 Inmate ID: T92840

Address: A3-248 L.A.C.C.S.P; P.O Box 4430, Lancaster, Ca 93539 Facility: Los Angeles County California State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
626.10(A) Knife on school grounds	9/14/94	Los Angeles	Probation (Juvenile)
211 Robbery	1/24/98	Los Angeles	8 years (Juvenile)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached statement of Facts for Question 2.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached for Question 3

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached for Question 4

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Therison Naxon
(Print Full Name), declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of

California that I have served the District Attorney of Los Angeles
(Name of County*) with notice of my intent to
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Therison Naxon
Applicant's Signature

February 12, 2018
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County:

Please take notice that I Thaisan Ngoun, was convicted of the crime of Murder, attempted Murder, shooting into motor vehicle, committed in Los Angeles County, California on the date of February 20, 2003. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Thaisan Ngoun

Applicant's Signature

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

February 11, 2018

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Woff, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Thaisan Ngoun, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Barbara Woff

Date

2/5/18

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

QUESTION 2

Statement of Facts:

From the Court of Appeal of the State of California; Second Appellate District;

Division One

Opn.

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL REPORTS

California Rules of Court, rule 977(a), prohibits courts and parties from citing or relying on opinions not certified for publication or ordered published, except as specified by rule 977(b). This opinion has not been certified for publication or ordered published for purposes of rule 977.

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION ONE

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

CHOEUN MEAN et al.,

Defendants and Appellants.

B166841

(Super. Ct. No. NA048273)

In re

THAILEE ROS NGUON et al.,

On Habeas Corpus.

B172007

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JOSEPH A. LANE Clerk
Deputy Clerk

APPEAL from judgments of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County and petition for a writ of habeas corpus, Arthur H. Jean, Jr., Judge. Judgments affirmed with directions; petition denied.

Charlotte E. Costan, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant Choeun Mean.

Peter Gold, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant Thailiee Nguon.

Richard A. Levy, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant Thaisan Nguon.

Bill Lockyer, Attorney General, Robert R. Anderson, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Pamela C. Hamanaka, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Steven D. Matthews, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, and Kyle S. Brodie, Deputy Attorney General, for Plaintiff and Respondent.

Thaisan Nguon, Thaillee Nguon, and Choeun Mean were convicted of one count of premeditated murder, one count of premeditated attempted murder, and one count of shooting at an occupied vehicle, with true findings on various allegations involving great bodily injury, the use of a firearm, and criminal street gangs. In bifurcated proceedings, the trial court found that Mean and Thaisan had suffered prior strike convictions, and that Mean had served a prior prison term. Thaisan was sentenced to state prison for life without the possibility of parole, plus two consecutive terms of 25 years to life, plus 10 consecutive years. Mean was sentenced to state prison for life without the possibility of parole, plus two consecutive terms of 25 years to life. Thaillee was sentenced to state prison for life without the possibility of parole, plus a consecutive term of 15 years to life, plus a consecutive term of 25 years to life.

Thaisan, Mean, and Thaillee appeal, contending there were evidentiary, instructional, and sentencing errors, and Thaillee (joined by Mean) has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus to address another evidentiary issue. We reject most of the claims of error, affirm the judgment against Thaillee, modify the judgments against Thaisan and Mean and, as modified, affirm those judgments. We deny the petition.

FACTS

Thaisan, Thaillee, and Mean (all members of the Crazy Brother Clan, otherwise known as the CBC gang) went to the Department of Motor Vehicles in Long Beach in a Toyota Camry driven by Thaisan. Dara Yin, another CBC member, was in the front passenger seat, and Thaillee and Mean were in the

back.¹ At about the same time, Yutha Tea (the murder victim) and Sattia Nin arrived at the DMV to pick up Sina Mao (the attempted murder victim).

Tea dropped Nin in front of the building and drove into the parking lot. Before he entered the building, Nin noticed Thaisan (whom he had seen before and knew to be a CBC member) and saw the occupants of Thaisan's car "mad dogging" him (looking at him in a way that suggested they "wanted problems"). Nin returned the "mad dog" stare and gestured to Thaisan in a way that meant, "What's up?"² Nin went into the DMV building, where he (along with Tea and Mao) stayed for about half an hour, during which time Mao (looking through the window) saw Thaisan's car circling the building while Thaisan stared inside. When it appeared that the Toyota had driven off, Nin, Tea, and Mao left the DMV in Tea's Honda.

Just after Tea drove out of the DMV parking lot, the Toyota (still driven by Thaisan with Thaillee, Mean, and Yin as passengers) came up behind and followed the Honda for several blocks and ultimately onto Pacific Coast Highway. As the Toyota pursued the Honda, Thaisan put on a beanie and Yin reached under the seat for something. On the highway, Thaisan pulled the Toyota alongside the passenger side of the Honda, and Thaillee fired at least three shots at the Honda. One bullet hit Tea in the head and the Honda jerked to a stop. Thaisan stopped the Toyota, and Thaillee got out and fired more shots

¹ Yin is described by the defendants as an "unjoined accomplice." For our part, it suffices to note that he is not a party to these proceedings.

² At trial, a gang expert explained that Nin's actions would have been viewed by the CBC members as a sign of disrespect, and that there would have been "pressure for [them] to do something" so they would not "lose respect" on the street.

into the Honda. Tea died five days after the shooting. Mao survived a gunshot wound to his head but has permanent brain damage. Nin was not hit.

Thaisan, Mean, and Thailee were charged with Tea's murder, and with the attempted murders of Mao and Nin. At trial, the People presented evidence of the facts summarized above, plus additional evidence discussed below. None of the defendants presented any evidence. As noted above, the jury convicted them of Tea's murder (Pen. Code, § 187),³ and the attempted murder of Mao (§§ 664, 187). The defendants were acquitted of the attempted murder of Nin but convicted of shooting at an occupied motor vehicle (§ 246), and the jury found that all three crimes had been committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang (§ 186.22, subd. (b)(1)) and that, in committing the murder and attempted murder, a principal had used a firearm for the benefit of a gang (§ 12022.53, subds. (b)-(e)). The jury found true the special circumstance allegations that the murder was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang (§ 190.2, subd. (a)(22)) and by discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle (§ 190.2, subd. (a)(21).) Finally, the jury found that Thailee had personally discharged a firearm (§ 12022.53, subds. (b)-(d)), and personally inflicted great bodily injury upon Mao while shooting at a motor vehicle (§ 12022.7).

The court then found that Mean had suffered a prior serious felony conviction (§ 667, subds. (a), (b)-(i)) and served a prior prison term (§ 667.5, subd. (b)), and that Thaisan had suffered two prior serious or violent juvenile adjudications (§ 667, subds. (b)-(i)). The defendants were sentenced as noted at the outset.

³ Undesignated section references are to the Penal Code.

Question 3

I am currently serving a Life Without the Possibility of Parole (L.W.O.P) sentence for the murder of Mr. Vutha Tea and 50 years to life for the attempted murder of Mr. Sina Mao. I was 20 years old at the time of the crimes and this is the first time I have ever been to prison. I am humbly requesting a commutation of my L.W.O.P sentence in hopes that I might earn the privilege to demonstrate to the parole board that I have redeemed myself through higher education, rehabilitative programs, and my faith in God. Also, that I am a positive force in the prison community and that I will be a positive force in society should the parole board bless me with the opportunity of re-entry.

Question 4

Should I be so blessed to be granted a commutation I know that I will be an agent for positive change in my community and in society overall. Through higher education, rehabilitative programs (self-help classes/peer group sessions), and prayer I have been able to reflect upon myself in an honest and meaningful manner. Through these activities I have identified the defects of my character, addressed the causative factors that I used to justify my bad decision making, and learn life changing skills that has produced positive decision making skills with positive outcomes.

Pursuing a higher education through Feather River College (F.R.C) has afforded me the opportunity for growth on so many fronts. Upon becoming a student at F.R.C I was almost immediately tapped to be a tutor. I was recognized for my ability to understand algebra a little better than my other classmates so primarily I helped them with math. Nevertheless, that did not prevent us from having study sessions on other subjects. I felt a sense of gratification knowing that I was helping others and contributing to their pursuit of a higher education. Being a tutor gave me a better sense of what service really meant and I do so now with the thought of impacting the lives of others in a positive manner.

Which is why I will be heavily involved with my sister, Julie Daniel's business, C-NOW (Cambodians Networking Our World). In C-NOW, I would be a field representative with responsibilities such as coordinating volunteers for events and helping with donation drives for the community. I would also be given the freedom to coordinate and organize my own projects. The first project that I would like to work on would be geared towards tutoring those who are struggling with math. It is my hope to branch that out to help young kids who are struggling in school. As part of my living amends I have dedicated myself to do as much as I can for charitable cause ranging from donating money to benefit the children of survivors of crimes to volunteering my time to crochet articles of clothing for the Women's Clinic of Antelope Valley. Being part of C-NOW will give me the opportunity to give back and rebuild the

community I destroyed. It will also allow me to continue my lifelong commitment to make amends for the endless pain, suffering, and trauma I caused upon countless amounts of people when I murdered Mr. Vutha Tea and attempted to murder Mr. Sina Mao.

Programs such as Victim Sensitivity Awareness, Alternative to Violence Project, Gang Awareness and Recovery, PREP/Insight, and Narcotics Anonymous have helped me to see how vast the ripple effects are for murdering Mr. Vutha Tea and attempting to murder Mr. Sina Mao. I caused irreparable pain, suffering, and trauma to Mr. Vutha Tea, Mr. Sina Mao, their family, their friends, my family, my friends, first responders, business owners, consumers, taxpayers, school children, and the list goes on and on. Mr. Vutha Tea will never have the experience of meeting the love of his life, sharing their lives together, and raising children together. I took away all the good Mr. Vutha Tea and his future descendants could have contributed upon this world. Mr. Tea's family and friends will never experience again the immediate joy his presence brings to them. Fond old memories of Mr. Tea will be the only things his sisters Ongtin and Savon can share with their children about their uncle. Mr. Sina Mao will never smell and taste things the same. The bullet that fractured his skull permanently altered those two senses and caused countless other injuries. Injuries that I might not be privy to but undoubtedly Mr. Mao's family and friends are fully aware of. Day in and day out they witness the ongoing effects of him being shot in the head and the toll it takes on him. I cannot imagine how helpless Mr. Mao's family and friends must feel to see his pain and see him struggle and not be able to provide him some relief. And I am certain the injuries of being shot in the head limits Mr. Mao in how he is able to raise his children. My own family and friends were in disbelief that I was charged with such heinous crimes. The conflict that I created for them internally must have caused them great stress and grief. It cannot be easy to reconcile the feelings of loving someone who has murdered a human being and attempted to murder another one. My own Mother once said to me, "What have you done to the mothers of those men?" In that moment I understood how my loved ones also mourned the loss of Mr. Tea's life and the damage I

inflicted upon Mr. Mao's life. First responders such as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics are trained to professionally respond to horrific scenes but that does not mean they are not deeply affected by it on a human level. It cannot be easy to mentally process a bloody crime scene the way they do as professionals. I have added so much more distress and loss of faith in humanity to these brave first responders. Stores and business had to suspend their operations because the whole block had to be shut down for the murder investigation to take place. Employees of those stores and businesses who depend on their hourly wages got their paychecks cut short because of the stop in operations. Customers and consumers who had plans of quickly purchasing choice items were held back and inconvenienced to recount the harrowing and traumatizing ordeal of witnessing the murder and attempted murder I committed. To this very day taxpayers are still paying the price for my crimes. I believe I read that it costs taxpayers almost \$200,000 annually to house a prisoner. Had I been able to make better decisions in life and not decide to murder Mr. Vutha Tea and attempt to murder Mr. Sina Mao, all that taxpayer money used to house me in prison since 2001 could have been allocated to programs that would benefit children. It could have went to their education or their healthcare. For all the people that were mentioned and the countless others that were not, but were equally effected, I know I shattered their sense of safety and security.

On top of understanding the reverberating impact of murdering Mr. Vutha Tea and attempting to murder Mr. Sina Mao, the aforementioned programs challenged me to retrace my life through various exercises that focused on personal trauma. We wrote about our trauma, re-enacted our trauma, and discussed our trauma in a safe group setting. Participating in exercises like that allowed me to discover things about myself that clarified to me as to why I decided to join a gang and why I continued to make bad decisions that eventually led to the murder of Mr. Vutha Tea and the attempted murder of Mr. Sina Mao. Coupled with other programs that I was involved in such as G.O.G.I (Getting Out by Getting In), CLN (Corrections Learning Network) Transition: Life Skills/Stress Management, PREP/Anger

Management, New Choices Different Directions, and Personal Development, I was able to see what my character defects were. Among other things, I was violent, distant, narcissistic, and selfish. These character defects were actually masks that I used to cover up my insecurities.

Every college class that I have taken, rehabilitative program that I have participated in, and church service that I have attended has provided me with the tools to help me develop the necessary skills to overcome my insecurities, rectify my character defects, and handle my causative factors in a constructive manner. With that said, I continue to pursue a higher education, currently I am enrolled in CSULA in pursuit of my B.A in communications, I continue to participate in rehabilitative programs, currently I am in Pave the Way and House of Healing program, and I continue to attend church to keep myself centered and grounded with God and the path of living amends and service to others. I am also blessed with the most encouraging, most resourceful, and most loving support system of people I could ever ask for. I am confident that the knowledge I have gained and the skills that I have developed through higher learning and rehabilitative programs coupled with my strong support system of family and friends will prevent any chance of a set back or relapse. Moreover, my certificate of Specialization Entrepreneurial Planning (received from F.R.C), CLN/ The Five Secrets to Finding a Job, CLN/Get the Buzz on Bizz, and Pave the Way has prepared me to know how to search for employment, interview for employment, gain employment, and maintain employment.

Please consider commuting my Life Without the Possibility of Parole sentence so that I may one day have the opportunity and privilege to present to the parole board committee who I am now. Thank You.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Hung Nguyen

On August 24, 1998, 19-year-old Hung Nguyen's friends pressured him to help them scare Ivie Tran. Later that night, Mr. Nguyen shot and killed Ms. Tran while they were both driving on the highway. On December 3, 1999, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nguyen to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Nguyen has now spent more than 20 years in prison and is 40 years old. In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, he said that when he came to prison, he was terrified and realized that he needed to make a serious change in his life. Mr. Nguyen explained that since then, he has worked hard to transform himself into a better person, and cautions young people against making the same mistakes that he did.

During his two decades of incarceration, Mr. Nguyen has shown a remarkable commitment to turning his life around. He has only been disciplined for misconduct four times, and avoided gang activity and drugs while in prison. Mr. Nguyen has participated in multiple self-help programs including Alternatives to Violence, Gang Awareness and Recovery, and Creating a Healing Society. Mr. Nguyen routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors, and is currently enrolled in college classes. He has lived on an honor yard since 2010, and served on the Men's Advisory Council.

Notably, Mr. Nguyen has also earned accolades from staff members who know him well. In 2018, a correctional officer who supervised Mr. Nguyen for four years commended him for his respectful attitude and wrote, "I encourage him to keep up the good work and continue to strive towards his rehabilitation and his future possible release." A correctional sergeant who had known Mr. Nguyen for 12 years praised his work ethic and wrote, "It should be noted that Nguyen has demonstrated, in many situations, his trustworthiness, and a mature attitude that has impressed all staff members.... Nguyen has remained a stellar example of what it means to be a model inmate. He leads by example and has consistently mentored other prisoners who wish to participate in positive programs."

Mr. Nguyen committed a truly senseless crime when he was a teenager. Although he is serving a sentence that gave him no hope of future release, he chose to turn away from violence and instead dedicate himself to rehabilitation and setting a positive example for others. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Nguyen has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Hung Nguyen to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: HUNG NGUYEN Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 78 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: California State Prison-I.A County
44750 60th St. West Lancaster CA. 93536

1. Conviction Summary: 1st Degree Murder with Special Circustace
Discharged a firearm while vehicle was moving

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<u>[REDACTED]</u>			
<u>NONE</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
In the morning of August 24, 1998, Tran rode in Hung Stan's Acura on the
Freeway. Tran was shot and killed by the passenger of a white nissan 300zx
Although none of the passengers in Tsan's Acura were able to identify the
occupants of the Nissan, Ngo, an admitted accomplice, testified that he
witnessed the shooting on the freeway while looking to buy drug.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
I am humble requesting a commutation of my IWOP sentence because the governor
currently seeking suitable candidates, and I believe I am someone he would
like to consider.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
See attached Personal Testimony

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):
NONE

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, HUNG NGUYEN, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of ORANGE with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

11-4-17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

My name is Hung Nguyen CDC#P63837, I am a citizen of Viet Nam, born in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) on September 5, 1978. My father was a drug addict who abused my mother. My mother May Tran tried repeatedly to escape Vietnam with me but without success. It was too dangerous. When I was 8, she at last was able to escape alone to United State where she hoped to make a better life for my brother and me. She settle at first in San Jose where she worked as a waitress, saving money to bring us to America. During this time, we were raised in Vietnam by my great aunt.

I was brought to U.S by my mother at the age of 14. At that time we lived in Alameda, but then in 1994 moved to O.C. I graduated from Rancho Alamitos High School in Garden Grove in 1997. I didn't speak very good English because I came to this county as a teen. I had no American Friends to help me improve English until I came to prison.

As part of my extracurricular life, I belonged to a Church call "Vietnamese Catholic Youth". As a group we did many things, such as feeding the local homeless every weekend, visiting nursing home and also visiting Juveniles in jail. Many of those in this program knew me, has stood by me all this years and remain ready to absorb me back into civilian life when I'm free.

Since I came to California State Prison at Lancaster over 17 years ago, I have had a number of different jobs which I have performed well. I was Education Clerks, Law Library clerk, Program Clerk working for Captains and Lieutenant, Central Operation clerk working for Watch Commander and Food Service Manager clerk. (see attachment 1). In 2008 While housed at Facility "A" Honor Yard Program and now Progressive Programming Facility (PPF) I have actively participate in numerous self help class and completed many of them such as Anger Management, Alcoholics Narcotics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence Basic and advanced classees, The Catalyst Foundation, etc. (See Attachment 2). I also have studied, improved my English and taught myself Law.

I fully realize that asking for a commutation is serious and carries with tremendous amount of responsibility. All I'm hoping for is to have an opportunity to go before the Parole Board and show them that I'm not the same person I was over 19 years, when I 19 years old. I want to show the board all my positive achievement and personal development I have obtained while in Prison and more personally I want to have a chance to come home and spend time with my brother and sister, they all I have left (my mother was killed by a 19 years old drunk driver in 2004). I want to see my niece and nephew grow up and make sure they don't make the same mistake that I made.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Si Nguyen

In August 2002, 15-year-old Si Nguyen fired multiple shots at a park, hitting Leon Tran in the shoulder. Mr. Tran survived. On February 25, 2005, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nguyen to 7 years to life for attempted murder, 3 years for assault with a deadly weapon, 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement, 10 years for a gang enhancement, and 3 years for a great bodily injury enhancement – a total term of 48 years to life.

Mr. Nguyen applied for a commutation of sentence based on his age at the time of these crimes, as well as his subsequent rehabilitation. In his application, he wrote, "Although I believe my sentence was justified I have taken the steps towards positive change and rehabilitation. . . . I can't undo the harm I caused but I believe my transformation is evidence of my willingness to make living amends."

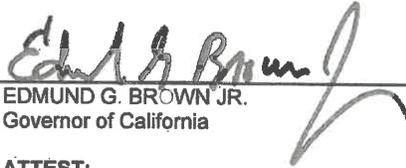
Mr. Nguyen is now 32 years old and has been incarcerated for 16 years. In that time, he has only been disciplined three times for misconduct, and has never been involved in gang activity or drugs in prison. Instead, it is clear that Mr. Nguyen has dedicated himself to turning his life around. The retired warden of Lancaster State Prison recommended Mr. Nguyen for a commutation. He earned a vocational certification and routinely receives positive ratings from his work supervisors. He has participated in multiple self-help courses including Getting Out by Going In, Alternatives to Violence, Victim Sensitivity, and Anger Management. Mr. Nguyen has lived on an honor yard for many years, and currently participates in a program that trains shelter dogs to prepare them for adoption. In 2018, an associate warden commended Mr. Nguyen for his "exceptional commitment and leadership skills" in the program and wrote, "Nguyen's rehabilitative efforts, demonstrated through years of compassion-based effort, are consistent with the goals of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation." A correctional officer also recognized Mr. Nguyen for his excellent behavior and wrote, "Every inmate incarcerated at CDCR has decisions to make on a daily basis. It is clear the decisions being made by Nguyen are of good nature and are geared toward his own self-rehabilitation." Mr. Nguyen has a solid plan in place in the event of his release – he will initially live in a transitional housing program, and his wife and parents have pledged to help support him as he re-enters the community.

When he was just 15 years old, Mr. Nguyen was entrenched in the gang lifestyle and committed these reckless crimes as a result. But he has made significant changes to his life and demonstrated that he is now a mature, responsible man who can contribute to his community. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Nguyen should have an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Si Nguyen to a total of 16 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: NGUYEN TIEN SI Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-86 Inmate ID: V-70693

Address: P.O. Box 4430 Facility A/BUILDING S/cell 150 Facility: CSP-LAC

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
See Attached			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
See Attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
See Attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
See Attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

None

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of orange County: Please take notice that I, NGUYEN TIEN SI,
was convicted of the crime of attempted murder, assault & battery resulting in GBI,
committed in orange County, California, on the date of August 23rd 2002.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Applicant's Signature

11.22.17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Susan J. Laird, District Attorney of the County of orange,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Nguyen Tien Si,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed David

Date 12.27.17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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1. I was arrested as a juvenile, therefore I have no adult priors.

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Si Tien Nguyen #V-70693

2. On July 12, 2002 my gang associates and I assaulted Kevin Nguyen and his friends in a gang melee. I initiated the fight by throwing the first punch and chaos ensued. There was a break in the fighting where I was able to escape and run into my friends car and retrieve a crowbar. I ran back into the melee and assaulted Kevin until he was unconscious and lying unresponsive. My friends had to pull me away because witnesses from the apartment building threatened to call the police. From court proceedings I found out Keven Nguyen suffered multiple head and body injuries that required stitches. I pled Guilty to Assault and Battery resulting in Great Bodily injury.

I was 15 years old on August 23, 2002 when I attempted to murder Phuc Da Tran and his friends at mile sq. park in Fountain Valley. Using a 9mm semiautomatic handgun I fired multiple shots into the crowd of gang rivals. I ran after them and fired more shots as they attempted to flee for safety. When I couldn't get a clear shot anymore I fled the scene. Without a place to hide I tried looking inconspicuous as I walked down the street. I was pulled over and arrested and later identified as the suspect. I found out later in court that Phuc Da Tran was shot in the shoulder. I was charged and convicted on two premeditated attempted murders in the commission and benefit of a gang. I was sentenced to a Double Life sentence plus 56 years.

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Si Tien Nguyen #V-70693

3. I am requesting a commutation because I believe who I am today, will be an asset to my community. I would be grateful for the opportunity to demonstrate to the parole board what I have learned and show how I have changed since my incarceration at the age of 15. Although I believe my sentence was justified I have taken the steps towards positive change and rehabilitation. By taking responsibility for all the wrongs I have done and the results of my actions I have come to understand the suffering I caused Mr. Tran, Kevin Nguyen, their respective families, and many others. When I put myself in their shoes, empathy opened my heart to feel the shame, guilt and remorse for what I put them through. I can't undo the harm I caused but I believe my transformation is evidence of my willingness to make living amends.

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Si Tien Nguyen #V-70693

4. Upon coming to the Progressive Programming Facility in Lancaster I immediately sought help through all the available rehabilitative classes and I have come to understand my history that led me to living a criminal lifestyle. Through reflection of my past I face the ugliness of who I was.

I was an angry kid who normalized violence to solve my problems, who sought approval from my peers, finding value in myself when I pleased them. I copied my peers and stole to have what they had. I felt happy and the good feelings I felt from doing wrong was further reinforced when my peers encouraged my criminal acts. Instead of seeking proper help for my feelings of insecurity and helplessness, I took matters into my own hands and joined a gang to empower myself. I was addicted to my gangs acceptance. Praise and to maintain their approval, I committed more crimes and violence to show I'm worthy of their attention and what I thought was love. I chose to harm people because it not only meant I would earn a fearsome reputation, but my status within the gang would grow. The ultimate opportunity came on August 23rd, 2002, when I attempted to murder Mr. Tran and his friends.

It took me twelve years in prison before I took responsibility for my crimes against my fellow man. My life was unmanagable and I admitted I needed help. From all the lessons and voicing my experiences out loud I was able to heal. Through understanding myself I finally understood the lasting impact I had on those I harmed by choices I made, I felt ashamed and in feeling remorseful I vow to not only be a better version of myself but to use what I learn today to help end the vicious cycle of violence.

In the Alternative to Violence Project I learned about building a community based on honesty and respect and trust. Through AA/NA I apply the 12 steps to guide my life. In helping youth I learn events, feelings, and reaction that created a pattern for my destructive thinking and feelings. By learning the root causes of these negative patterns I am able to find the best coping tools that will help me succeed in my community, in prison or in the free world. Please see my file for additional chrono's and 128's. When I joined the Paws For Life I began giving back to my community through the dogs we train and rescue. We help rehabilitate them so they can find a forever home. When I joined the Service Dog program I felt honored to be tasked with training dogs for our military vets who suffer from PTSD. Everyday I live with humility because prison gave me pause from my destructive life. For the past 16 years I have had the time to reflect and grow and be the person my family and community can embrace again.

I know that if I am granted commutation I would be an asset to my community and I vow to commit my life to helping our youth and be of service to my community to stop the cycle of drugs, gangs and violence
Thank you.

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**APPLICATION FOR
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Tin Tri Nguyen Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1972 Inmate ID: P-24706

Address: CSP-IAC, 44750 60th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93536-7619 Facility: A5-144

1. Conviction Summary: 1 Count Murder (187) and Robbery, with Robbery Special Circumstance

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Under the Influence	1/13/94	Los Angeles	Release
Extortion	3/20/95	Los Angeles	2 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I was 24 years old when I robbed and murdered Mr. Stanko Vuckovic. This is the description of the circumstances by the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of California: "About 11:30 a.m. on December 17...As they drove back to the apartment complex, Tin Nguyen took a gun he had previously loaned to Tran from its hiding place in Pham's car. (Continue on Page 1)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Since I was informed that I should request for a commutation, this question has being the most difficult. A part of myself knows that since I murdered Mr. Stanko Vuckovic, I deserve this life sentence, and when the time comes and I meet Mr. Vuckovic again, I can genuinely convey my remorse, regrets and honestly apologize for my decisions and actions. (Continue on Pages 1)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I am no longer the young man I once was; I have transformed my life and grown into the man I am now. For the past 19 years, I had two nonviolent serious RVRs, and being RVR free for over five years. I have been consistently doing my best to rehabilitate, and although at time I may fall, (Continue on Page 1)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Not Applicable

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Tin Tri Nguyen _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Santa Clara County _____ with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

4/27/2017
Date

Not Applicable

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Santa Clara County: Please take notice that I, Tin Tri Nguyen,

was convicted of the crime of Felony Murder (Murder Robbery),

committed in Santa Clara County, California, on the date of December 14, 1998

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.


Applicant's Signature

3/8/18
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

JEFFREY F ROSEN

SANTA CLARA

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

TIN TRI NGUYEN

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

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Signed _____



Date _____

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2. When the red Honda reached the apartment complex, Tin Nguyen and Tien Tran got out and ran to where Vuckovic was standing by his gray BMW. Tien Tran grabbed at the door handle of the driver's side and was grabbed by Vuckovic. Tin Nguyen then pointed the gun at Vuckovic, and Vuckovic grabbed Nguyen's hand with the gun. As the three men struggled, the gun went off. Vuckovic fell to the ground. Tin Nguyen ran off. Tien Tran got into the victim's car and drove it around the corner where he met up with Pham and Tin Nguyen..."

3. However, there is also a part of myself wants to beg and plea for mercy; thus, this commutation. Another reason is for my mom, who is now in her 80's. She understands the gravity of my commitment, but like every mom, she hopes that God will have mercy upon her and me. She has waited and supported me for nearly two decades, so it my obligation as a son to request for a commutation, and beg Governor Brown and Californians for forgiving and mercy.

4., I continue to persist. I have been on CSP-LAC, Facility 'A' Progressive Program Facility since 2004. I have been a member of the Executive Body MAC during most of my stay on Facility 'A,' doing my best to keep the yard function as a programing yard and have helped to maintain the positive atmosphere on the PPF. The following are my accomplishments and education:

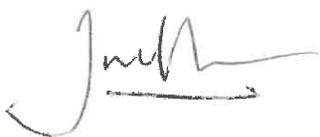
Education.

1. Currently earning a Bachelor of Art Degree in Communication Study at California State University – Los Angeles, a pilot Prison Bachelor Program that is now extended to the first Prison Bachelor Degree Completion Program.
2. Currently enroll at Adams State University earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.
3. Associates of Arts Degree at Coastline Community College.
4. Business Certification at Coastline Community College.

Accomplishments.

1. In progress – Certified Paws for Life Dog Trainer, Sponsored by CDCR and Karma Rescue.Org. I am currently training service dogs for Military Veteran diagnosed with PTSD.
2. Participating in self-help classes.
3. I had been a member of Convict Reaching Out to People (CROP) helping youths at risk to turn their life around. I am a member of Progress Art Program donated paintings for charity. I am also a member of HEART, an ILTAG that helps inmates to attain their Associate Degree, and we conduct fundraiser drive to donate money to charity.
4. Participating in AA and NA since 2012.

Through the years, I had thought that this was my lots in life, that I was hopeless. However, at I persist to rehabilitate myself and these classes and events unfolded in my life, I realized my circumstances do not dictate my life, for the choices of doing the right things are mine. I know now that I can be a good man if I choose to be; thus, my choices now will continue to be doing the right thing and be a good man, despite the circumstances or situations.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Tin Nguyen

In 1996, Mr. Nguyen participated in an armed robbery of jewelry dealer Stanko Vukovic. He and his crime partners attacked Mr. Vukovic in a parking lot. During the struggle, Mr. Nguyen shot Mr. Vukovic in the chest, killing him. On January 8, 1999, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nguyen to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 4 years for a firearm enhancement.

Faced with a sentence that gave no hope of parole, Mr. Nguyen has nevertheless focused on his rehabilitation and worked to transform himself. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "Through the years, I had thought that this was my lot in life; that I was hopeless. However, a[s] I persist to rehabilitate myself and these classes and events unfolded in my life, I realized my circumstances do not dictate my life, for the choices of doing the right things are mine. I know now that I can be a good man if I choose to be; thus, my choices now will continue to be doing the right thing and be a good man, despite the circumstances or situations."

Mr. Nguyen is now 46 years old and has been incarcerated for over 20 years. He has been disciplined only two times in over two decades in prison. He currently resides on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities. He has participated in self-help programs, including Alternatives to Violence, Creative Conflict Resolution, and Victim Sensitivity. He earned his GED and A.A. degree, and is currently enrolled in the California State University, Los Angeles bachelor's degree program. Mr. Nguyen works to train service dogs for military veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Most importantly, the former warden of the prison where Mr. Nguyen is housed has personally recommended him for commutation. She wrote, "Please note upon review o[f] your file, my observations of your dedication to personal growth and positive programming, the positive impact you have made in the programming of the men incarcerated on Facility A and noting your minimal disciplinary history, I encourage you to seek sentence commutation from the Governor." Mr. Nguyen has also been commended by multiple correctional staff members and educators for his positive attitude and behavior, including a correctional lieutenant who has directly supervised Mr. Nguyen for several years. The lieutenant wrote, "As someone with long and direct knowledge of Nguyen, I am confident he has achieved the level of insight into the causative factors of the negative behavior of his youth, resulting in his confinement for the past twenty years, and developed the skills and inner resources necessary to prevent such behavior." Mr. Nguyen's family has written in support of his release and his sister has offered financial assistance in order for him to complete his education.

In addition, Mr. Nguyen's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Nguyen. Mr. Nguyen has exhibited a commitment to his rehabilitation over the past two decades and worked to turn his life around. I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Tin Nguyen to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Walter Oatis

On April 26, 1999, Walter Oatis committed a robbery of a liquor store, an attempted robbery of another liquor store, and robbery of a fast food restaurant. On October 4, 2002, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Oatis to 25 years to life for robbery, three years for attempted robbery, plus a 5-year prior felony enhancement – a total term of 33 years to life.

Mr. Oatis is now 46 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Oatis explained that his actions were not justified and his criminal behavior was due to his selfish, irresponsible, and impulsive behavior. He wrote, "I believe I have demonstrated exemplary behavior by rehabilitating myself, being disciplinary free, being productive, and living a law abiding life following conviction." He added, "I came in prison a drug addict and today I'm a Drug and Alcohol counselor."

Mr. Oatis has maintained a positive record during his incarceration and has never been disciplined for serious misconduct. He earned his GED and a Certificate of Achievement in General Business. He has participated in self-help classes including Alcoholics Anonymous, A Change in Perception, Victim Awareness, and Alternatives to Violence. In 2016, a correctional supervisor commended Mr. Oatis for setting an example for his peers. He has also received positive ratings from supervisors for his work performance. A teacher noted that Mr. Oatis "conducts himself with dignity and always demonstrates the utmost respect and sensitivity for student and staff alike. He has been a positive influence on the Inmate Peer Tutor Program, to all around him, and is a welcome asset to the program."

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Oatis.

I believe that Mr. Oatis has taken the necessary steps toward self-improvement and has worked for many years to rehabilitate himself. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence to allow him to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Walter Oatis to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Walter Deleon Oatis Date of Birth: [redacted] 1972 Inmate ID: T-73229

Address: P.O. BOX 689, Soledad, California 93960 (BW-306L) Facility: Soledad Central

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of Conviction(s), Sentences(s). Content: See Additional Page for Question 1.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Due to the circumstances mentioned herein, I believe nothing can justify nor condone this horrible criminal behavior. I was selfish, irresponsible, inconsiderate, impulsive, and distorted in my beliefs and values in my life.

See Additional Page for Question 2.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Stepping out on faith in God that you can see the work I have put in to rehabilitating myself. I have served 18 years thus far on a 30 year to life sentence under Three Strikes Law. I believe I have demonstrated exemplary behavior by rehabilitating myself, being disciplinary free, being productive, and living a law abiding life following conviction. (See Addit. Page)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

With the answer to Question 4, See also additional pages for the following reasons:

- * Letter of Insight * Parole Plan-Job Offers
* Letter of Remorse * Relapse Prevention Plan-Support Letters
* Letter of Responsibility * Certificates and Chronos (Achievements)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

I take full responsibility for the preparation and information provided in this matter.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Walter Deleon Oatis
(Print Full Name), declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
California that I have served the District Attorney of Los Angeles
(Name of County*) with notice of my intent to
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Walter Oatis

Applicant's Signature

July 21, 2016

Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

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To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County:

Please take notice that I Walter Deleon Oatis Sr., was convicted of the crime of 2nd Degree Robbery & Att. Robbery, committed in Los Angeles County, California on the date of April 26, 1999. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Walter Deleon Oatis Sr.
Applicant's Signature

May 24, 2016

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Woyff #10, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from WALTER OATIS SR., that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a **commutation of sentence.**

Signed Barbara Woyff

Date 8/29/16

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

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1a. Prior Conviction Summary: —Case# GA011603 —1992 —Plea for 2 years 8 months

DUI caus inj	1992	Los Angeles County	8 months
Unlaw. Driv. Tak. Veh.	1992	Los Angeles County	2 years
	Case # PA016902	1994	Plea for 8 years
2nd Degree Robbery	1994	Los Angeles County	3 years
2nd Degree Robbery	1994	Los Angeles County	1 year
Gun Enh. (12022.5a)	1994	Los Angeles County	4 years

See Abstract of Judgement

2a. Circumstances of the crimes requesting a commutation:

I was a 26 year old drug addict. Desperate to get money to feed my out of control cocaine and marijuana habit, I foolishly and selfishly entered John's Liquor Store with my hand in a gym bag, pretending to have a weapon but I did not. I demanded money from Mr. Kyong Gum Ho at the counter. He gave me some cash, I ran out, got in my vehicle, and left.

Later the same day, I attempted to rob Furman's Liquor. I displayed the same behavior by pretending to have a weapon with my hand in a gym bag but I did not. I demanded money from Mr. George Youseff at the counter. Mr. George Youseff would not open the register. I ran out, got in my vehicle, and left.

Above Mentioned Crimes

2nd Degree Robbery	April 26, 1999	Los Angeles County	= 25 years to life
2nd Degree Robbery	April 26, 1999	Los Angeles County	= 5 years
Plus 1 Prison Enhancement			<hr/>
No Weapons and No Injuries in these crimes.			30 years to life by Trial

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- 3a. Under this Three Strikes Law I am required to serve 30 years before I can be considered whether I am suitable or not. Unlike other lifers under the older laws they go to BPH alot earlier than anyone under the Three Strikes Law. There has been a few Initiatives that have passed to provide some relief for some strikers. However, none of them helped me because of my crime alone. My record of rehabilitation was never considered.

I was under the impression that as long as I didn't have any murders, Sex crimes, and no Rapes, a person could submitt a petition to the sentencing court for relief as long as a person has shown that he/she has rehabilitated themselves. I have found the opposite. It didn't matter whether a person was rehabilitated or not but moreso the type of crime they committed.

I was denied Proposition 36 with prejudice based on my crime alone. If not for the Three Strike Law my case carries from low to high(2,3,and 5 years). I haven't hurt anyone nor have I used any weapons. I have no crimes against women, children, police, nor fire fighters. I pray this opportunity will allow me to get home soon and be the father and grandpa God created me to be in this world. This is my only chance I believe I have to express my change and rehabilitation.

4. Today I'm not the young person I was when I comitted these selfish and inconsiderate acts against Mr. Kyong Gum Ho at John's Liquor and Mr. George Youseff at Furman's Liquor.

I was a 26 year old drug addict that didn't care about anyone but myself. My focus was on staying high. I was immature, selfish, irresponsible, impulsive, inconsiderate, distorted in my beliefs and values, and just out of control. I didn't know who I was nor my obligation to my family and the community.

After studying and successfully achieving a General Business Certificate through Coastline Community College, I discovered the businesses I robbed and attempted to rob were actually pillars in the community. I will never rob anyone again. I believe today, to rob or steal from anyone is robbing and stealing from God.

Today I'm 44 years old. With help from family, Christian Beliefs, College Education, Self-Help Groups, and various Volunteer Work, I have become a mature person with the passion and courage to succeed as a productive citizen of society. I understand the factors the caused my life to take this drastic turn. I understand today how my criminal behavior hurt a lot of people. Today I think about others and how my actions may impact their lives before I do them. I understand the importance of Public Safety and my civil obligations in its improved state. (Cont. Attached Page)

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Cont. Question 4.

I take full responsibility for my past horrible acts against society, my present reality, and my future that is full of promise and achievements. I came in prison a drug addict and today I'm a Drug and Alcohol Counselor.

Today, my thoughts are not the same thoughts therefore my actions are not the same actions. If given the opportunity to go home I will continue to attend AA/NA meetings. I will continue to find ways to counsel young men and women to live lives sober and worthy of honor. I will keep my obligation to God and the church. I will offer to speak to youth about crime, drugs, and gangs through the local authorities. When I am personally feeling stressed, lonely, depressed, and run into some rough times, I have support that I can call. Such as family, church leaders, AA/NA sponsors, hotlines, and local authorities. Committing crimes of any sort is never the answer to any problem or hardship. Neither is drugs or alcohol. This only creates a greater problem and makes it hard for everyone else that depends on me to be the man God created me to be. Today, I know to simply ask someone for guidance or direction is a righteous act of due diligence.

PRAYER

I pray that you grant me the opportunity to go home and put into practice what I have been learning during this 18 years of incarceration. I do not feel entitled to anything. I see this as a humble blessing to express my rehabilitation and positive growth. I pray for your consideration in granting me this commutation.

Please see the continued answer to
Question 4.

Thank you for this opportunity.
Sincerely Submitted,

Walter Deleon Oatis Sr.
Walter Deleon Oatis Sr.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Armen Oganyan

In 2005, Armen Oganyan got into a fight with his brother-in-law, Michael Navasardian. When Mr. Navasardian tried to drive away, Mr. Oganyan followed him outside with a gun and fired multiple shots, hitting him once. Mr. Navasardian survived his injuries. On August 30, 2006, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Oganyan to 7 years to life for attempted murder plus a 25-years-to-life firearm enhancement – a total term of 32 years to life in prison.

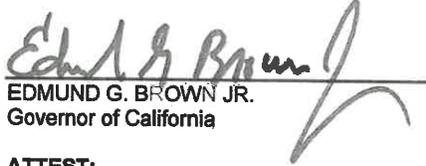
Mr. Oganyan has now been incarcerated for 13 years. During that time, he has been a model inmate. He has never been disciplined for serious misconduct, and has never been involved with gangs, violence, or drugs in prison. Mr. Oganyan has participated in multiple self-help groups, including Celebrate Recovery, Relationships, Insight, and Pathways to Freedom. He regularly receives excellent ratings from his work supervisors, and participates in a program that trains service dogs for veterans. Mr. Oganyan has been praised by members of the prison staff, who have remarked on his positive behavior and attitude. An office technician praised Mr. Oganyan's work performance and wrote, "I believe Inmate Oganyan would have an easy transition back to society and family outside of prison and would become an upstanding member to any community." A correctional officer also recognized Mr. Oganyan's good behavior and wrote, "I believe that Inmate Oganyan is a positive role-model for other inmates and is an example to all others who wish to maintain themselves in a positive program." Mr. Oganyan has developed a solid plan for returning to the community – if released, members of his family have offered him housing, financial support, and help finding a job.

In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Oganyan showed genuine remorse for his actions and said, "I've been working on myself and trying to understand who I was, and who I am, and who I'd like to be. I will not ever make this mistake again." Mr. Oganyan has refrained from violence for many years and has shown serious dedication to his rehabilitation. For all of these reasons, I believe he should have an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Armen Oganyan to a total of 13 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Oganyan, Armen Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 78 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: 21633 Ave. 24 P.O. Box 92 Chowchilla, CA 93610

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Carrying concealed weapon	11/11/2003	L.A.	Probation/Commu. Service

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On Nov. 11, 2005 I got arrested for 1 count of attempted murder and 3 counts of using a firearm. Week's before all this happened I had told my brother-in-law to stop physically assaulting my sister and not to disrespect my mother. Things kept on where when he wasn't hitting my sister but was verbally - pg.1

(EX. A)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. I'm asking you for a commutation because I got more time than a murderer or a kidnapper. My enhancement carries more time than my crime. I dont have a criminal history or gang affiliations. All I'm asking Mr. Brown would please show me some kind of mercy. I would like a second - pg.1

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Mr. Brown Jr., I believe I should be granted a commutation because I feel my sentence is disproportionate to other more serious crimes like murder. Plus I know for a fact that I'm a changed man at heart and mind. I have learned -pg.1

(EX. B)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

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I, Oganyan, Armen declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Armen Oganyan Applicant's Signature 5/31/17 Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of L.A. County: Please take notice that I, Oganyan, Armen,

was convicted of the crime of Attempted Murder,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 11/11/2005.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: F44214.

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Armen Oganyan
Applicant's Signature

5/22/17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Wolff HD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Armen Oganyan,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Wolff

Date 6/1/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(cont. from application page)

abusive. So one day when he comes to pickup my sister I confronted him and he began to assault me. That's where I ran in the house grabbed my gun and as he was driving away I began to shoot.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(cont. from application page)

chance to life. I've never been married and I don't have any kids. I'm not a hardened criminal and I refuse for this place to mold me in their image. I know I'm better than that. If possible would you please reduce or eliminate my 25 years to life gun enhancement and for advancement of parole eligibility. Now my earliest parole date is 2032. I've been incarcerated for 11 yrs. I have a 70-year old Mother that I need to take care of until she departs, also my sister, and my 12-year old Nephew who I love very much.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

(cont. from application page)

about GOD in here more than I could have on the streets. And I have learned all things good and evil starts in the heart, then mind and then we act on it. It is written "be transformed by the renewing of your mind" and that's what I'm working on. This is my first and last time for prison for me. I hate it in here. But I can honestly say that prison has not made me a bitter person but better. I have now realized the severity of my crime. Not only I have hurt an undeserving human being, but I have taken away a father from his wife and son. Plus I have taken a son from his mother and I also made myself a victim of my circumstance by giving up my freedom. I have taken this very hard and still do. Every morning I wake up in here I'm reminded my foolish actions. But I still keep hope alive because every day is a gift. That's why I'm doing and will continue to go to self-help groups and learn and change my thinking. I have learned a lot by going to groups, listening to people's stories, their hurts and experiences. I've also learned some home improvement on a show that airs on PBS called, "Ask This Old House". I've also learned to train dogs by watching the one and only true trainer, Caesar Millan, "The Dog Whisperer". I have considered a career in either cooking, dog trainer or dental technician. My cousin is a dentist and she has few locations in the Valley. Through the positive things that I have learned in my 11 years of incarceration, I plan to continue in my healing and growth process by going to more groups and applying myself every day, because my goal and desire it to become a productive member in society. I know I am capable of being a better and productive person who can contribute something positive to society. I have been disciplinary free for 11 years thus far, and will continue to program in this manner no matter what the outcome. Thank you Honorable Governor Brown, for your time and consideration regarding my application.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Kitiona Paepule

In 1987, 20-year-old Kitiona Paepule and John Young were hired to kill Thomas Wilson, a drug dealer. They broke into Mr. Wilson's house and Mr. Paepule shot him, killing him. Mr. Young also beat up Susan Lee, and one of the men shot her. Ms. Lee survived her injuries. On March 8, 1991, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Paepule to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Paepule is now 51 years old and has been incarcerated for 30 years. In his application for clemency, he described how much he has changed in the three decades since he committed this crime. He wrote, "I am no longer that naïve and idiotic kid I once was. I thank my Lord and savior for prison! It made me a better person, someone who is willing to positively share the truth of my experiences with anyone willing to hear, learn, or share." It is clear from his record that Mr. Paepule has made a significant transformation since coming to prison. He has devoted himself to his education, earning three A.A. degrees and an A.S. degree from Coastline Community College. He has lived on honor yards for years and took college classes through a California State University – Los Angeles bachelor's program. Mr. Paepule has participated in several Arts in Corrections programs, and currently works as the lead painter on a crew that paints murals in the prison. In 2018, one work supervisor called Mr. Paepule a "model citizen" and wrote, "Mr. Paepule has worked closely with many other inmates and staff and has exhibited everything that CDCR aspires to in terms of rehabilitation. I can only give him my best regards in whatever he sets his hand to and I have great confidence in what the future holds for him." Mr. Paepule has a strong plan in place if he is granted parole – his wife, children, and many other family members have offered him housing and support to help him transition back into the community.

Despite serving a sentence that gave him no hope of being released from prison, Mr. Paepule has worked hard to become a positive and contributing member of society. He has demonstrated that he is no longer the same young man who committed this senseless crime. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Paepule has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kitiona Paepule to a total of 30 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Kitiona (Gideon) Tautua Paepule Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1967 Inmate ID: #E-90146

Address: P.O. Box 4430, Lancaster, CA 93539-4430 Facility: CSP-LAC A4-234

1. Conviction Summary: Count I: Pen. Code, Section 187 (A) 12022 (B) Murder in the first degree
Count II: Pen. Code, Section 664/187 (A) 12022.7 Attempted Murder

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
N/A			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Tom Wilson, a top cocaine smuggler who became hooked on crack cocaine, burglarized my then good friend Dean Kennedy's home. Later, when Dean tried to retrieve some of the stolen items back from Tom, Tom and another person beat Dean up pretty bad. In the retaliatory process of getting them back for Dean, Tom was killed. Susan Yee (Tom's girlfriend) and her son who were not suppose to be there that night, both knew John Young (Dean's roommate). "If they live," John said, "we're looking at some serious time!" "I'd rather do the time, John!"

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

While I am still mentally sound, healthy, and physically fit, I would like to give back to society by joining a fire camp! I am a great "team player" and a positive motivator, willing to give the rest of life in service to a worthy cause. Yes, please commute my sentence and I will faithfully and wholeheartedly serve on the front lines of California's fire crews.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I am no longer that naive and idiotic kid I once was. I thank my Lord and savior for prison! It made me a better person, someone who is willing to positively share the truth of my experiences with anyone willing to hear, learn, or share. As an artist, I've donated many of my art pieces to various non-profits. I have four AA degrees from Coastline College, and currently enrolled in Cal State University (L.A.).

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

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I, Kitiona (Gideon) Tautua Paepule, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles / Van Nuys with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Kitiona Paepule March 5, 2017
Applicant's Signature Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Robert Pepe

On April 6, 1997, on orders of the gang he associated with, Robert Pepe went to Edward Berber's work and ordered him to step outside. When Mr. Berber walked outside, Mr. Pepe shot him several times in the abdomen. Thankfully, Mr. Berber survived. On October 27, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Pepe to 15 years to life for attempted murder and 10 years for a firearm enhancement — a total term of 25 years to life.

Mr. Pepe has now been incarcerated for almost 11 years. In his interview with a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Mr. Pepe explained how pressure from the gang led him to commit this crime and said that he immediately disassociated from the gang afterwards. In his application for clemency, Mr. Pepe explained described the changes he has made since coming to prison. He wrote, "I have used this time to become a better citizen." He continued, "I have engaged in schooling and have been certified as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor. I have dedicated myself to helping others reach healing and rehabilitation. The Offender Mentor Certification Program has empowered me with the opportunity to give back to the community, starting in prison and [continuing] upon release."

During over a decade in prison, Mr. Pepe has turned away from gangs, drugs, and violence and dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. As he noted in his application, Mr. Pepe earned his certification as a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Specialist, engaging in a lengthy and rigorous training process to receive his certification. He participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, Positive Parenting, Criminals & Gang Members Anonymous, Substance Abuse and Relapse Prevention, and Alternatives to Violence. In addition, Mr. Pepe served as a facilitator for Anger Management and the Breaking Free Drug/Alcohol Treatment Program.

Mr. Pepe's hard work and dedication has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him regularly. A counselor in the Offender Mentor Certification Program wrote in 2018 that Mr. Pepe is "conscientious, [has] integrity, professionalism, flexibility, and competency" as a mentor and co-facilitator in the program. The counselor continued, "Mr. Pepe, you are a good influence to your peers by giving them positive input and constructive criticism in applying what they have learned to their life." In 2014, a group sponsor for the Anger Management program commended Mr. Pepe for his work as a facilitator in the group, noting, "In his presentations, he utilized the programs' principles and tools to provide new coping skills, tools, and materials to effect self-awareness and positive change for his peers to utilize in their rehabilitation process." A trainer in the Inmate Peer Education program praised Mr. Pepe in 2014 for providing group education classes. The trainer wrote, "Inmate Pepe's efforts in providing awareness and prevention techniques for infectious diseases have fulfilled a valuable service to this institution, and he is commended for his dedication."

Since committing this crime, Mr. Pepe has demonstrated his commitment to rehabilitation and education. He has been a role model for other inmates and helped them achieve positive goals in an extremely challenging environment. Because of this, I believe Mr. Pepe has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Robert Pepe to a total of 11 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Robert Dewey Pepe Jr. Date of Birth: [redacted] 74 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: A.S.P. 650-6-5E | P.O. Box # 906 | Arenal, CA. |

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 664.187(A), 12022.5(A), 186.22(B)(4)	1997	Los Angeles	15L + 10
PC 245(A)(2), 12022.5(A), 186.22(B)(1)	1997	Los Angeles	stayed

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have been convicted of a cold case crime (1997; Crime, 2007; arrest) in which identity of actual shooter is the issue. Upon reading my transcripts it is clear that I was never factually identified as the shooter it is assumed/suggested. Also it is never actually proven that I am/was a gang

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting commutation of sentence because I feel that #1- the sentence is disproportionate to the crime for a lot. term offender; #2 the court never offered a plea bargain; #3 the rules in applying a gang enhancement were not actually met (see: 3 prong rule in the CA. penal

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I would like to be granted commutation because I have used this time to become a better citizen. I've spent many hours in self-help groups in order to foster healing for my past hurts which were the

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

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I, Robert D. Pepe Jr., declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Robert D. Pepe Jr.
Applicant's Signature

6/17/10
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

#2 (continued)

member and lastly, there is no proof that the DA's assertion that I committed a crime at the direction of a third party actually happened, again it is a suggestion. Furthermore, there was a photo line up in which I was "supposedly" picked out by a witness. However, this was destroyed while in possession of police officials, therefore unchallengeable. Lastly, the DA (Alase) and DA (Duvall) have been found guilty of perjury which resulted in a mistrial in the same court at the same time (People v. G. Morales)

#3 (continued)

code for gang enhancements). Furthermore, due to recent case law (people v. martinez and people v. rodriguez) the gang enhancement is not applicable to me in this offense. In the interest of fairness/justice it is my hope that you consider these facts in reaching your decision.

#4 (continued)

causitive factors for my behavior issues. I have engaged in schooling and have been certified as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor. I have dedicated myself to helping others reach healing and rehabilitation. The offender Mentor Certification Program has empowered me with the opportunity to give back to the community by starting in prison and ensuring that I'll be able to continue upon release. Also, I am happily married husband of 11 years with 4 children who desperately need their father to set the example and break the cycle of dysfunction that leads to crime and broken families which deteriorates our society. Lastly, I am a part of the community and with my current certification and education I am job ready. I have other skills to ensure that I can obtain and sustain full time work. I also have resources, friends, family and community organizations willing to help and welcome me back into society.

#1	(cont'd)	(offense)	(Year)	(county)	(sentence)
①		Inflicting Corporal Punishment	1994	Los Angeles	(3yr. Probation Anger management
②		Criminal mischief	1998	clackamas, OR.	FINE

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Michael Petty

In September 2006, armed with a stun gun, Michael Petty and several of his friends committed a home invasion robbery. Mr. Petty stole personal property and a vehicle. In October 2006, Mr. Petty and his friends burglarized a fitness gym. Mr. Petty stole office equipment and furnishings. On January 15, 2008, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Petty to four years for burglary, one year for robbery, eight months for vehicle theft, three years and four months for a gang enhancement, plus 10 years for a firearm enhancement—a total term of 19 years. Mr. Petty has a youth offender parole eligible date of February 2021.

During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Petty reported that his crimes were fueled by his drug and gambling addictions. He explained that he was 19 years old when he committed these burglaries, and had been seriously addicted to prescription pills since his senior year of high school. Mr. Petty reported that he had accepted that he was "a screw up" and after graduation, he ingested pills daily. Mr. Petty told the investigator that he hopes that his work and programming speak for themselves.

Mr. Petty has now been incarcerated for more than 11 years and is 31 years old. He has worked to overcome his addictions, accomplish goals, and prepare himself for release from prison. Mr. Petty has never been disciplined for violence or gang activity. He has completed several college courses. Mr. Petty has also completed vocational training in office services and in electronics. He has participated in Narcotics Anonymous, Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Beat the Street, and Getting Out by Going In, among other self-help programs. Mr. Petty has also completed multiple employment-readiness courses and established himself as a reliable worker. He recently completed firehouse training and works at the firehouse at Calipatria State Prison. Upon his release, Mr. Petty's family has offered to provide housing and assistance securing employment to help him transition into society. More than 300 friends and family members documented their support for his application for clemency.

I do not discount the very real losses suffered by the victims of Mr. Petty's crimes, but based on his dedication to educational and vocational self-improvement, I believe that Mr. Petty has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Michael Petty to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., State Capitol, Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

COM-2149-14

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: PETTY Michael R. Date of Birth: 1987 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: Michael PETTY C.12159, CCI C.4.2384, PO Box 1905 Tehachas, CA 93581

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
BURGLARY 1st	9/19/2006	Riverside, CA	6 YEARS
VEHICLE THEFT	9/19/2006	Riverside, CA	8 Months
BURGLARY 2ND	10/4/2006	Riverside CA	8 Months

(SEE Attachment #1)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I HAD JUST TURNED 19 YEARS OLD AND I WAS STILL A VERY IMMATURE KID. I ALSO HAD A GAMBLING ADDICTION AT THE TIME. IN A TIME PERIOD OF ABOUT 6 MONTHS I COMPLETELY LOST MY WAY. I FELL IN WITH THE WRONG CROWD AND I STOLE PROPERTY FROM A FRIENDS

(SEE Attachment #2)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I AM REQUESTING A COMMUTATION BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH I UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF MY CRIMES I RECEIVED 19 YEARS 4 MONTHS FOR THESE ACTIONS. I WAS 19 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME, BASICALLY STILL A KID. I WAS NOT IN THE RIGHT STATE OF MIND. I RECEIVED 10 YEARS

(SEE Attachment #3)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I BELIEVE I SHOULD BE GRANTED A COMMUTATION BECAUSE I WAS GIVEN 10 YEARS OF MY TIME FOR THE USE OF A GUN THAT WAS NEVER DISCHARGED. I KNOW IT WAS STILL A VERY BIG

(SEE Attachment #4)

5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

Attachment #1

Robbery 2ND USE/Firearm - 3/1/2006 Riverside, CA 12 YEARS
GANG activity

CA STATE PRISON
CCL-TEHACHA
FACILITY C 21194

TOTAL OF 19 YEARS 4 MONTHS

Attachment #2

HOME WHEN HE WASNT HOME . I THEN STOLE HIS
VEHICLE . I STOLE WORKOUT EQUIPMENT FROM A GYM AS
WELL AS TO MAINTAIN A GAMBLING ADDICTION . WHEN
THAT WAS NOT ENOUGH I BORROWED A GUN AND COMMITTED
A ROBBERY FOR MONEY BUT THE GUN WAS NEVER
DISCHARGED .

Attachment #3

OF MY SENTENCE FOR HAVING A GUN DURING THE
COMMISSION OF A FELONY. THE GUN WAS NEVER
DISCHARGED I AM REQUESTING A COMMUTATION
BECAUSE I BELIEVE I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON IN
THE LAST 7 YEARS. I'VE BECOME AN ADULT AND
I'VE HAD MORE THEN ENOUGH TIME TO UNDERSTAND
MY WRONGDOINGS.

Attachment #4

MISTAKE BUT IN THE 7 YEARS SINCE I'VE HAD
PLENTY OF TIME TO CONTEMPLATE THE SEVERITY OF
MY ACTIONS. I'VE BECOME AN ADULT AND I'VE DONE
EVERYTHING I CAN TO BETTER MYSELF NOT JUST
FOR ME BUT FOR MY FAMILY AS WELL WHO
HAVE BEEN BY MY SIDE THE WHOLE TIME. I'M
CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN COLLEGE COURSES AND HAVE BEEN
FOR A COUPLE YEARS. I'VE COMPLETED SEVERAL
VOCATIONAL COURSES. (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS). I'VE
MAINTAINED A JOB IN EVERY FACILITY I'VE BEEN
TO AND KEPT A GOOD RAPPORT WITH STAFF. I'LL
CONTINUE TO BETTER MYSELF IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.
I BELIEVE I'VE SHOWN GROWTH AND IMPROVEMENT
IN THE LAST 7 YEARS TO BE GRANTED A
COMMUTATION.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Lynda Pichel

Lynda Pichel and Steven Shane were friends. In August 2002, Ms. Pichel referred Reginald Perkins to Mr. Shane for an auto repair. While taking the car for a test drive, the car stalled. Mr. Shane left the car on the side of a road and allowed it to be impounded. Ms. Pichel made multiple attempts to contact Mr. Shane, to no avail. Ms. Pichel and Mr. Perkins kidnapped Mr. Shane and demanded to know where the car was located. After taking Ms. Pichel home, Mr. Perkins bound Mr. Shane's wrists and ankles with packing tape, stabbed and shot him. Mr. Shane died from his injuries. On January 7, 2005, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Pichel to 25 years to life for murder and 8 years for kidnapping – a total of 33 years to life.

In her commutation application, Ms. Pichel wrote, "Being in a place like this has given me time to go in to my own self and straighten things out and get to know who I really am. I am not the person that left Victorville 10 years ago. I have been sober this whole time. I pay attention to what's right and what's wrong. I've spent 10 years getting to know and fix myself. I wasn't a bad person before; I just made a lot of bad choices, now I know I don't have to or need to make those choices. I avoid those situations, and have sense enough to say no when it is necessary. . . . It hurts me in my soul knowing that I hurt so many people in such an extreme way. I can't change the past; I can only change myself and try to make a difference in the future."

Ms. Pichel's dedication to self-improvement and rehabilitation is seen by her exemplary conduct in prison. She has maintained a spotless disciplinary record during her 16 years of incarceration. Ms. Pichel has earned two A.A. degrees, and is in the process of obtaining a B.A. degree. She has participated in self-help classes, including Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholic Anonymous, Anger Management, Houses of Healing, and Victim Impact. In addition to her commitment to education, Ms. Pichel has maintained steady employment, routinely receiving above average work ratings.

While Mr. Shane's death was tragic and senseless, I believe that based on Ms. Pichel's limited role in the crime, her rehabilitation, and exemplary record, Ms. Pichel has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Lynda Pichel to a total of 16 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Dear Governor Brown,

My name is Lynda Pichel; I have been incarcerated at CCWF & VSPW for the past 10 years. I was arrested in 2002 and convicted in 2005 of kidnapping & murder (187E/207). I am currently 47 years of age. The reason I'm writing this letter is because I am requesting a commutation of sentence. All that I'm asking for is to remove the life off of my sentence and I do/finish 50% of the 8yrs plus 25yrs. I know how many people that I have hurt in this crime, especially Mr. Shane and his family, my children and grandchildren, my family and many more. I never meant to hurt anybody. I've spent the past 10yrs trying to make myself a better person. I have spent this time getting to know who I am and working on and improving areas that need it. I been using this time to complete a lot of self-help groups to help me understand my self and make better choices, understanding why we do some of the things we do, and how to control ourselves. I wish I would have taken the time or knew how to find these programs 15-20 years ago. They would have changed my life then. I know a lot of people are not happy to have come to prison or thankful for anything with discipline, but I am forever grateful that I was sent to prison. I truly feel that this experience saved my life. Being in a place like this gives a person time to reflect, time to miss, and a lot of time to think about what I've done with my life, mostly what I've done to others' lives. I am a better person. I truly feel that I have been rehabilitated.

I'm begging for commutating of sentence so that I may go home to my family. I feel a hunger in me to get out and try to help inform this new generation. I know how everybody invplved in my case was emotionally divested, and I know I can't give back what was taken from them, and I'm so deeply sorry from the whole of my soul for ever being part of this situation. I wish I could express my apologies to Mr. Shane's family, and let them know that if I could help that willing and that I am truly sorry from my whole soul and never knew or expected this to happen. I don't expect forgiveness but I just want them to know how sorry I am and if there's anything I can help with I'm here and willing. I know for a fact that once I parole I won't ever come back to prison. I know I would be good for society. Thank you for taking the time to read this folder.

I was a different person back when this happened, I was drinking and feeling alone, thought I needed somebody and because I didn't want to be alone. I felt like I was losing everything and drink helped the last couple of weeks, but it left me focusing, and hanging around with the wrong type of people it seems the ones worse off than myself & troublesome. When this all started I truly believed I was helping everyone involved. Mr. Shane needed some extra money and my co-defendant needed his car fixed. Yes my co-defendant was just paroled from prison, but I believe it was because he kept going back for lack of a secure place of residence. I didn't know of his violent history. I believe his original crime was drugs. I also knew he said he wanted to change. I was always raised to help people if you can; well truly that's what I thought I was doing in the beginning when asking for the car to be fixed. Still after the car went missing and we went looking for Mr. Shane it still was only to get the car back or I thought. By the time Mr. Shane was found and there was no car things got heated with my co-defendant and Mr. Shane, but Mr. Shane still said he'd help find the car. I should have known then that if we didn't find the car things would go bad, but I just kept thinking or hoping on the positive side. When we didn't find the car, we dropped Mr. Shane and my co-defendant of at my co-defendants house. While Mr. Shane told me they'd find it, I should have known better then to leave him. I should have called the

police then. My intoxicated mind was thinking that I was no longer responsible for the car; the two guys were together and would work it out. I've learned that your mind always needs to stay clear, I lost my friend because I didn't pay attention to what I was doing and gave him over to someone who was violent. I feel I put things in motion and left my friend there to die.

You know these days I know I left my friend in a dangerous situation without even realizing it, when we did find Mr. Shane that night I yelled at him for taking the car and not bringing it back. I told him to just go and get it for my co-defendant, so I feel I'm one of the reasons he went to, and I left him, because I was drunk and didn't want to bother with it I guess. I wasn't thinking and just left him. So even though I may not have pulled that trigger, or even been there, or even knew it was happening, I'm just as responsible because I asked him to fix my co-defendants car without realizing how unstable this person was, for helping look for Mr. Shane when the car went missing. I should have just called the police then, even better never asked for the car to be fixed. I am responsible for leaving him with my co-defendant; with the anger there I should never have left. My sister wouldn't have given them a ride later to take Mr. Shane home, and have the crime happen in the back of her truck. That's another person hurt because of the trauma she went through with these people she just met.

Any crime is a big deal because it's the little parts you don't realize that leads to big ones. I've hurt so many people, not only Mr. Shane, but his children and family, my children and grandchildren, my family, both of our friends, my co-defendant's family, have all been hurt.

What would I have handled differently today?

I wouldn't be around those types of people. I sure wouldn't drink especially to block out things. I'd have people get their own car fixed at a shop. Call authorities if a crime is committed. Also, don't get involved with other peoples stuff unless someone is being hurt or a crime is being committed, and then call the proper authorities.

Would I have handled it differently today?

Absolutely!! I wouldn't even associate with a person like my co-defendant. I always question things when I feel something is foul or feel a crime is being committed; I will call the authorities and let them handle it. When something needs fixing I'll get it done by experts not friends as things can happen. My actions affected so many more lives than I ever realized. I wish I could personally apologize to everyone. I lost a lot of common friends of Mr. Shane's and mine due to leaving him in that situation and I understand why. Mr. Shane, who isn't with us anymore, had his life taken from him by my co-defendant. I can only imagine how traumatized his family was and how it affected the rest of their lives; not being there to raise his children, not being at family functions. I wish I could apologize to the judge, jury, and attorneys for disrupting their lives. I do apologize to my family every chance I get. It hurts me in my soul knowing that I hurt so many people in such an extreme way. I can't change the past; I can only change myself and try to make a difference in the future.

It was about 6 weeks after I was arrested I was talking to my granddaughter who was 3 years old at this time and didn't understand or know that her grandma was in jail, so she said, " grandma I need

you to come home now because I can't sleep anymore" that's when I realized what was happening. Life as I knew it wasn't the same, it's hard to explain, but something inside me broke and I felt what Mr. Shane children must have felt, my granddaughter had just shown me. At that time I felt a spiritual awakening from that day on I felt like a very different person. I started attending the church session every week in the county jail (West Valley Det. Ctr. and Glen Helan Reb.) and spoke often with Chaplin. After leaving the county jail and moving on to CCWF I still continued to correspond with my Chaplin from the county jail. I also have completed many bible study groups and attended many self-help program also, I have decided to further my education and I'm in college right now working on my AA degree and also taking this life scripting course that I'm told is one of the best courses on understanding ourselves. Being in a place like this it has given me time to go in to my own self and straighten things out and get to know who I really am. I am not the person that left Victorville 10yrs ago. I have been sober this whole time. I pay attention to what's right and what's wrong. I've spent 10 years getting to know and fix myself. I wasn't a bad person before; I just made a lot of bad choices, now I know i don't have to or need to make those choices. I avoid those situations, and have sense enough to say no when it is necessary.

What I'm doing now as a result of my changes in my life is attending and participating in various self-help programs. I realize and accept the fact I do need help from others to maintain my life on the right track. I have also accepted god in my life. I am not a hard person anymore. I have been baptized in here, I attended Kairos and was a server to give back, I continued to meet with the Kairos Ladies once a month, I experienced the "Passion of Christ" I have taken Anger Management, also self-esteem classes, participated in a 12 step program (White Bison), (AVP) Alternative to Violence, Coda (co-dependency), and Boundaries, 7-Habits, Life scripting, waiting on the aware class now.

In the future to prevent myself from ever committing another crime or repeat the mistake I made in the past, I've learned to second guess, or rather think ahead of both roads, directions. I know I don't have to settle for the first choice, and that we have the right to say "No". I know that I can't and won't associate with anybody that would jeopardize my freedom in anyway. Life is too valuable to throw away. I've also spent the past 10 years thinking about the life I could have had if I hadn't ask Mr. Shane to fix that car or even help look for him that night before he was killed, or even if I had just called the police when the car wasn't there in my driveway. I think about the life my children could have had and my grandchildren, some of which I've never seen in person, and I even think about the life Mr. Shane's children could have had. I don't want to ever hurt anybody ever again. I plan on attending recovery programs, church, attaining a job and keeping it, I plan on keeping my life at a constant busy. I also want to volunteer to help the community, churches, and food banks, whatever I can. I want to do whatever I can to "give back". I can't take back what happened but maybe I can give back, or even educate others (the next generation) on how easy it is to throw everything in your life away. I feel so sick about how many different people were affected by my crime, and how their lives are forever changed. I know Mr. Shane's family was traumatized and forever emotionally damaged by this vicious act brought upon their family. I could only imagine what his family went through. I never wish that kind of hurt and pain on anybody. I wish I could express to all how truly and deeply sorry I am. I do hope his family is able to recover from this tragedy, to rebuild and go on with life as normal as possible. I am also just sorry for the

family I have. They've lost also, the four beautiful children I have, one daughter and three sons and two grandchildren at the time of the crime. The ages were 22, 21, 20, & 16 also 3 and 1 years old. My daughter who was the oldest stepped up and took in her youngest 16 year old brother and supported herself and him while trying to continue college to, unfortunately he tried to stay in school but felt that he needed to help out more, so my 16 year old quit school after 6 months, got a job and moved out less than a year later. It stopped his dreams of playing football, going to college, or even finishing school, but he knew or felt that he lost his chance at playing pro-football and he let that go. I again took that from him, he got off track with no guidance at first in the beginning of his adult life and messed up a little, but I am so thankful that he was blessed and was given a second chance at doing what's right in life and my son had his sister and brothers to help remind him of what could and would happen and about choices in life, my son turned his life around and decided he wanted better, he moved away from wrong friends he found a good job, is back in school working on a GED, and met a young lady that fills his life with happiness. He says every day is a struggle without his mom but he knows why I've always taught them right jail is not a place for them. My daughter has also helped her 20 year old brother out at times with his children as he worked but was used to mom still helping him out/ he was a young parent that still lived at home, still had his problems. As he was on probation and need help getting places, he was now trying to make it on his own with his girlfriend and kids. My Michael was having a little anger issues it seemed to me back then and I could only assume it was because he was feeling as if he was losing people he loved. His best friend he grew up with was stabbed to death less than a year before and left for dead; another was in the service and died in Iraq than I was gone. I also believe at this time my son started doing drugs. My daughter said she couldn't control all his actions but only be there to pick him up and for the babies. Then there was my 21 year old son Eddy, he was in the service himself, serving in Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan for a little over 8 years, but he continued to help his brothers and sister out, when he came home on a visit and found out what happened. After his time was over and he decided he didn't want that life anymore and finally came home he wasn't the same, he was like 2 people and my children learned to understand their brother again. He was in & out of the V.A Hospital by himself and now lives on medication to help him sleep and for some of the pain he is always in. as for the different personalities he goes through. My children understand now as my brother has helped them all know what my son has seen and gone through. My children are very lost without me and cling even tighter to each other, since not having a father or any grandparents left, all they have was the Lord, their mom, and each other. Well God is still with them and they still have each other and their new families and I pray every day that I'll be home one day to. They have always been close as that's how I've raised them, but this has shown them how quickly someone can be ripped away. I now have 11 grandchildren and God has shown me how blessed I really am and how humble I need to be and stay. My grandchildren ask about me all the time and one day they'll meet me, others aren't as lucky and truly sorry for that, these and this is some of the pain I've caused. I'm sorry again.

I really wish I could tell Mr. Shane's family how sorry I am not only for my actions, but also for everything that occurred from my co-defendants. I know that alcohol abuse, co-dependency, ignorance, and wrongful trust aren't an excuse, but in my life it was a factor in why this crime occurred. I had been drinking a lot to cover some of the other problems in my life. I now realize I did this to numb my feelings about everything or make me feel stronger. I was in an emotional pit. I never paid close attention to

what was really happening around me, just listened to what was said to me and the alcohol made it believable.

The first few weeks or so I really thought I had nothing to worry about because I wasn't there when Mr. Shane was murdered, but then it hit me my friend was dead and they were saying he was kidnapped the night before, that's when we picked him up and dropped him off with my co-defendant, it hit me that it was my fault to. I had helped find him whether I knew or not I helped find him it didn't matter if I thought it was innocent, all good intentions I still helped find him. I realized I was partly to blame to.

I hardly knew my co-defendant; I only dated him for 30 days (1 month). I knew he had just gotten out of prison, but again my naive self-believed it was for not having a place to live when being released on parole. Before he said he wanted to change and I believed it. When we were locked up my sister informed me of some of the bad things he had done in and out of prison. He asked me to help him change and I thought I could, he needed his car fixed cheap and I thought my friend could do it; I didn't think or know all these ugly vicious acts would have occurred and changed so many lives.

Today I don't do favors without asking questions first, by the time I'm done with questions or telling what I think needs to be done, the people usually just ends up doing it themselves. I pray to god every day to help me be aware and know the difference in good and bad. I am positive I will never make a mistake like that again. First step would be not being around or associate with anybody that would have bad intentions. Second is if I do find myself around the wrong people, get up and run as far away and as fast as I can. I just want to go home and be with only my family. Living in this place for 10 years has calmed my soul. It's kind of hard to explain. I feel old, not old but aged; I've grown beyond the need for attention.

I have written to multiple self-help, recovery and half-way living programs, transitional living. I also wrote to many employer that hire ex-offenders. I do realize that I will need help is and when I am released. I lived a long life under the influence that brought me here, I will need some reprogramming. I have so far received a few of the letters back. Some I qualify for, others I don't, but more information was sent for other places that can possibly help me to. I have also written to them. I know I no longer drink to feel or cover feelings, but I am going to stay active in making sure that I won't ever slip or trip. I am so very seriously set on maintaining my clean and sober life for the rest of my life. I have worked every day since being here and have all outstanding reports from all of my supervisors. Upon my release into a program, I will learn to obtain and maintain lengthy employment. I will give my all back to my community. I will volunteer at shelters, food banks, churches, and any place that I can give back. I will attend AA and alcohol programs and other groups for self-esteem and co-dependency. I'm begging for the chance to prove that I'm very serious about everything that I have written. Especially how sorry I am for everyone I have hurt, and for the changes I've mad and still plan to change for the better. I did everything that was said I did that night before when we picked up Mr. Shane, but not the next day as we dropped them off less than 20 minutes after picking him up at the co-defendants apt. I was not there had no knowledge, intention or contributed to the murder of Mr. Shane. Even in the mental state that I was in at the time with the other things I was going through, I would never contemplate taking of

another life, not even through someone else hands. I truly pray that Mr. Shane's family has been able to get the emotional help needed and able to move forward and live a normal life.

Upon my release, I will be going to a transitional living house to help with establishing myself into society. Then to N. Las Vegas to my daughters house in Nevada if allowed.

Thank you so much for taking the time to listen to my plea.

Respectfully



Lynda Pichel

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
Commutation of Sentence

Honorable Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

I hereby make application for a Commutation of Sentence pursuant to Penal Code (PC) Section 4800, and respectfully represent the facts as follows:

Specify the Action you are requesting of the Governor

- Traditional Pardon
- Reduction of your Conviction Level
- Reduction of your Sentence The Life dropped from my sentence, complete 50% of 33yrs.
- Release from Prison
- Discharge from Parole
- Declaration of Innocence
- Other (If Other, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN)

Have you previously applied for a Commutation of Sentence?

YES (If Yes, WHEN?) _____
 NO

Pichel	Lynda	Lea
LAST Name	FIRST Name	MIDDLE Name
[REDACTED]	1964 Northridge, CA.	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Citizenship
		U.S.
		[REDACTED]
		Social Security Number
		X-09765
		Prison Number

ALIASES, if any

Mulholland	Lynda	Lea
LAST Name	FIRST Name	MIDDLE Name
LAST Name	FIRST Name	MIDDLE Name

RESIDENCE, If NOT in Custody

N/E
Address _____ Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc.
Zip Code _____ City _____ State _____

RESIDENCE, If In Custody

21633 ave.24	D1-06-4L
Prison Address	Building, Block, or Tier
93610	Chow Chilla,
Zip Code	City
	Bunk or Bed
	CA.
	State

MARRIAGES

<u>Pichel</u>	<u>Reggy</u>	<u>John</u>
Spouse's LAST Name	Spouse's FIRST Name	Spouse's MIDDLE Name
<u>Jan. 31, 1981</u>	<u>Oct. 1984</u>	<u>Holland- (country)</u>
Date Married	Date Divorced	Current County of Residence

Spouse's LAST Name	Spouse's FIRST Name	Spouse's MIDDLE Name
Date Married	Date Divorced	Current County of Residence

CHILDREN

SEE Attached next page

Child's LAST Name	Child's FIRST Name	Child's MIDDLE Name
Date of Birth	Current County of Residence	

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Have you applied to the Department of Corrections or the Board of Prison Terms for a Recall of Sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170 (d) or (e)?

YES (If Yes, WHEN?) NO

If Yes, BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE the Outcome.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

Use additional paper, as needed, to complete your responses.

1. Circumstances of your offense(s). I thought I was helping a friend make money & another get his car fixed. I then helped locate friend when car went missi I left him with car owner to find car and knew owner was angry. I left my friend in a violent situation without thinking about it. I left him to die. no matter how drunk.

2. Describe your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration. since incarcerated I've completed several self-help groups, 12 step white-bison, kairos, college classes leading to aa degree, donated lap blankets to childrens hospital, part of a group that adopted a school, have participated in a.a. and have continued to work on bettering myself.

3. Describe your prison record. (Commendations, Disciplinary Actions, etc.) I have an exceptional work record at all my jobs, D1-porter, c&d-cook, main kitchen worker, plumbing, Idl. maintnence, all tell how I'll go above and beyond the duty and in all conditions.

4. Briefly explain the reason(s) your request should be granted. I believe I have been fully rehabilitated and have job training. Upon my release I believe I can give back to my community with volunteer work, speaking to juvenals to help make a change, help my family, and anywhere else I am needed. I believe I have learned a lot from this and have a lot to teach others.

Information required pursuant to Penal Code Section 4807.2.

Has compensation been given to anyone assisting you with this application?

YES If Yes, HOW MUCH WAS PAID? \$ _____
 NO

Is this person an Attorney? YES
 NO

Person's LAST Name Person's FIRST Name Person's MIDDLE Name

I, Lynda Lea Pichel declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided on this application
Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

and on any addendum is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may cause cancellation of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Lynda Lea Pichel
Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED

Lynda Pichel
Applicant - SIGNATURE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of July 2012
Day of the Month month, Year

In, and for the City of CHOWCHILLA, County of MADERA

Full Name of Notary Public - TYPED or PRINTED

Notary Public - SIGNATURE

Refer to ATTACHED: NOTARY'S OWN DOCUMENT

This form must be signed by the Applicant, dated, and Notarized. Any Addendum submitted in response to the information requested herein must also be signed, dated, and attached to this application. In accordance with Penal Code 4804, a Notice of Intention to Apply for Executive Clemency form must be completed and mailed to each District Attorney in each county where you have been convicted of a felony prior to the Governor acting upon your request.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Abraham Preciado

On June 1, 1997, 18-year-old Abraham Preciado and Jose Luis Garcia kidnapped Javier Rodriguez as he returned to his home with his family. Mr. Preciado believed Mr. Rodriguez had recently burglarized his home and had previously kidnapped and raped his fiancée's 14-year-old sister. Mr. Preciado and Mr. Garcia drove Mr. Rodriguez to a rural area in Riverside County, and Mr. Preciado shot Mr. Rodriguez multiple times, killing him. On November 19, 1999, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Preciado to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a four-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Preciado has now been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Preciado wrote, "Since my incarceration, I finally have been able to grasp and realize the impact my crime has had not only on the victim's family but on the community as well." He continued, "The only way to show my sincere remorse is by my continuous actions of good behavior, rehabilitation and acts of penance to anyone that is in need."

During more than two decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Preciado has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has been disciplined for misconduct only once. He earned his GED and three A.A. degrees. Mr. Preciado completed vocational training in Information Technology Literacy and Office Services and Related Technologies. Mr. Preciado has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Healing Dialogue & Action, Victim Awareness, Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, Narcotics Anonymous, Dealing with Anger, and Stress Management.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Preciado has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him on a regular basis. Mr. Preciado is Executive Body-Member-Chairperson of the Alternatives to Violence Program at Ironwood. In 2018, a group sponsor wrote that Mr. Preciado "has enhanced the program through participation, advice, and guidance. Inmate Preciado displays many good leadership traits—for example, he is passionate about the classes he teaches, and donates endless hours putting together and creating new curriculums." The sponsor continued, "He encourages [other inmates] to challenge new ways of thinking when dealing with anger, showing empathy, and facing their past life choices and actions. . . . Inmate Preciado is respectful to staff and inmates alike, he displays great communication skills and is sincere with his efforts when trying to help fellow inmates better themselves, and becoming productive members of society."

Mr. Preciado served as a mentor in the Youth Offender Program and as an Inmate Peer Educator. In 2018, a teacher in the Youthful Offender college program commended Mr. Preciado on his efforts tutoring other inmates, writing that he "has been instrumental in assisting with the Inmate Education Network," including mentoring youth and assisting other inmates with their computer skills. In 2018, a correctional lieutenant who has known Mr. Preciado since 1999 wrote, "During this period, I have come to know him as a person of integrity who has demonstrated selfless sacrifice and dedicated himself to service to his community as a role-model and mentor." In 2018, a correctional officer who has known Mr. Preciado since 2013 commended him on his work as a tutor with the Youthful Offender Program, writing, "[Mr.] Preciado has the attitude that you wish upon every neighbor, respectful, patience, and always there to lend a hand if

needed. I believe that when Preciado is released he will be a good addition to society." In 2012, a correctional lieutenant commended Mr. Preciado on his demeanor and attitude; writing, "Based on my observations as Inmate Preciado's supervisor, it is my opinion that he has shown that he possesses the temperament and character to become a productive and contributing member of society should he be given the opportunity to parole." In 2012, a correctional officer wrote regarding Mr. Preciado, "The character he demonstrates and the desire to change is difficult within this environment; however, Preciado is daily accomplishing it. Based on my direct observation, I believe he could be an asset to any community and or prospective supervisor should he have the opportunity to be released."

Over the past 20 years of incarceration, Mr. Preciado shown through his conduct in prison and dedication to self-improvement that he is committed to serving as a role model to others and becoming a productive member of society. For the foregoing reasons, I believe Mr. Preciado has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Abraham Preciado to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY

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This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

I.
APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name Preciado		FIRST Name Abraham	MIDDLE Name
Date of Birth [redacted] 1978	Place of Birth Guadalajara, Mexico	Social Security Number [redacted]	Prison Number #P-61875

Current Residence

Address P.O. Box 2199		Apt, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. Cell C3-1194P
City Blythe	State California	Zip Code 92226-2199

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commutation of current sentence | <input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based upon innocence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome | <input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate Release | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Why are you requesting clemency?

I am humbly requesting a Pardon and/or Commutation of my current sentence based on everything I have accomplished during the 16 years I have been incarcerated, the circumstances surrounding my crime, my productive history as a citizen before my incarceration, the 26 Reference letters and 12 Chicanos to support my rehabilitated state.

(See Package)

Current Attorney Information

Are you currently represented by an attorney? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:

First and last name:	Telephone number:
Address:	

Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2

Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:

First and last name:	Telephone number:
Address:	

**II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY**
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.

Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:

Your current physician's name:	Physician's telephone number:
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Physician's address:

Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? Yes No

If yes, what was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Give a brief account of your offense.

Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.

Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)

When were you discharged from probation or parole?

Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.

Why you are requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

I am requesting clemency and/or a commutation of my life sentence based on the 16 years I have completed without any violent disciplinary actions, my productivity while incarcerated and my sincere remorse for the crime I committed, in addition, the many Reference letters that support me.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

No. I have already exhausted my appeals.

III

NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of Riverside with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.
(Name of county)

[Signature]
(Applicant's signature)

11/29/2013
(Date signed)

IV

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

[Signature]
(Applicant's signature)

11/29/2013
(Date signed)

COM-1901-13

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

This notice is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 4804

To the District Attorney of Riverside County:

Please take note that I, Abraham Preciado, was convicted of first degree murder PC 187(a), Special Circumstances PC 190.2(a)(17)(b) and Use of Firearm PC 12022.5(A). Committed in the County of Riverside, State of California convicted on October 05, 1999, and sentenced to Life without the possibility of parole.

I will submit an application to the Governor of the Sate of California requesting a

- Pardon based upon rehabilitation
- Commutation of current sentence
- Pardon based upon innocence
- Compassionate release
- Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
- Other

If other, briefly explain:

I am respectfully requesting Clemency and/or a commutation of my current sentence based on everything I have accomplished during the 15 years I have been incarcerated. I have completed all the Self Help classes that are offered, my education, have not had any serious disciplinary violations, my productive work history before my incarceration, the various Reference Letters and Laudatory Chrono's that Custody Staff and non-custody staff have written to support my claim of being fully rehabilitated. Additionally, my acceptance and sincere remorse for my crime and for all the harm and damage I did to the victim's family and the community.

Abraham Preciado
Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED

Abraham Preciado
Applicant's Signature

07-16-2012
Month, Day, Year

7018 Blair Road
Calipatria, CA 92233-5006

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This Section to be Completed by District Attorney Only

State of California

County of Riverside

} SS.

I, Elaina G. Bentley, Supervising District Attorney of the County of Riverside

State of California, do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Abraham Preciado
Name of Applicant

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon.

The above acknowledges receipt of this document but does not signify recommendation of the application for clemency.

[Signed]

Elaina G. Bentley

District Attorney of the County of _____

September 29, 2013

Dear Mr. Governor G. Brown Jr.

I pray you consider this application before you which includes, but it's not limited to the 26 Reference Letters from various Custody Staff, support letters from friends and family, a job offer, and various Self-help program certificates to support my humble request. The following information that is presented before you is everything that I accomplished during my 13½ year stay at Calipatria State Prison, a level #4 Facility. From May 31, 1997 to December 03, 1999, I spent two and half (2½) years in County Jail, for a total of 16 years as of May 31, 2013.

My name is Abraham Preciado (P-61875) and have been incarcerated since I was 18, I am now 35 years old. In 1999, I was convicted of 1st Degree Murder and Kidnapping in Riverside County. In 1997, in the City of Hemet, my 13 year old sister-in-law, [REDACTED] was returning home from dropping off her little brother at school, when she was kidnapped by a 24 year old known drug dealer and two other men, and continuously raped.

I had been with Yvonne Moreno, [REDACTED] older sister, for three and half (3½) years when this occurred, Yvonne and I had two daughters, [REDACTED] two years old, and [REDACTED] seven months old. We also lived in the same apartment complex that her whole family did, as did the 24 year old man that raped and kidnapped [REDACTED]

I now have come to realize that there is no justification for my actions. I do pray you consider my application for clemency and/or a commutation of my current sentence and take a moment of your time, please, and review all the facts and information in this packet. I have now been blessed to drop to a level #3 Facility. I have also mentioned how I can save Tax Payers \$743,064,00, all this combined supports this most humble respectful request.

Thank you for your time and Lord bless you.

Sincerely,

Abraham Preciado

Abraham Preciado # P-61875
C3-119VP

P.O. Box 2199

Blythe, CA 92226-2199

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Dianna Preston

In 2002, Dianna Preston started to believe that her granddaughter was being sexually abused by her father, Kevin La Porta. Despite circumstantial evidence to the contrary, Ms. Preston still believed Mr. La Porta was a danger to her granddaughter. In July 2002, Ms. Preston shot and killed Mr. La Porta. On July 14, 2003, the Humboldt County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Preston to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

In her application, Ms. Preston wrote, "I have spent 15 years in prison and at 73 I am no longer the same person I was all those years ago. I know what I did was wrong, and nothing can truly compensate for the life I took. But I continue to try to make amends in the only way possible, which is living everyday as a better person than I was then."

Ms. Preston entered prison with no criminal history other than her commitment offense. During her incarceration, Ms. Preston has dedicated her time to self-improvement. She has had no disciplinary conduct. Ms. Preston has participated in multiple self-help programs, such as Victim Impact, Women's Empowerment, Healing Trauma, and Pathways to Wholeness.

Ms. Preston's exemplary behavior has been noticed by correctional staff. Indeed, six correctional officers commended Ms. Preston for her outstanding behavior – one characterized her as being a "model inmate." A chaplain commended Ms. Preston for being a woman of "deep integrity" and being an excellent student and participant. Ms. Preston has lived in the Honor Unit since 2015. In 2016, Ms. Preston earned certificates for her outstanding professionalism and good citizenship.

Although she is serving a sentence that gave her no hope of release from prison, Ms. Preston has dedicated herself to rehabilitation and has dug deep to address the issues that led her to commit such a senseless crime. For these reasons, I believe Ms. Preston has earned the opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Dianna Preston to a total of 16 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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October 25, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of the State of California
Attn: Legal Affairs
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Application for Commutation of Sentence for Dianna Mae Preston

Dear Governor Brown:

We respectfully request a Commutation of Sentence for Dianna Mae Preston, an elderly and ailing grandmother. Dianna is serving Life Without the Possibility of Parole for the murder of a man she believed to be molesting her 18 month old granddaughter. You will see as you read about Dianna's life and time in prison, how her commitment to rehabilitation has made her a model inmate and a testament to the possibility of change. However, despite Dianna's rehabilitation, her only hope of a second chance rests in a commutation of her sentence. In light of her age and health, we ask that you commute her sentence to credit for time served. Failing that, we request that you commute her sentence to 15 years to Life with an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings. While we would be grateful for a reduction in her sentence even to 25-to-life, given her current age, such a sentence would be unlikely to provide her a meaningful chance at release at all (she would be 83 years old at her first hearing).

Dianna's case is analogous to that of Christopher Ochoa, whose sentence was commuted on April 15, 2017. Christopher and a friend planned and attempted to kill his stepfather, whom he believed was molesting his 13 year old sister. When speaking with investigators, he said: "It felt like I was losing control of the situation, and I just felt desperate ... I didn't think there was any help beyond a

certain point. Because every time the police came, he'd get away."¹ Mr. Ochoa also said that he "didn't feel like the law was going to help us - I just didn't know what to do."²

Similarly, Dianna committed her crime convinced that Kevin LaPorta was molesting his daughter, Kara Pearce, her 18 month old granddaughter. That belief was reinforced by a medical examination, which found "swelling around the clitoral hood, and some questionable redness inferiorly at the introitus."³ This "swelling and questionable redness" was discovered just a few months before the murder. The family made efforts to address their concerns with Child Welfare Services, and still the court ultimately permitted unsupervised visits between Kara and Kevin. The family addressed their concerns with Child Welfare Services, and the court nevertheless was permitting unsupervised visits between Kara and Kevin. And the shooting happened the day detectives cleared LaPorta. Much like Christopher Ochoa, Dianna felt that "he'd get away" and hurt her beloved granddaughter again. She made a fateful decision to take Mr. Laporta's life, but she has spent every moment since becoming the woman she is today. During the entirety of her incarceration, Dianna has remained discipline free - not one write-up for a rules violation. This is a positive indicator that, like over 99% of ex-lifers, she will not go on to commit a new crime, particularly one of a violent nature. **The Statistics⁴:**

Recidivism Base Rate Comparisons at Three Years Post-Release			
	Determinately Sentenced Inmates Released Without Discretion in California and Other States (Observed Ranges)	Long-term Inmates Eligible for Parole Consideration (Estimated Ranges)	Long-term Inmates Granted Parole and Discretionarily Released in California (Observed Ranges)
Arrests and Convictions for Violent Crimes	20 - 25%	3 - 15%	Less than 1%
Arrests and Convictions for Nonviolent Crimes	35 - 50%	10 - 25%	1 - 6%
Return to jail or prison for arrests, convictions, and parole violations	50 - 70%	20 - 40%	5 - 10%

¹ Commutation of Sentence by The Honorable Governor Jerry Brown, Christopher Ochoa: April 15, 2017.

² Ibid.

³ St. Joseph's Hospital Record, Joseph Carroll, M.D. exam notes p.2; examination was conducted on April 24, 2002.

⁴ Long Term Inmates and Recidivism Rates – A Presentation to the Board of Parole Hearings, 2016, Cliff Kusaj, Psy.D. Chief Psychologist (p. 26).

If given the opportunity, Dianna is certain to be a motivated and productive member of any community she joins. You will learn from the letters and commendations shared in these pages, of her kindness, gentility and civic minded approach to life. For your consideration, we have addressed each of the 'Circumstances Favoring Suitability' that the Board of Parole Hearings reviews in granting parole. Based on these factors, you can be assured that Dianna is an ideal candidate for commutation, and will be an exemplary story of rehabilitation and redemption.

The Factors the Board of Parole Consider When Determining Suitability

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 15 §2402(d)

If Ms. Preston was eligible for parole, the following criteria would be relied upon to determine her suitability⁵:

(1) No Juvenile Record

Ms. Preston has no juvenile criminal record of any kind. Instead, as a young adult, she was a participant in the civil rights movement. As a pro-social member of her community, she spoke up for those who were oppressed, and never acted impulsively or violently.

(2) Stable Social History

Ms. Preston never struggled with substance abuse, nor was violence a part of her upbringing. After graduating from high school, she attended university. She grew up in a stable home environment and church community, eventually starting a family of her own. She and her husband had two daughters, and ultimately divorced but have remained friendly co-parents. He supports her still (See Support Letter from Lionel Rolfe). Ms. Preston's two daughters and her grandchildren were an integral part of her life before the crime. They have remained a steadfast source of support, and visit her regularly since her incarceration. Ms. Preston maintains her spiritual beliefs, regularly participating in services at her facility.

(3) Signs of Remorse

Ms. Preston has shared her deep sense of remorse for her crime with fellow inmates in self-help groups, with her family, her friends, and her clergy. She also expresses it in a brief essay about the impact self-help programming has had on her since her incarceration. In relating

⁵ Note that Title 15 §2402(d)(5) 'Battered Woman Syndrome' was omitted as it is inapplicable in this case.

back to her prior civil rights activism, she says “In taking someone’s life, I betrayed my own most fundamental values.” Ms. Preston recognizes the “ripple effect of a murder on a community, and I realized more fully how sorry I am to have been the cause of such a thing. Innocent people became more fearful and insecure and I am especially sorry to have done that to children.”

(4) Motivation for Crime

The motivation for Ms. Preston’s crime was not her own financial or personal gain. She was driven by a desperate, primal need to protect her grandbaby. For months, Ms. Preston and her daughter Heather Pearce sought the aid of law enforcement. The family implored them to stop Kevin Laporta from molesting his 18 month old daughter Kara. Medical examinations confirmed that Kara had swelling and redness in her genital area following a visit with Mr. Laporta. On another occasion, semen was found on Kara. Detectives were finally compelled to heed the family’s concerns, but the investigation stalled. After authorities concluded that the semen found on Kara was not Mr. Laporta’s, Ms. Preston was despondent and in utter disbelief. She was convinced that Mr. Laporta had accomplished the impossible, and gotten away again.

The ongoing custody battle was culminating in the return of Mr. Laporta’s unsupervised visitation with the baby. Ms. Preston was singular in her purpose to prevent Kara from continuing to be victimized. The day of the murder was the day Ms. Preston learned that nothing more would be done to keep Kara from the man the family believed was hurting her. In sheer desperation, Ms. Preston made the uncharacteristic decision to take the law into her own hands, killing Mr. Laporta.

Following the shooting, Ms. Preston made no attempt to flee or avoid capture. She put the weapon away, surrendered to patrons of the restaurant where the shooting occurred, and waited for the police to arrive. She was arrested without further incident, and immediately took responsibility for her actions.

This factor favors suitability because it shows that her motivation, while not rising to the level of a legal defense, explains her conduct in a way that others can empathize with. It also shows that, since such an extreme circumstance is highly unlikely to recur, her behavior was also an isolated event.

(6) Lack of Criminal History

Ms. Preston had no criminal history prior to her conviction in this case. The lack of criminal history at almost 60 years old when the crime occurred, only serves to highlight the fact that Ms. Preston is not characteristically an impulsive, vengeful, or violent person, and that her conduct was brought on only by the extraordinary circumstances of this case.

(7) Age

Ms. Preston is now 73 years old. It is well settled that the older an offender is upon release, the less likely she is to recidivate. Moreover, long-termers and Lifers reoffend less than 1% of the time once granted parole. The statistics for violent re-offenses are even lower, and for women, lower still. What those statistics truly represent is the fact that Ms. Preston is among the group of offenders most likely to succeed on parole.

Characteristic of her advanced age, Ms. Preston suffers from various ailments and medical issues including a rare birth defect (achalasia). She has had multiple esophageal surgeries to treat her unusual throat condition, which makes eating tedious and difficult. Since her incarceration, she suffered a broken knee that now necessitates a walker to aid her mobility. Though her spirit is not aging, her body most certainly is.

Given her age and condition, Ms. Preston falls in line with the Governor's recent efforts to codify the early release of elderly inmates by signing Bill 1448. Currently administered by the Board of Parole Hearings pursuant to the order of the Federal Court, the Elderly Parole Program has seen the release of numerous inmates who clearly no longer pose an unreasonable risk of safety to the public. Ms. Preston is just such an inmate. Should she be granted the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings, she would be given consideration as an elderly inmate.

(8) Understanding and Plans for Future

Ms. Preston has very realistic plans for the future. She has the unwavering support of her family, including the option to live with either of her two daughters. A number of her family and friends have committed to support her financially, emotionally and spiritually. Given her age and limited mobility, she recognizes that she will not likely rejoin the workforce, but she has proactively inquired about what benefits she might be eligible for through Social Security, in her desire to contribute to whatever household she makes her home. As an active member of the faith community prior to and during her incarceration, Ms. Preston intends to maintain her spiritual life by attending

church. In keeping with the sense of community she fosters in prison, Ms. Preston looks forward to volunteering at faith-based organizations.

(9) Institutional Behavior

Ms. Preston originally had a placement score of 52. Currently, her score is 19, which is the lowest possible score given her commitment offense. Ms. Preston has achieved this significant reduction of her score through educational upgrades, consistent programming, and exceptional conduct. Presently, Ms. Preston resides in the Honor Dorm, a privilege reserved for trustworthy inmates who have demonstrated a commitment to abiding by the rules. Dianna has been in the Honor Dorm since shortly after her transfer to CIW. Despite the challenges and conflicts characteristic of prison life, Ms. Preston has never committed a serious rule violation (115), nor has she received even the less serious counseling write-up (128(a)). By all accounts, her institutional behavior has been exemplary. She continues on this path with a new program starting later this month called Prisoners of Peace. The program is an initiative to maintain order on campus, and Ms. Preston aspires to be one of the facilitators.

The Governor Has the Power to Give Ms. Preston a New Life

The phrase ‘model inmate’ strikes most of us as an oxymoron. How can one be an *inmate*, and be a ‘model’ of anything beyond the poor choice that landed them in prison? However, Dianna Preston is just such a model. The peers she shares her living accommodations with recognize it, the clergy she relies on for spiritual guidance recognizes it, and the corrections staff and officers who have dominion over her daily life, recognize it. We are now humbly imploring you to recognize it as well. The *R* in CDCR stands for rehabilitation, but perhaps it should also stand for redemption because redemption only comes when an offender can put the prison walls in her rearview mirror. Dianna only has a chance at true redemption if she is granted this commutation.

Article five, section eight of the California Constitution provides that the “Governor, on conditions that the Governor deems proper, may grant a reprieve, pardon, and commutation after sentence, except in case of impeachment.” This power to grant clemency is “properly left to the conscience of the executive entitled to consider pleas” and is not governed by the rigidity of the judicial process.⁶ Simply put, only the Governor can help Dianna.

⁶ See Cal. Const. art. V, § 8; The Honorable Janice Rogers Brown, former Justice of the California Supreme Court and former Legal Affairs Secretary to Governor Pete Wilson, *The Quality of Mercy*, 40 UCLA L. Rev. 327, 328 (1992).

While her debt to society can never completely be paid, she has several years ahead of her in which she can contribute to it, if she is allowed the opportunity. As such, we ask for the same compassion and understanding that was extended to Christopher Ochoa and many others, to commute Dianna Preston's sentence to time served, and failing that, to 15 years to life, allowing her the opportunity to demonstrate her rehabilitation and find redemption.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sarah Garrick, Esq.
Attorney for Dianna Preston



COM-3471-17

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. **If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Dianna Mae Preston

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/44

Inmate ID: X00833

Address: P.O. Box 5763 San Diego, CA 92165 (Attorney's Mailing Address)

Facility: California Institute for Women

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
N/A			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached description.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached explanation.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached explanation.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

The Law Office of Laura R. Sheppard, Attorney Sarah Garrick: P.O. Box 5763 San Diego, CA 92165; retained for \$5000

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Dianna Mae Preston declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Humboldt with notice of my intent to apply for a commutation
(Name of County*)

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Dianna Mae Preston
Applicant's Signature

10/24/17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Humboldt County: Please take notice that I, Dianna Mae Preston, was convicted of the crime of Murder (PC187(a)), with personal use of a firearm (PC12022.53(d)), and the special circumstance of lying in wait (PC190.2(a)(15)), committed in Humboldt County, California, on the date of 7/19/02

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Dianna Preston

Applicant's Signature

10/24/17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Dianna Preston – Application for Commutation Responses

1. I have no prior convictions. I am currently serving Life Without the Possibility of Parole for Murder, with personal use of a firearm, and the special circumstances of lying in wait.
2. My victim was my granddaughter Kara's father Kevin Laporta, who at the time we were certain was molesting her. The morning of the murder, we found out that what we had believed to be conclusive proof of what he was doing to Kara, was just the opposite. A detective told us that the semen that had been found on Kara, following a visit with her father, did not match his DNA. I was in utter disbelief, and convinced that there was a mistake. I was despondent, and felt that any chance of saving Kara from further harm was gone. In an extremity of despair and hopelessness, I took matters into my own hands. I went to his office and killed him. After the shooting, I put the gun away and waited for the police to come. The gravity of what I had done was immense, and will weigh on me for the rest of my life.
3. I have spent 15 years in prison, and at 73 I am no longer the same person I was all those years ago. I know what I did was wrong, and nothing can truly compensate for the life I took. But I continue to try to make amends in the only way possible, which is living everyday as a better person than I was then. I am grateful that my family comes to visit. I feel that they need me, and I especially want to be there for my grandchildren. I am humbly hoping and praying for another chance at life, and that is why I am requesting this commutation.
4. The intention of CDCR to rehabilitate inmates has been successful in my case. I've come to realize how wrong it was for me to take someone's life. As I wrote in my parole plan; if I am ever free again, never committing another crime will be only the foundation of my new life. I intend to join so many of my former lifer sisters in becoming an exemplary citizen.

These are dark days; freedom, equality, justice, the environment, even democracy itself are in grave danger. I believe with all my heart that I can be of great service to the community in ways that are impossible from behind bars. And I sincerely hope for the opportunity to do so, if granted this commutation.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Cynthia Purcell

On October 24, 1990, 20-year-old Cynthia Purcell and Michael Combs murdered Jeanine Lee, a former co-worker of Mr. Combs. They then stole her car and tried to cash a forged check of Ms. Lee's. On March 6, 1992, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Purcell to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Ms. Purcell has now been incarcerated for 28 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. Purcell wrote, "On Wednesday October 24, 1990, I thoughtlessly and willingly participated in the murder of Jeanine Ann Lee. . . . There are no words, actions, or any amount of atonement that can make up for [Jeanine's] death." She continued, "Who I was then was a selfish, impulsive person that made a decision based on making someone like me." Ms. Purcell wrote, "I am no longer that selfish coward I was, I have learned through groups like Victim Awareness [and] self-esteem building classes, how to grow and change. I am now able to look at things and situations differently, remove behaviors that are destructive, and work hard to adopt behaviors that promote positive change and outcomes."

During almost three decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Ms. Purcell has worked hard to address the behaviors that led to Ms. Lee's death. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct. She earned her GED. Ms. Purcell has participated in myriad self-help programs, including Commitment to Change, Offender Responsibility, Understanding Self-Esteem, Personal Boundaries and Healthy Relationships, Assertive Communication, Decision Making, Dealing with Emotions, and Victim Impact and Self Awareness. Ms. Purcell has lived in an honor dorm for many years, where she participated in charitable events.

Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Purcell has earned the respect of staff members. In 2015, a correctional lieutenant who has known Ms. Purcell since 1997 wrote, "Within this period, I have witnessed Inmate Purcell evolve into a confident and balanced individual who has successfully used the resources available to her at the Central California Women's Facility to improve herself." The lieutenant continued, "I have noted that Inmate Purcell is more involved within the prison community and motivated to participate in positive behavior. She is constantly working towards bettering herself through various self-help programs and is to be commended for her growth, positive attitude and appropriate conduct." The lieutenant concluded, "Inmate Purcell should be applauded for her excellent work ethic and behavior." Also in 2015, a correctional officer who has known Ms. Purcell since 2004 "found her to exhibit a positive attitude and a willingness to help others. Inmate Purcell works well with others, is active in the groups offered by the Honor Dorm, and in my opinion is a model inmate. She facilitates groups and goes above and beyond in her performance and rehabilitation." A correctional officer praised Ms. Purcell in 2015 "for her dedication and hard work in making a positive change in the 15 years I have known her." The officer wrote, "Inmate Purcell is courteous, respectful, and dedicated to improve the quality of her life. . . . Inmate Purcell demonstrates the ability to effectively promote a positive environment with her peers, as well as the staff." The officer praised Ms. Purcell for her hard work and attitude, noting that she "is dependable and completes any tasks assigned to her. Her conduct and hard work are appreciated and worthy of recognition."

Ms. Purcell committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that she has distinguished herself through her exemplary conduct and dedication to her rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Purcell has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Cynthia Purcell to a total of 28 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: CYNTHIA PURCELL Date of Birth: [REDACTED] TO Inmate ID: W42526

Address: P.O. Box 1508 Chowchilla, Ca. 93610-1508 Facility: CCWF

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of Conviction(s), Sentences(s). Row 1 contains 'N/A'.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, CYNTHIA ANNE PURCELL, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)

California that I have served the District Attorney of SAN BERNARDINO with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Cynthia Anne Purcell
Applicant's Signature

8-6-2017

Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

CYNTHIA ANNE PURCELL
BCR 2436 / W#42526
PO BOX 1508
CHOWCHILLA, CA. 93610-1508

MY NAME IS CYNTHIA PURCELL, I AM NOW 47 YEARS OLD AND AS OF MARCH, 2019 I HAVE SERVED 25 YEARS STATE TIME, WITH 738 DAYS CREDIT FROM SANBERNARDINO COUNTY JAIL. I AM SERVING LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE, UNDER THE FELONY MURDER LAW.

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1990, I THOUGHTLESSLY AND WILLINGLY PARTICIPATED IN THE MURDER OF JEANINE ANN LEE, WHO WAS BRUTALLY, AND UNNECESSARILY STRANGLED AND BEATEN TO DEATH, AND THEN LEFT TO BE FOUND IN THE ODESSA CANYON, NORTHWEST OF CALICO GHOST TOWN. I ALLOWED MYSELF TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS MURDER/ROBBERY, AND DID NOTHING TO DISTANCE MYSELF FROM MY CO-DEFENDANT, MICHAEL COMBS, IN ORDER TO NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF JEANINE LEE. I WAS QUICK TO BLAME MY PROBLEMS ON MY CHILDHOOD, MY PARENTS DIVORCE, MY PROBLEM WITH RUNNING AWAY, AND THE FACT THAT MY MENTAL ISSUES LED ME TO TWO MENTAL HOSPITALS IN MY YOUTH. MY OWN MOTHER EVEN INFORMED PEOPLE THAT I WOULD LIE TO GET MY WAY, BY TELLING PEOPLE WHAT I BELIEVED THEY WANTED TO HEAR. MY MOTHER DID STRESS THAT SHE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT I WAS CAPABLE OF KILLING ANYONE, AND WAS SURE THAT I HAD NOT, BUT THAT I WAS VERY EASILY DRAWN IN BY OTHERS EVEN THOSE WHO WERE NOT GOOD FOR ME TO BE AROUND.

ON MARCH 6, 1992, I WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF ROBBERY. AT THIS TIME, THE COURT SAW THAT IT WAS IN SOCIETIES FAVOR TO LOCK ME UP TO PREVENT ME FROM HURTING ANYONE ELSE, AND SAVE SOME OTHER PERSON FROM THE SAME FATE AS JEANINE LEE. AT THAT TIME I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT I DID NOT FEEL THE THE AFFECT OF JEANINE'S DEATH, NOR DID I SEE THE IMPACT IT HAD ON THE LIVES OF OTHERS. MY ONLY SELFISH INTEREST AT THE TIME WAS HAVING MY OWN NEEDS MET AT ANYONES EXPENCES.

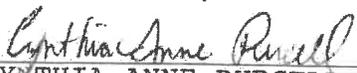
THERE ARE NO WORDS, ACTIONS, OR ANY AMOUNT OF ATONEMENT THAT CAN MAKE UP FOR THE REMOVAL OF JEANINE'S FREE WILL, OR HER DEATH. MY SELFISH ACTIONS TOOK JEANINE AWAY FROM HER ELDERLY PARENTS, WHO DEPENDED ON HER TO ASSIST THEM IN THE RUNNING OF THEIR BAR, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL SUPPORT OF HER DISABLED FATHER. I ALSO CAUSED HER SISTER, LINDA LEE, AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY TO SUFFER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THEIR LIVES, EVERY HOLIDAY, A SONG ON THE RADIO, OR A MEMORY THAT FLASHES THROUGH THEIR MINDS, AND EVERY OCTOBER 24TH, FOREVER.

WHO I WAS THEN WAS A SELFISH, IMPULSIVE PERSON THAT MADE A DECISION BASED ON MAKING SOMEONE LIKE ME. I WOULD FOLLOW THE LEAD, AND MAKE A CHOICE WITH NO THOUGHT OF THE CONSEQUENCES, AND DID NOT EVEN REALLY CARE. THERE WERE TIMES THAT I KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING WAS WRONG, BUT MY FEAR AND COWARDLY ACTIONS WOULD KEEP ME FROM SPEAKING UP. I DID NOTHING TO HELP JEANINE ON THE DAY SHE WAS MURDERED, INSTEAD I ASSISTED IN THE TAKING OF ANOTHER HUMAN BEINGS LIFE.

I AM NO LONGER THAT SELFISH COWARD I WAS, I HAVE LEARNED THROUGH GROUPS LIKE AWARE, (ACCOUNTABILITY WORKSHOP AND RESTORATIVE EDUCATION), VICTIM AWARENESS, SELF-ESTEEM BUILDING CLASSES, HOW TO GROW AND CHANGE. I AM NOW ABLE TO LOOK AT THINGS AND SITUATIONS DIFFERENTLY, REMOVE BEHAVIORS THAT ARE DESTRUCTIVE, AND WORK HARD TO ADOPT BEHAVIORS THAT PROMOTE POSITIVE CHANGE AND OUTCOMES.

A DAY WILL NEVER COME THAT I WILL BELIEVE THAT MY DEBT WILL BE PAID FOR THE MURDER OF JEANINE, BUT I WILL WORK HARD TO GROW AND CONTINUE TO BECOME A BETTER PERSON. MY INTENTION IS TO SHARE MY GROWTH AND KNOWLEDGE WITH MY COMMUNITY HERE, AND WHEN GIVEN THE CHANCE, BE A VERY PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER, AND WHATEVER YOUR DECISION MAY BE.


CYNTHIA ANNE PURCELL W42526

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On October 29, 1990, arrest warrants were issued for Appellant Cynthia A. Purcell and Michael Combs, charging them with violation of P.C. 187, Murder. Acting on a tip from a witness, both Ms. Purcell and Mr. Combs were arrested in Kingman, Arizona on November 2, 1990.

On November 8, 1990, the Appellant was formally arrested and held in custody by the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department until trial.

On January 24, 1992, the Appellant and co-defendant, Mr. Combs, was convicted of first degree murder by a jury. The jury also found true the special circumstance of Felony Murder during a robbery.

On March, 6, 1992, the Appellant was sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole. Mr. Combs was sentenced to death.

ARGUMENTS

I. The goals and objectives of the sentence have been accomplished.

According to California sentencing rule 4.410, there are seven objectives of sentencing. They are 1) protecting society, 2) punishing the defendant, 3) encouraging the defendant to lead a law-abiding life in the future and deterring him or her from future offenses, 4) deterring others from criminal conduct by demonstrating its consequences, 5) preventing the defendant from committing new crimes by isolating him or her for the period of incarceration, 6) securing restitution for the victims of crime, and 7) achieving uniformity in sentencing.

1 1) Protecting society

2 Ms. Purcell does not pose a danger to society. For the past 26 years, Ms.
3 Purcell has lived in a volatile and hostile community without violating the
4 governing rules. In 26 year, Ms. Purcell has never received any disciplinary
5 action.

6 Ms. Purcell has been recognized for her positive contribution to her
7 community for her positive contribution to her community. She has facilitated
8 groups and classes encouraging others along their rehabilitation path.

9 Ms. Purcell's goal of working with At-Risk youth will be protecting
10 society. Ms. Purcell will use her life experiences plus knowledge and skills gained
11 over the last 26 years to help youth avoid criminal behavior.

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13 2) Punish the defendant

14 The law recognizes 15 years as the base term for unintentional death and 25
15 years for intentional death. This recognition is found in the consistent application
16 of those years determining eligibility for parole.

17 Ms. Purcell has served 26 years. The felon-murder rule allowed a life
18 without parole sentence. This rule does not require intent to take a life. Ms.
19 Purcell, while present at the robbery did not take a life or intend to take a life. Her
20 punishment arguably was fulfilled after 15 years. If the court believes her actions
21 merit for culpability, her punishment was fulfilled after 25 years.

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23 3) Encouraging the defendant to lead a law-abiding life in the future and deterring
24 him or her from future offenses.

25 Ms. Purcell has a 26 year track record of law-abiding living in the most at-
26 risk community. Living among a population of 100% convicted criminals, Ms.
27 Purcell avoided unlawful behavior. Her ability to focus on self-rehabilitation and
28 to refrain from the criminal behavior proves that she will not commit any future
29 offenses upon her release.

1 Ms. Purcell's first 5 years post release will be in residence at the Harvest
2 Bible University in Wasco, CA. Her environment and focus on her goal of
3 working with At-Risk youth will insure she will maintain her positive law-abiding
4 living.

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6 4) Deterring others from criminal conduct by demonstrating its consequences.

7 This objective was accomplished while the outside world knew of Ms.
8 Purcell's case. Twenty-six years later, her continued incarceration does not deter
9 anyone. Upon release Ms. Purcell's ambition is to work with At-Risk youth. By
10 her willingness to open up and share her story, she will deter others. Ms. Purcell
11 has spent 26 years learning why she made the choices she did, how to rehabilitate,
12 the impact her choices had on others and how to move beyond the past. These
13 lessons can be and should be shared with At-Risk youth by someone who has lived
14 the consequences. Ms. Purcell's release will help deter others, not her continual
15 incarceration.

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17 5) Preventing the defendant from committing new crimes by isolating him or her
18 for the period of incarceration.

19 The 26 years of disciplinary-free living proves Ms. Purcell has no
20 intentions of committing new crimes. Her focus is on helping prevent At-Risk
21 youth from committing crimes.

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23 6) Securing restitution for the victims of crime.

24 After 26 years, Ms. Purcell has still not been able to pay off all her
25 restitution. Prison wages do not offer any realistic expectation to restitution being
26 paid in a prisoner's life-time. Ms. Purcell's release would fulfill the objective of
27 paying off restitution. Even a part-time job on campus would allow Ms. Purcell to
28 pay \$80 - \$100 per week versus \$15 per month working full-time in prison.
29 Releasing Ms. Purcell will secure the restitution owed the victims.

1 7) Achieving uniformity in sentencing.

2 The courts are acknowledging that decisions made by young people should
3 be viewed in light of their development stage. SB 261 set the age for
4 consideration at 23. This brief will later address the unconstitutional exclusion of
5 youth sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole. For the purpose of
6 uniformity the cases of a young 20 year-old abetting in a crime should be
7 considered for release after their 20th year of custody (SB 261).

8 There are also cases such as *Cody v. Gower* (March 2016) where the court
9 found in favor of the Appellant. The Appellant had repeatedly struck the victim in
10 the face with the butt of a rifle, but did not participate in the strangulation and
11 death. The court found despite the physical damage, there was no intent to kill on
12 the part of the Appellant. The jury should have been instructed on CALCRIM 730
13 and 703.

14 Ms. Purcell's case can be directly compared. She struck the victim, but did
15 not intend or participate in the victim's death.

16 Ms. Purcell's release will be consistent uniformity for youth offenders and
17 aid and abettors being less culpable than the actual killer.

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19 II. SB 261's special hearings for youthful offenders should include youth with Life
20 Without Parole.

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22 The United States Constitution's 14th Amendment ensures "Equal
23 Protection." According to SB 261 extends SB 260's special youthful offender's
24 hearing to prisoners who committed their crime before the age of 23. The bill
25 recognizes the findings of scientist such as Dr. Ruben C. Gur, Ph.D., and Dr.
26 Thomas Grisso, Ph.D., who found that the human brain does not reach maturity
27 until their mid 20's.

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SELF HELP AND JOB SKILLS

Substance Abuse Programming:

I have come to learn through my time that addiction and steps are not only for those that have an addiction to drugs or alcohol, they play an integral part in preventive actions. One of the groups I took of this nature was, "Overcoming Addictive Behavior", This group focused on self-awareness of addictive behavior, and helped me to learn how to recognize any characteristic I may have that could lead to unhealthy behaviors. I also took a "12 Step Study" that had me actually work through the steps with any issues that I have in my life, such as low self-esteem, negative self-talk, impulsive behavior, and passivity. I also learned what the triggers are for me that led to my feeling any of the above mentioned. The last I have in this section is "A Place Called Self", This group taught me new ways to set goals, have internal competence in my recovery so that I can accept and deal with the emotions that arise while working through any of my issues. As a whole, these groups have helped me to appreciate everything that I have worked through, and to be able to assertively use them as tools in my future.

Anger Management Programming:

Anger is one of the things I struggled with more than anything else in the past, I was not the type to lash out and yell, rather, I held it in and suppressed it to the point that I was very unhappy most of the time. I believe that most of my passivity, negative self-talk, and low self-esteem came from this behavior. By taking classes on anger, as well as general life skills, I have learned to process my anger and other feelings, rather than stuffing them and having new problems from them. One of the classes of this nature was, "Dealing With Emotions", this class taught me how to pinpoint my feelings, and how to control and cope with my emotions. "Life Skills" enabled me to deal with life's challenges and develop skills to resolve personal issues that may arise in the future. Some of the skills that I learned in this class were; Effective ways to deal with criticism, Healthy relationships, Developing a higher self-esteem, setting boundaries, assertive communication, and setting goals. "Anger management", which was taught by our J.O.C. Social Worker was full of easily usable information, it explained what anger is, sources of anger, emotional development, how shame and guilt can lead to future problems, and the solutions and tools that will help.

"Life Scripting"

Virginia Dunstone is the author of the book, "Why Do I Do What I Do?" ON February 24, 2013, I completed an 80 hour course that was conducted by Virginia Dunstone, that was focused on breaking the cycle of recidivism by teaching incarcerated women to recognize the patterns that lead to their life choices. This course educated me in four key areas, self, family, relationships, and society, by teaching me psychological strategies that I need to make healthy personal choices, and alter negative behavioral patterns. I learned tools that taught me how to reframe my experiences into learning opportunities.

At present, a ten-year study of released women who have graduated from the LifeScripting program indicated a less than 4% recidivism/return rate. The unprecedented success of this program speaks not only of its value to each participant, but also to the general value for children, families, and society.

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My Self Awareness:

I believe that my biggest eye opener to self was when I participated in AWARE, which is Accountability Workshop and Restorative Education program. This was a 13 week program that helped me to gain insight into my crime, to take responsibility for the impact of my actions, and to have meaningful accountability for the harms that I have caused. This class gave me an in-depth view into the fact that there are no victimless crimes, and there is a huge ripple-effect that takes place with every crime. In this class we were asked to create a time line of our lives, this helped me to see how the actions throughout my life led up to the day I participated in the murder of Jeanine Lee. Because of the breakthroughs in this area I am more willing and able to take responsibility for my actions and am willing to work on my self, make amends as possible, stay connected to the community, and continue on a path of healing and change. I have taken other victim awareness classes as well, and plan to continue to educate myself in this area.

Education:

I received my GED here at CCWF, and intend to find a Bible College when one becomes available, or upon release.

Job Skills:

I am a quick learner, and have had quite a bit of experience here as well, I worked in Computer Refurbishing, was a Watch Office clerk for seven years, working all three different shifts through that time. I am currently a Porter in my housing unit, I worked in silk screen, Yard crew, Library, Chapel clerk, Education clerk, and Grounds Keeping.

Giving Back

I am an American with Disabilities, due to a bad surgery here in prison, I have permanent nerve damage, I still choose to program here in my unit as a porter. I do not feel that I need to sit around and do nothing just because I have medical issues, so I help my peers by cleaning what I can. I spend time in the day-room, and make myself available to those who may need my assistance throughout the day. I help with education, making crafts, or just to give them a place that is safe to talk. I am part of the crochet project, and make blankets, baby booties, and hats for those in need. I am also a unit facilitator where I am able to apply the things that I have learned through my growth, and experience by teaching groups that are intended to help make a difference. I also just completed an advanced facilitator training that was taught by some staff here in the institution. I plan to continue to use my time in a positive form of giving back, this is something I can do for the rest of my life.

Disciplinary:

I have remained disciplinary free throughout my entire term. I do not pretend not to have had confrontations that could have led to problems I have just used the tools I have learned, by communication, I actually talked things out, rather than get into a situation. I know how to walk away from a situation that has potential to turn ugly, then deal with it at a later time. I know that life is going to have problems, but I intend to continue learning and dealing with every situation as it comes along.

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Parole Plans

I have made plans for housing with a Time For Change Foundation, in San Bernardino, California. Po Box 25040, San Bernardino, Cal. 92406. My contact person there is Eula Charles, the housing director. Telephone# is (909)886-2994, Facsimile: (909)886-0218, also see www.Timeforchangefoundation.org. I am including a copy of the letter they sent to me for the Board of Prison Terms, this letter tells a bit more about the program, and I copied the pamphlet that they sent me as well. This program has a six (6) month actual program, with a one (1) year follow up program with housing. I intend at this time to offer my time and support to the Time for Change Foundation, to show my appreciation for their help and support. During this time I will be seeking out long term housing, which the program assists in doing.

Due to the fact that I will be collection SSI for my disability, I will seek part-time employment and do volunteer work as a way of helping out my community. I will be looking into churches in the area, and finding any self-help classes that are available as well. I do not need a lot to get by, and fully intend to live off of the help of second hand items as much as possible, so that I will be able to save money, and not leave myself in any desperate situations.

I know that if I run into any difficulties, I have contact information for California Coalition for Women Prisoners, and they will help me in any way that they can. I will also be including letters from this organization to show the support I have available. This will be the only outside support that I have available, I no longer have any living family members to seek support from, I will be building a new circle of support from the day I am released from here, and have to rely on the tools and the knowledge that I have attained during my incarceration.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Thomas Purscelley

In January 2006, Thomas Purscelley owed Mario Quiroz money for drugs and Mr. Purscelley was avoiding him. On January 25, Mr. Quiroz and his girlfriend were driving and saw Mr. Purscelley riding his bicycle. Mr. Quiroz got out of the car and approached Mr. Purscelley who, upon seeing Mr. Quiroz, pulled out a gun and shot Mr. Quiroz once in the chest, killing him. On July 24, 2009, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Purscelley to 15 years to life for murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Purscelley is now 39 and has been incarcerated for almost 13 years. When Mr. Purscelley applied for a commutation, he asked "for mercy based on conduct and positive accomplishments." He also wrote, "I will forever live my life helping people from the addictions that I suffered from for so long." Mr. Purscelley reported that for many years he was addicted to drugs and criminal behavior, but since coming to prison, has changed his lifestyle and no longer feels the need to use drugs or alcohol.

In prison, Mr. Purscelley has shown that he has turned his life around and decided to dedicate his time and energy to self-improvement. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct in prison. Mr. Purscelley earned his GED and graduated valedictorian. He continued his education, later earning his A.A. degree. Mr. Purscelley has also participated in multiple self-help programs, including Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous, Cage Your Rage, and Alternatives to Violence. He also programmed through Kairos Ministry and was active in the Inmate Peer Education Program where he obtained a master facilitator certificate. He also participated on the Inmate Advisory Committee, ultimately becoming the Chairperson. Mr. Purscelley is currently involved with the Youth Offender Program and the Anti-Recidivism Coalition.

Mr. Purscelley has demonstrated deep remorse for his actions and distinguished himself by his consistent efforts to change his life. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Purscelley has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Thomas Purscelley to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Thomas L Purcellley Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-1979 Inmate ID: AA0892

Address: Ironwood State Prison P.O. Box 2199 Blythe, CA 92226 Facility: C5-232

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
# MVA026785, PC242	11-21-99	San Bernardino	10 days in jail
# 030698, VC14601.1(a)	1-11-05	San Bernardino	101 days in jail
# FVA023974, PC 243(e)(1)	2-15-05	San Bernardino	180 days jail

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Please see attached pages

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached pages

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached pages

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2): NONE

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Bernardino County:

Please take notice that I Thomas L Purscelley, was convicted of the crime of PC 187(a) 2nd degree murder, committed in San Bernardino County, California on the date of June 18, 2009. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

3 [Signature]
Applicant's Signature

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, MICHAEL A. RAMOS, District Attorney of the County of SAN BERNARDINO do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from THOMAS L. FURCELEY, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date 12.5.17

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

2.) Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation:

(This is from the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One):
Statement of Facts

At about 9:30 p.m. on January 25, 2006, Purscelley shot and killed Mario Quiroz on the street corner. Purscelley and Quiroz had been friends, but before the shooting a dispute had arisen between them concerning money that Quiroz claimed Purscelley owed him. The prosecution's theory was that Purscelley committed premeditated first degree murder, whereas Purscelley claimed he acted in self-defense.

Quiroz's girlfriend (██████████) witnessed the shooting. She testified on behalf of the prosecution regarding the interactions between Purscelley and Quiroz in the days leading to the shooting, and about her observations of the shooting. Avila testified that Quiroz and Purscelley met a few months before the shooting. They used drugs together, and also committed thefts together. During the thefts, Quiroz provided security for Purscelley; i.e., Quiroz "watched Purscelley's back" while Purscelley was stealing the material.

Avila stated that in the days before the shooting, Quiroz was upset with Purscelley because Quiroz believed Purscelley owed him \$50. Quiroz, accompanied by Avila, repeatedly went looking for Purscelley at the home of Purscelley's girlfriend (██████████) and at Purscelley's parent's home. Purscelley was avoiding Quiroz, which upset and angered Quiroz even more. On the night of the shooting, Avila was driving from an "NA" meeting, accompanied by Quiroz. When she was stopped at an intersection, she saw Purscelley about 15 to 20 feet away. Purscelley was on a bicycle, leaning against the pole at the crosswalk signal.

Avila testified that Quiroz got out of the car and walked up to Purscelley. They were about three to four feet apart. Quiroz's hands were open and showing, and he was moving his hands indicating that he was talking to Purscelley. Purscelley's hands were in his sweatshirt pockets. Avila observed Purscelley pull a gun from his pocket, point it at Quiroz's chest, and immediately shoot Quiroz.

After the shooting, Purscelley rode his bike to a nearby house, where he asked the occupant (whom he did not know) if he could use the phone to call his mother to pick him up. Purscelley told the occupant (██████████) that some men in a car were after him and wanted to beat him up. While Purscelley was at his residence, Cueva heard sirens and found a gun in Purscelley's jacket, which was laying outside. Cueva unloaded the gun and gave it to Purscelley's mother when she arrived to pick him up. Thinking about these circumstance later, Cueva contacted the police the next day.

Quiroz died of a gunshot wound to the chest. No weapons were found in Quiroz's clothing or in the vicinity of his body.

██████████, the mother of Purscelley's child, also testified on behalf of the prosecution. At the time of the shooting she was living with Purscelley and their daughter at Purscelley's parents' home. The night of the shooting Purscelley returned to his parents' home and told Grisham about the shooting. He told her that he might have hurt someone; the bullet in the gun was a "hallow point" that shatters into pieces upon impact and is usually lethal; and the woman who was driving the victim witnessed the shooting. When Grisham asked if the woman might come forward about the shooting, Purscelley responded, "What goes on in the hood stays in the hood, and if she knew any better, then she wouldn't say anything."

A few hours after the shooting, Purscelley told Grisham about the dispute between him and Quiroz. Quiroz claimed that Purscelley owed him \$50, but Purscelley did not feel he owed him anything. Purscelley told Grisham that he had purchased the gun from a friend the day before the shooting.

The next afternoon, Grisham and Purscelley agreed that Grisham would provide an alibi for Purscelley. Purscelley took the gun to a friend to have it melted down. Purscelley turned himself in to the police, and denied involvement in the shooting. When interviewed by the police, Grisham initially adhered to the alibi, but eventually disclosed the alibi was "made up."

Defense

By the time of trial, Purscelley admitted that he shot Quiroz, but raised a claim of self-defense. Testifying on his own behalf, Purscelley stated he had a methamphetamine habit, and he met Quiroz when he purchased methamphetamine from him about six months before the shooting. Thereafter, Quiroz was Purscelley's drug supplier, and they also used the drug together. Quiroz told Purscelley that he collected money for other drug dealers.

When Quiroz accompanied Purscelley on the theft jobs, Quiroz carried a gun to protect them. Purscelley had seen Quiroz use violence on various occasions. He saw Quiroz jump out of a car and beat up a man who owed Quiroz's uncle money. Quiroz also threatened a group of men who were in front of a residence where Quiroz was looking for a man who owed him money. Purscelley described Quiroz as a "really aggressive" and "very intimidating" type of person.

Purscelley testified that after the development of the dispute over the \$50, Quiroz became more aggressive every time he asked for the money. Purscelley cut off communication with Quiroz and avoided him as best he could. On two occasions, Quiroz left notes that frightened Purscelley. On one occasion after Purscelley told Quiroz he did not owe the money, Quiroz responded, "Well, come to my uncle's house at 7:30 and we'll talk about it."

Purscelley did not show up at the uncle's home. About three and one-half days before the shooting, Quiroz left a note on Gonzalez's door that Purscelley interpreted as a threat. According to Purscelley, the note indicated that Purscelley "messed up" and "disrespected" Quiroz for not showing up at his uncle's home to pay the money.

A couple days later, Quiroz arrived at Gonzalez's home. Purscelley refused to come outside and talk to him and they spoke through the security screen door. Quiroz was very angry, and he kept repeating "come outside." Quiroz told Purscelley that he disrespected him and that if he did not come outside right then Quiroz would "catch him on the street at a later time." Purscelley responded, "you need to stop tripping' over this stupid \$50"; "If it's so important to you, I'll just pay you the money."

On this occasion at Gonzalez's home, Quiroz appeared to be under the influence of methamphetamine. He was "very agitated and his eyes were real big." Quiroz said, "Motherfucker, you should have paid me my money. Now you went too far and ... there's no paying me now. You can't pay me. It's no longer about the money. Don't let me catch you on the streets. If I catch you on the streets, your ass is mine." Quiroz then left.

The day of the shooting, Purscelley had purchased a gun to protect himself from Quiroz. About five hours later, he was standing with his bicycle and pushing a crosswalk signal button. Quiroz jumped out of a car, approached him at a fast pace, and said, "I knew I'd catch you, son of a bitch. I knew it"; "I knew I would catch you slippin" Quiroz's hands were "all wild."

Purscelley immediately felt afraid and did not know what to do. When Quiroz was about 10 feet away, Purscelley pulled out the gun and pointed it at Quiroz. Quiroz slowed down, but continued to walk towards Purscelley. Quiroz, put his behind his back, and said "If that's a gun, motherfucker, you better shoot me." On previous occasions when Purscelley had seen Quiroz with a gun, Quiroz kept it behind his back. Purscelley thought Quiroz was reaching for a gun. Quiroz continued to come towards Purscelley. When Quiroz was about three feet away, he lunged at Purscelley. Purscelley fired the gun to protect himself because he thought he was going to be shot.

Purscelley testified that he was very afraid and had no way of escaping. He stated that when he was about 16 or 17 years old, he had been shot and he was not going to let somebody shoot him again.

Purscelley's girlfriend (Gonzalez) testified to corroborate Purscelley's claim that Quiroz threatened him. Gonzalez stated that Quiroz was a methamphetamine dealer and user who used violence to collect narcotics debts. She saw Quiroz beat up a man on the street because of a problem between the man and another individual. Quiroz came to her house on three occasions looking for Purscelley and left two notes for him. During the third visit, Purscelley was at home. Quiroz stated to Purscelley through the screen door, "What the fuck, Purscelley?" Quiroz was agitated and asking Purscelley

to come outside. Purscelley said "Calm down. Calm down"; "What's wrong?" Quiroz responded, "No. Fuck that." Gonzalez told Quiroz to lower his voice because her mother and son were in the house, but Quiroz stated, "Fuck that, Gonzalez. He needs to come out." Quiroz then said to Purscelley, "I'm just telling you one thing, you know. You better watch your shit. You better watch your back," and walked away.

Recalled by the defense to testify, Quiroz's girlfriend, Avila, acknowledged that Quiroz was a drug addict and that he and she had engaged in an argument which resulted in Quiroz being arrested. Further, she acknowledged that based on her conversations with Quiroz about his dispute with Purscelley, she thought Quiroz "would probably hit Purscelley when he saw him next." However, Avila denied that Quiroz was a violent man.

I Thomas Purscelley conclude that these are true and accurate statements of the case.

3.) *Explain why you are requesting a commutation:*

I respectfully present to you the Governor of the State of California, Mr. Edmund G. Brown Jr, my application for commutation, and ask if you will please evaluate my conduct since being incarcerated, and allow this office to decide my level of rehabilitation and suitability. I have exhausted all other remedies, i.e. appeals process, and I am no longer seeking relief from the courts. I presented arguments to the courts to be judged on legal parameters, however, I now seek to be judged on my rehabilitation and achievement's that have made me the responsible man that I am today. I am seeking relief from my gun enhancement. Since the passing of SB 620 I am hoping to find relief from this enhancement. After accepting responsibility for my actions, I realize I should have taken the deal the D.A. offered me of 19 years to life. When I was offered this deal, no life term inmates ever got out. Now we have a chance to earn our freedom by our conduct and achievements during our rehabilitation. I am seeking any relief available from this office based on my conduct and accomplishments since being incarcerated. I am asking for my achievements to be viewed, and if reasonable allowed the opportunity to present this to the BPH for a parole date.

4.) *Provide a brief statement why you should be granted a commutation:*

When I committed this horrible atrocity I was 26 years old, however I was only 17 or 18 years old mentally. I never went to high school, and dropped out of Jr high in the 8th grade. I was using drugs on a daily basis, and never had to face the consequences for my bad choices in life leading up to this day of January 25, 2006.

I, in no way, deserve any relief. However, I am asking for mercy based on my conduct and positive accomplishments. I was an impulsive adult-child who was selfish

and materialistic in my youth. I am now conscious of the devastation I caused the Quiroz family, and my entire community. Since being incarcerated I have grown tremendously as a human being. I have come to understand how precious life is to the people we love, and to our succeeding generation. I understand that the decision I made on the night of January 25, 2006 can never be fixed, repaired, or undone. I only ask that my conduct since incarceration, and my education be recognized as the person I have become. I am no longer the impulsive selfish person I once was. I have been, and want to continue giving back to my community. Especially the one I took so much from for so long.

I am currently a full time college student who will graduate with an Associates in Arts degree, with an emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences, during the 2018 college semester, I am also currently working on obtaining an Alcohol and Drug Studies Specialists I and II. I want to help the people that are living the same lifestyle that ruined my life, and help them understand that change is possible. That's why I've been volunteering as a Youth Offender Program (YOP) Mentor. I do this by helping the YOPs with their academic goals, and self-help rehabilitation efforts. I am also currently enrolled in, and facilitate 6 self-help classes. Such as: Narcotics Anonymous (N.A.), Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous (CGA), Lifer's Activity Group (LAG), Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), The Inmate Peer Education Program (IPEP), and I For Sight (I-4-Sight). Being involved with these programs allows me the opportunity to help facilitate the curriculum to the class, and share my personal testimony with them about the road to recovery. Being a positive example in a prison setting has been a huge part of my amends process. After causing so much devastation with my lifestyle choices I've made, I feel a moral obligation to give back in every way I can. One of my most positive attributes as a Master Peer Educator is my sobriety of 12 years. Without sobriety nothing will change! For many years of my life I was addicted to drugs and criminal behavior. Since my sobriety I am a productive, and responsible member of my community. I only ask for the chance to continue these lifestyle choices in the communities that I adversely affected.

I have made many grave decisions in my life, and as a 26 year old man I made the most devastating one of all. I understand how much pain and sorrow I've caused the Quiroz family by murdering Mario Quiroz that night. My choices that night has devastated many families, and countless lives. I am truly shameful and disgusted with the person I once was. It is because of this realization that I have studied so hard, and learned so much to better myself, and ensure that I never make the same choices again. I will forever live my life helping people from the addictions that I suffered from for so long. I want to thank this office and you Governor Brown for your time and consideration. I hope that through this process I might gain some relief from my sentence and be able to continue contributing to the communities I live in for the foreseeable future.

I have many different forms of support available for me upon reentry into society. I plan on being a part of the ARC program, and will try to live in one of their transitional housing units. I will also continue my college education to earn my four year college

degree. Being a part of this positive movement is such a blessing. I have included Several *support letter's*, which include job offers, a car that is *fully insured* for my use, and can provide any and all information needed to clarify any questions you might have. Please understand that I know I don't deserve any leniency for my actions, I am seeking mercy from my enhancement. Thank you once again for your consideration.

5.) *If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):* None.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Dennis Reese

On May 8, 1998, Dennis Reese and Thomas Warren lured John Fitusi to the side of the highway in Los Angeles County. Mr. Reese approached Mr. Fitusi's vehicle and fired multiple shots at him, killing him. Authorities later concluded Mr. Reese killed Mr. Fitusi over a financial dispute. On June 25, 1999, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Reese to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Reese is now 59 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Reese wrote, "I feel that after serving almost 20 years and my current age, I could prove to be invaluable to the community, my family, and to those who are committed to changing their lives." Mr. Reese wrote, "This is my first time incarcerated and last time if given the opportunity to regain my freedom." Mr. Reese told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that he is seeking a commutation in order to be given the chance to return to his family and become a productive member of society. He stated that if given the opportunity to parole, it would not be in vain and that he would prove his worthiness for a second chance.

During more than two decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Reese has worked diligently on his rehabilitation. He has been disciplined only once for misconduct and never for any violence. Mr. Reese has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Constructive Communication, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Reese also served as a facilitator for Alternatives to Violence, an Inmate Peer Educator and an instructor in American Sign Language. In addition, Mr. Reese resided on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard, from 2010 until 2018.

Mr. Reese receives excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2017, a supervising cook commended Mr. Reese on his work as a kitchen worker. The cook wrote, "As his supervisor, I have observed his willingness to perform those tasks assigned to him, as well as volunteering to other jobs not assigned to him. [In addition], his character and conduct have demonstrated a high level of work ethic." The supervisor wrote, "Reese has shown excellent qualities under my supervision with efficient knowledge and respectable attitude." In 2013, a culinary supervisor praised Mr. Reese for his work in the kitchen, noting that Mr. Reese "excelled in meeting all job expectations." The supervisor wrote, "Reese has demonstrated an eagerness to accomplish the assigned tasks expeditiously, and helped to create a positive working environment with a positive impact upon the facility." The supervisor continued, "He performs all duties with diligence and without delay. Reese's continued assistance to staff and his co-workers elevates the standard of the culinary atmosphere, and he should be commended." In 2011, a correctional officer commended Mr. Reese on his "behavior, demeanor, and attitude," noting that he is a "model inmate displaying exemplary, overall demeanor, including a respectful attitude." The officer wrote, "Mr. Reese always stays out of trouble, which is a daily challenge in a hostile prison environment. Mr. Reese treats all inmates with great respect and is patient, courteous, and respectful. . . . Mr. Reese completes all tasks without complaint and is diligent; [he also] pays close attention to detail."

Mr. Reese committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Reese has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Dennis Reese to a total of 23 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Dennis F. Reese Date of Birth: [REDACTED] / 59 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: P-46045 FAB1-235U; P.O. Box 4430; Lancaster, CA 93536-4430

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
P.C., §187	05/02/1998	San Fernando	LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
My friend was found on the side of hwy 14, dead from a gun shot wound. Investigators questioned and detained me after three weeks then charged me with his death.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
I feel that after serving almost 20 years and my current age, I could prove to be invaluable to the community, my family, and to those who are committed to changing their lives.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
I have never been a bad guy, and I believe that people make mistakes. Shouldn't everyone get another chance? This is my first time incarcerated and last time if given the opportunity to regain my freedom.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):
I prepared this application for executive clemency myself and upon request, have certificates, chronos, and character references.

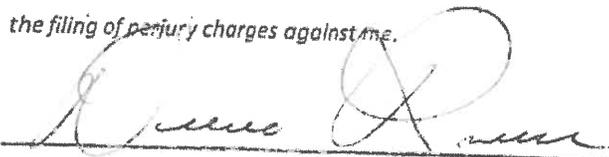
STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Dennis F. Reese declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

February 28, 2017

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Dennis F. Reese,
was convicted of the crime of Murder P.C., §187
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of May 2, 1998

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: P-46045

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Applicant's Signature

February 28, 2017
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

Barbara Wray HO, District Attorney of the County of *Los Angeles*

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from *Dennis Reese*

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed *Barbara Wray*

Date *2/20/17*

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Richard Alexander Richardson

In December 1997, Richard Richardson and some gang members broke into Leslie Hodge's home with intent to commit a robbery. Mr. Hodge and several others were held at gunpoint. Mr. Richardson and the group ransacked Mr. Hodge's home and stole cash, food stamps, and jewelry. On November 24, 1998, the Stanislaus County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Richardson to 26 years for three counts of robbery, 4 years for two counts of attempted robbery, 10 years, 8 months for firearm enhancements, 5 years for a prior felony enhancement, and 1 year, 4 months for a gang enhancement – a total of 47 years. Mr. Richardson is a second-striker and is currently serving a sentence that has been doubled.

Mr. Richardson has now been incarcerated for 21 years for this crime. In his application for clemency, Mr. Richardson described his commitment to rehabilitation and wrote, "Since my incarceration I have found my authentic self. I've been working on becoming a better person by completing many self-help groups. I've learned that it is alright to be afraid and ask for help when I need it." He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he wants to change society's mind about people who commit crimes and let them know that they are worth a second chance.

During more than two decades in prison, Mr. Richardson has been dedicated to transforming his life. He earned an A.A. degree and has participated in self-help programs including Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, Alliance for Change, and Anger Management. Mr. Richardson is currently the editor in chief for the San Quentin News, an inmate run newspaper. In 2017, a correctional officer wrote in support of a reduction of sentence for Mr. Richardson, noting that he "has proven to be highly efficient and professional in the performance of his duties as editor in chief of the San Quentin newspaper." He continued, "Inmate Richardson has taken advantage of the move [CDCR] has made toward rehabilitation and has develop[ed] the skills needed to be a productive, beneficial and responsible citizen when released." Another correctional officer wrote in support of a commutation, stating that Mr. Richardson "should be commended for his efforts to transform his life and change his behavior. [He] has proven himself to be a model of rehabilitation and I know he will be a great asset to his community." Mr. Richardson plans to live in transitional housing, and his family is ready to help him upon his release from prison.

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Richardson.

Despite his lengthy sentence, Mr. Richardson came to prison and turned his life around. He stopped associating with gang members and has dedicated himself to rehabilitation. As a result, he has earned an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Richard Alexander Richardson to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Richardson, Richard A. Date of Birth: [redacted] 1973 Inmate ID: H29617

Address: California State Prison-San Quentin, CA 94974 Facility: San Quentin

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of Conviction(s), Sentences(s). Contains handwritten entries for PC 245 (D)(1) and PC 211 + Enhancements.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On Dec. 11, 1997, I and several other men, with guns and mask, intruded the home of Sarah Hodges and Shamela Gray. We intimidated, threaten and robbed those two women, Jill Townsend, Antoine McElvaine and Leslie Hodges. We ransacked their home and left them afraid and distraught.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached page...

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached page...

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

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STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Richard Alexander Richardson, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)

California that I have served the District Attorney of Stanislaus County with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Richard Alexander Richardson

Applicant's Signature

August 15, 2017

Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Stanislaus County:

Please take notice that I Richard Richardson, was convicted of the crime of Robbery + Enhancements, committed in Stanislaus County, California on the date of December 11, 1997. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.



Applicant's Signature

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August 14, 2017

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, BIRGIT FLADAEK, District Attorney of the County of STANISLAUS do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from RICHARD RICHARDSON, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed



Date

8-13-17

Note - Defendant was convicted of 9 separate counts to include Robbery, Attempted robbery, Burglary, gang crime, conspiracy & Felon in possession.

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

I am requesting a commutation of my sentence because I am not the same person who committed my crime at the age of 24. My criminal behavior, when I was younger lead me to disregard societal laws and jeopardize the safety of people in my community. I terrorized the community that I lived in and I regret the damages I caused to all the people who were harmed by my actions. I lacked social values and job skills, and I did not have any plans for my future. I grew up under the authority of an abusive, alcoholic father until I was placed in a foster home. I later moved with my mother to various women shelters, hiding from my father. I began stealing other people's belonging and ending up in juvenile halls. I started selling drugs and then I joined a gang when I turned 11-years-old. I ended up stealing a car and got caught and sent to a group home when I was 12-years-old. I use the term caught because I committed more crimes that I was not arrested for, like stealing more cars and bicycles.

I learned violence from my father, so I masked my true feelings behind violence. I was suffering with an identity crisis and I was too afraid or know how to express my feelings. When I went to prison as a teenager for assaulting Officer David Robinson, I did not accept the responsibility for the role I played in this crime. I refuse to address the problems I was dealing with and I paroled in 1995 with no rehabilitative experiences. I found a job at Jack-in-the-Box but my problems continued to escalate. While trying to keep up with my bills, rent, child support and other payments, my financial obligations became unstable and I began to question my self-worth. I reverted to selling drugs and shortly afterwards I robbed Ms. Hodges, Gray, Townsend, and Mr. Hodges and McElwaine. I regret all the pain and harm that I cause and I wish I never committed this crime.

Since my incarceration I have found my authentic self. I've been working on becoming a better person by completing many self-help groups. I've learned that it is alright to be afraid and ask for help when I need it. I know that I am responsible for my actions and accountable for my behavior. I've earned my college degree and a vocational trade to support my family. Although I am proud of the groups and education that I have acquired, my greatest achievement was reaching out

to my victims and apologizing to them for the pain and harm I caused. I also reached out to the former Stanislaus County district attorney, Mr. Douglas Maner, and apologized for lying to him and not accepting responsibility for my actions.

When I was 24-years-old, I was afraid to ask people for help. Now at 44-years-old, I've had the privilege and opportunity to work along side correctional officers, sergeants, lieutenants, CCR officials and several district attorneys. I am not afraid to ask for help anymore, but most importantly, offer my services as a volunteer to the community.

I'm now married to a wonderful lady who I've know since the 3rd grade. We have 7 children and 4 grandchildren. I will purchase and start a truck driving company with two of my brothers who now drive trucks. I will also invest in real-estate, create a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and open a transitional house for elderly women and men returning to society. I will use my leadership skills I learned as editor-in-chief of the San Quentin News to organize the support I need to accomplish these goals.

I am rehabilitated and I'm ready to be a law abiding productive tax-paying citizen in our society. Thank You for you time and patience.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Richardson

Mr. Richard Richardson

Date: August 15, 2017

I should be granted a commutation because I am the role model for what rehabilitation looks like. I believe in change and growth and I will prove that by my continued service with the community when I am released. I would like to be that bridge to fill the gap between law enforcement officers and our community. The value that I bring to the community will benefit greatly with the value I will produce in society.

As a second strike offender, I know that I will not be given another chance or opportunity. I should be granted a commutation because I am a productive citizen, to our society. I am responsible, accountable and a model citizen that California will be proud of. I pray that I'm given the opportunity to prove that I have been rehabilitated. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit my commutation form.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Richardson

Mr. Richard Richardson

Date: August 15, 2017

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Genaro Rios

In February 1981, Genaro Rios arranged to have David Benavides killed due to a debt he owed Mr. Benavides. Humberto Perez drove Mr. Benavides to a pre-arranged location, where Mr. Rios had promised Mr. Benavides he would be paid. When Mr. Benavides and Mr. Perez arrived at the location, Jose Bueno and another man approached. Mr. Bueno removed a gun from his jacket and fired multiple times, killing Mr. Perez and injuring Mr. Benavides. On November 18, 1982, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rios to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Rios is now 81 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 37 years. He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he is seeking a commutation because of his age, his lack of disciplinary history in prison, and his desire to return to his family. During almost four decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Rios has been a model inmate. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. Mr. Rios has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, Houses of Healing, Men for Honor, Second Chance Group, and Catholic Chapel.

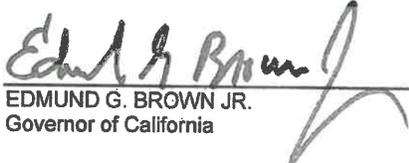
Mr. Rios receives above average work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. Mr. Rios resided on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard where inmates have access to unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities, for many years. In 2014, a correctional counselor commended Mr. Rios on successfully programming on the Progressive Programming Facility and staying free from serious rules violations for the entirety of his incarceration. In 2017, a Catholic chaplain commended Mr. Rios on being a "faithful participant" at Catholic mass and wrote, "He is someone that is quiet, respectful, attentive, willing to learn more about his faith and open to direction. He is someone that I consider to be a positive role model for our Catholic population, and most especially to our Spanish speaking population." In 2012, a superintendent with the California Prison Industry Authority (Cal-PIA) Laundry commended Mr. Rios on his work ethic, writing that he "demonstrates a good attitude and work habits." Also in 2012, a superintendent with Cal-PIA Laundry commended Mr. Rios on completing 1500 hours of training. In 2007, a Narcotics Anonymous sponsor wrote that Mr. Rios "has always displayed a positive attitude towards his peers, staff and guest sponsors during our group meetings. Inmate Rios shows a commitment towards his recovery from his addiction to drugs."

Due to Mr. Rios's age and physical condition, his conduct in prison, and his dedication to self-improvement, I believe that Mr. Rios has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Genaro Rios to a total of 37 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State





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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

-Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence.
(See Penal Code, § 4852.01.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: GENARO GONZALES RIOS Date of Birth: 37 Social Security Number: _____

Address: Csp/Los Angeles County - 44750 60th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93539

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
NONE			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Murder, attempted murder, Lying in wait and Gun Use. (Pen. Codes §§ 187, 664/187, 190.2(a)(15) and 12022(a)) : Humberto Perez died as a result of gunshot wounds when two perpetrators opened fire on Perez and Benavides who were occupying a parked car. Applicant Rios was not present at the time of the shooting. (Appx. #1)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Applicant is 77 years of age and has served over thirty (30) years in prison. Applicant is a Mexican National (Exhibit A) The surviving victim/witness has recanted his testimony as to Applicant. (Exhibit B) Applicant has exhausted all judicial options available to obtain release from prison. Applicant has strong

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4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

While maintaining his innocence of the crimes charged Applicant Rios has been a model inmate over the 30 years of his incarceration. Applicant is now 77 years of age with family in both Mexico and the United States that would benefit from

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5. If you have you paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No - N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Genaro Gonzales Rios, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Orange with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Genaro G. Rios

Applicant's Signature
GENARO GONZALES RIOS//

7.28.2014

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Orange County: Please take notice that I, Genaro Gonzales Rios, CDCR# C58709

was convicted of the crime of Murder, attempted murder, Lying in Wait and Gun Use

committed in Orange County County, California, on the date of 1982

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: C58709

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

Genaro G. Rios
Genaro Gonzales Rios / Applicant's Signature

6/23/14
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, E. Rowe, Deputy, District Attorney of the County of Orange

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Genaro Gonzales Rios

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date 7/2/14

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Rick Rivera

On October 16, 2005, Rick Rivera and Luis Avalos fired into a laundromat where they believed a rival gang member was hiding. Later, Mr. Rivera and Mr. Avalos mistakenly believed Lonnie Hunter was a rival gang member and fired three shots, injuring Mr. Hunter. On August 20, 2007, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rivera to 7 years to life for attempted murder, 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement, 8 years for assault with a machine gun, 1 year and 8 months for shooting at an inhabited dwelling, plus 8 months for firing at an unoccupied vehicle – a total sentence of 42 years and 4 months to life.

Mr. Rivera is now 47 years old and has been incarcerated for over 13 years. He is seeking a commutation based on his rehabilitation. When Mr. Rivera applied for a commutation he expressed deep remorse for committing his crime, and wrote, "I have realized and accepted my faults of my criminality, my way of living, and my disobedience to the law and my fellow man." In a letter to make amends, Mr. Rivera added, "I want to apologize for the hurt and pain I have caused to the community, as I had been contributing to the crime and violence that was occurring before my incarceration."

Mr. Rivera has participated in self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Inside OUT Writers. He completed his GED and has earned an A.A. degree in business technology and an A.S. degree in business management, graduating *cum laude* in each. He also completed vocational training in office services and related technology. In 2015, Mr. Rivera was an Inmate Peer Educator and, in 2018, he took a course in computer coding through Code 7370.

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Rivera.

During 13 years in prison, Mr. Rivera has made a serious commitment to his rehabilitation and has matured and accepted responsibility for his actions. I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Rick Rivera to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Rick Rivera Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-71 Inmate ID: F-96110

Address: C5-214 Po. Box: 2199 Blythe, CA. 92226 Facility: Ironwood State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Please see attachment - A			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attachment - A

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attachment - A

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attachment - A

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Please see attachment - A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, RICK RIVERA declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Rick Rivera

Applicant's Signature

3-19-18

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, RICK RIVERA,
was convicted of the crime of ATTEMPTED MURDER, ADW, DISCHARGING A FIREARM,
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 10-16-05

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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Rick Rivera

Applicant's Signature

3-19-18
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

~~I, Steven Frank [Signature]~~ District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Rick Rivera

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed *[Signature]*
Date 4-16-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

ATTACHMENT - A

1. Conviction Summary:

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
23152(a)VC .Under the influence	7-2-02	Los Angeles	Fine
112021(a)(1)PC. Poss.of firearm/273.5(a)Inflict corp.injury on spouse	6-5-98	Los Angeles	2yrs.
23103 VC.	10-8-96	Los Angeles	Fine
666 PC. Petty Theft w.prior	7-1-94	Los Angeles	16 months
10851(a)Taking vehicle w/o owners consent	8-17-89	Los Angeles	6months

2. On October 16, 2005, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Ronald Early was sitting in his parked car in an alley parallel Budlong Avenue between 105th street and 106th streets. He heard three gunshots and saw a young black man jump over a fence, pursued by a man later identified as Avalos. Avalos was holding an AK-47. Less than a minute later, Early heard more loud shots. When the firing stopped, Early ran around the corner and saw that a Laundromat had got shot up. Deputies Roman Foss, Jorge Juarez, Tony Leonard, Christopher Lio arrived at the Laundromat and saw shattered glass inside and out. Deputy Lio found 12 expended shell casings and 1 live round. On the same day, at approximately 5:40 p.m. Deputy Daniel Martin answered a call to the area of 94th street and Budlong Avenue. He found two bullet holes in a church sign and recovered two expended rounds that were embedded in the sign. Shortly after the shooting, at approximately 6:00 p.m. Lonnie Hunter was shot in the area of Raymond Avenue and 111th street. He testified that a black man came toward him and shot him. As Hunter attempted to run away the black man shot him in the shoulder, hand, and lower back. The deputies who responded to the Laundromat, heard gunshots ringing from the Southwest. Deputies Foss and Juarez drove toward 111th street and Budlong Avenue and passed Avalos and Rivera, who were traveling eastbound on in a green Ford. We were apprehended after a short pursuit.

I was convicted for attempted murder on Mr. Hunter along with other charges of assault with a deadly weapon, shooting at inhabited dwelling, discharging firearm unoccupied vehicle. I was sentenced to life for the attempted murder and given a 25 to life for a gun enhancement, with 10 years and 4 months for the other charges. For a total of 42 to life.

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3. I am requesting a commutation, because I exhausted all remedies through the appeal system. A Representative of the Governor came to Ironwood State Prison and asked for inmates to file Commutation of Sentences.

4. Where I am at in my life I feel I do not deserve anything for the actions I have took in my past. If I am granted Commutation of Sentence I will be a productive member of society. I believe I can be more beneficial to society out there than in prison, as I have realized and accepted my faults of my criminality, my way of living, and all in all, my disobedience to the law and my fellow man. I have learned through way of self-help classes how from a young age my mind was conditioned to live by certain ways, beliefs, and misbeliefs, and how the suicidal death of my father at my age of 15 affected my life-in my emotions, feelings, and behavior. These self-help classes consisted of Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Alternatives to violence, Criminal and Gang Anonymous, and Getting Out by Going In. Step one of A.A. "We admitted we were powerless over my addiction and that my life had become unmanageable" gave me the understanding and eye opener of how my addiction to drugs and alcohol destroyed my life and not only my life, but the ones of my loved ones and others. My addictions had played a role in my bad decision making and it has been over six years that my admittance and sobriety has given me the ability and strength to acknowledge my faults, errors, and beyond, thereby giving me the awareness that I needed to change, that I could change, and that there was more to life than addiction and criminal lifestyles. I am no longer the ignorant, selfish, confused negative minded, alcohol-drug addicted person I was 13 years ago. I will be 47 years old on July 16, 2018. I no longer have the immature beliefs of the gang and criminal mentality. I have earned two college degrees, an A.S. and an A.A. in business. I am currently taking courses in Alcohol and Drug Studies and have been involved in self-help classes for the past five years. I am no longer the closed-ill-minded uneducated individual who thought that gang and drug lifestyle was a norm. I was wrong and directionless. I have changed my whole life around, I am optimistic and open-minded and would like to pay back to society by being a productive and law abiding citizen. One of my goals is to help the youth and adults that are struggling with gangs, drugs and alcohol. And to those who are not struggling, help them avoid such issues. I would like to go to the schools and speak to the kids about the criminal and gang lifestyle and not only speak to them, but follow up on them. This was something I never experienced as I was growing up and I strongly believe that this type of communication would be beneficial to the kids, their families, and their communities. I would like

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to be a big brother or even a father figure to youngsters who may be in need of one, as I never had a brother and my father had passed away when I was 15. I would like to get involved with organizations such Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) and Homeboy Industries (to name a couple) to reach this goal, as I look forward to making amends with society. Lastly, but for sure not least, I have found my higher power, which is GOD, in which I now find peace, comfort, love, direction, and happiness.

5. No money was paid or given to assist in the preparation of this application.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Curtis Roberts

On January 12, 1995, Curtis Roberts burglarized the home of Brenda Zink. Three days later, Mr. Roberts robbed Holly Cox and Nathan Beiley who were cashiers at a fast-food restaurant. Later the same night, Mr. Roberts robbed David Harlev, the cashier at a liquor store. On August 11, 1995, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Roberts to 25 years to life for robbery and 25 years to life for burglary – a total of 50 years to life.

Mr. Roberts has now been incarcerated for close to 24 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Roberts wrote about the life choices he made that precipitated his crime. He expressed remorse for committing these crimes, writing, "I have learned over the years that while I don't have a victim in the sense of a murder case, yet I do have victims. Time after time I [chose] drugs (rock cocaine) over my wife and daughter. Today, I live with such regret and shame for my actions, however, this story I pray does not end with me dying in prison... I believe the main purpose for me to be here in prison is to grow up, and I have."

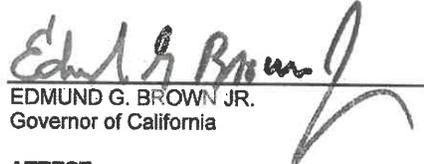
Mr. Roberts has maintained an excellent record in prison. He has never been involved with violence or drugs during his incarceration. He has had no disciplinary violations for over 15 years. He has dedicated himself to self-improvement, participating in self-help programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, The Work, and Long-Term Offender Pilot Program. Mr. Roberts is an editor for the San Quentin News. Over the years, various prison staff members have commended Mr. Roberts for his enthusiasm, positive attitude, diligence, and excellent service. In 2012, an associate warden commended Mr. Roberts for consistently volunteering to perform additional duties, for his enthusiasm and willingness to assist inmates, and for his exemplary behavior for over a decade. Additionally, Mr. Roberts' application has been reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Roberts had a serious drug addiction and sustained his habit by committing senseless crimes. It is clear to me, however, that his commitment to sober living, his exemplary in-prison conduct, and his rehabilitation show that he is ready to be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Curtis Roberts to release him on parole.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

December 20, 2011

To: The Chambers of
The Superior Court
Barstow, California 92311

Subject: RE-SENTENCING CONSIDERATION, FOR CURTIS HOWARD ROBERTS
E-25212. SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON.

In 1995, I was sentenced to Fifty years to life as a result of a Three Strikes case by Honorable Judge Rufus L. Yent, Case Number: FBA-01774. While sitting in my Tehachapi prison cell I wrote back to Judge Rufus L. Yent (see enclosed). At that time, and again today I say justice is not being served by locking me up for the rest of my life.

Today, seventeen years later I humbly ask for a sentence modification in this case. Here is why I ask: I stole \$40.00 dollars from a Big Bear Lake, liquor store, high on drugs and I was going in and out of my then (In-laws) cabin which was up for sale at that time, I had permission and the key to be within the cabin. I plead guilty in 1995 to Robbery & Burglary because the truth be told I gave up. I have never used a gun, never even used a weapon.

At the 1995 Sentencing, Judge Yent ordered me to serve 85% on the first 25-to-life, and 80% on the second 25-to-life. However, for whatever reason the prison notified me that Judge Yent's order was invalid, that I am to serve 100% of the fifty years which will place me here until the year 2044. I am still paying today 55% of restitution, any money I earn or that is sent to me is taken away due to the \$10,000.00 dollar restitution Judge Yent placed upon me.

I have learned over the years (via support groups) that while I don't have a victim in the sense of a murder case, yet I do have victims. Namely, the guy who was working the counter at the store, what in him gets triggered each time he sees someone like me. Or, how about my own daughter, she has had to live without a father all these years because of my own actions. Time after time I choose drugs (rock cocaine) over loving my wife and daughter. Today, I live with such regret and shame for my actions however, this story I pray does not end with me dying in prison, even in the midst of all that I have faced here in prison I am accomplishing much in the way of self-help groups, half-way to receiving my Associates of Arts degree. I have spoken to many at risk youth, as shown on t.v. (see A.& E. cable t.v. Beyond Scared Straight) section four of the show is aired from San Quentin. Lastly, I believe the main purpose for me to be here in prison is to grow up, and I am and I have.

I apologize for my actions, if possible I welcome the opportunity to correct them and promise to never again steal, use drugs or hurt another human being.

This, my second time in prison - first time was for a crime I did not do (had a hung jury, yet denied by trial judge) I got out an angry man that thought the world owed me. Now, with seventeen years clean and sober I eagerly hope for a chance to live life outside of these walls. Here at San Quentin, each week I speak with the tours that come through the prison, sharing openly of my failures, shame, and regret and my accomplishments. Its my hope that somehow, justice will prevail. Please consider my case for re-sentencing.

Curtis H. Roberts
E-25212, 4 North 10 upper
San Quentin, Ca. 93974

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Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

I.
APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

CIE 40820/503

LAST Name ROBERTS		FIRST Name CURTIS		MIDDLE Name HOWARD	
Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1962	Place of Birth BAKWIN HILLS CA.	Social Security Number [REDACTED]	Prison Number E-25212		

Current Residence

Address SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON		Apt, Lot, Suite, Space, etc. 4 NORTH 10 UP	
City SAN QUENTIN	State CALIFORNIA	Zip Code 94974	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commutation of current sentence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pardon based upon innocence
<input type="checkbox"/> Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Why are you requesting clemency? **TWO REASONS; FIRST I APOLOGIZE FOR MY PAST ACTIONS; IN ADDITION I HAVE ADDRESSED MY MENTALLY ILL PROBLEMS, (CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE). SECONDLY, I SERVED FIVE YEARS FOR A CRIME I DID NOT DO (1989 ROBBERY).**

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense ROBBERY / BURGLARY			
Date of offense JAN, 1995	Date of conviction AUGUST 1995	Arresting agency BIG BEAR LAKE SHERIFF	County of conviction SAN BERNARDINO
Superior court case number FBA-01774	Your trial attorney's name and address ALAN R. JOHNSON 316 EAST FREDRICKS P.O. BOX "E" BARSTOW, CA. 92312	Sentence 50 YRS. TO LIFE	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? DEC. 2044
Did you appeal your case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, appellate case number and status of case:			

Prior Convictions: List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
ROBBERY 2ND	1986	LOS ANGELES	SIX MONTH COUNTY JAIL
ROBBERY ARMED	1989	SAN FERNANDO	NINE YEARS STATE PRISON
ROBBERY 2ND	1995	SAN BERNARDINO	{ 50 to life }
BURGLARY	1995	SAN BERNARDINO	

Current Attorney Information

Are you currently represented by an attorney? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:	
First and last name:	Telephone number:
Address:	

Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2

Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:	
First and last name:	Telephone number:
Address:	

**II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY**
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.	
Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency: <i>MENTAL HEALTH - FOR THE LAST</i>	
<i>SIX YEARS I, UNDER THE CARE OF PSYCH DR. ENOS HAVE</i>	
<i>ADDRESSED MY CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE, I AM LEARNING</i>	
<i>WHY I USED DRUGS, WHICH RESULTED IN ME STEALING TO SUPPORT</i>	
<i>MY DRUG HABBIT. I AM 17 YRS. CLEAN.</i>	
Your current physician's name: <i>DR. STEINER</i>	Physician's telephone number:
Physician's address: <i>SAN QUENTIN</i>	
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, what was the result?	

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION

Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Give a brief account of your offense.

Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.

Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)

When were you discharged from probation or parole?

Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.

Why you are requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

IN 1989, I WAS ARRESTED BUYING \$20. WORTH OF CRACK COCAINE, WHILE IN JAIL, LATER CHARGED WITH A.C. 211. I DID NOT DO THIS CRIME. FINGER PRINTS FOUND ARE NOT MINE, HAD A HUNG JURY, WHICH WAS DENIED BY TRIAL JUDGE.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

NO! WITH TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY THEY CAN 100% PROVE I DID NOT DO THIS CRIME. CHECK THE FINGER PRINTS.

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

NO! I HAVE TRIED TO LOCATE THOSE PRINTS, TO NO AVAIL.

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

TWO REASONS: FIRST, I STOLE \$40, DOLLARS FROM BIG BEAR LAKE LIQUOR STORE. PLUS, I WAS USING MY (THEN) IN-LAWS VACANT CABIN WHICH WAS UP FOR SALE, I HAD THE KEYS AND PERMISSION TO BE IN THERE CABIN. I PLEAD GUILTY TO ROBBERY/BURGLARY

Have you sought relief from the courts?

YES, (SEE ENCLOSED) AFTER 17 YEARS I WROTE BACK TO THE SENTENCING COURT. THEY DENIED IT.

III

NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of _____ with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.
(Name of county)

(Applicant's signature)

(Date signed)

IV

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



(Applicant's signature)

FEBRUARY 15, 2012

(Date signed)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

This notice is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 4804

To the District Attorney of SAN BERNARDINO County:
county of conviction

Please take notice that I, CURTIS HOWARD ROBERTS, was convicted of the crime of
first, middle and last name of applicant

PC. 211/PC 459 committed in the County of SAN BERNARDINO, State of California,
offense and penal code section county of conviction

convicted on AUGUST 1995 and sentenced to FIFTY YEARS TO LIFE
date sentence

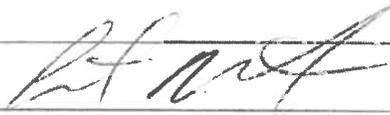
I will submit an application to the Governor of the State of California requesting a

- Pardon based upon rehabilitation
- Commutation of current sentence
- Pardon based upon innocence
- Compassionate release
- Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
- Other

If other, briefly explain:

CURTIS HOWARD ROBERTS

Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED



Applicant's Signature

FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Month, Day, Year

SAN QUENTIN

Applicant's Street Address

SAN QUENTIN, CA. 94974

Applicant's City, State, Zip Code

This Section to be Completed by District Attorney Only

State of California

County of _____ } SS.

I, _____ District Attorney of the County of _____

State of California, do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____
Name of Applicant

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon.

[Signed] _____

District Attorney of the County of _____

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Alfred Rodriguez

On May 14, 2009, Alfred Rodriguez and Israel Lopez drove by a group of rival gang members and flashed gang signs. Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Lopez drove by again and fired multiple shots from their cars into the group, killing Victor Moreno. On August 29, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rodriguez to 25 years to life for murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 50 years to life.

Mr. Rodriguez was 19 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for over eight years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Rodriguez explained how participation in self-help programs in prison, particularly Narcotics Anonymous and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, helped him "truly understand the pain, loss, and harm" that he caused. He wrote, "...I became truly sorry and the desire to change, from the person that I was, was created within me. My desire for change pushed me harder than my desire for freedom." When asked by an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings why he was seeking a commutation, he explained, "I have these goals now that I want to accomplish...I want to try to make amends for all of the wrongs that I've done and for everything that I've done. I see myself helping people as a way of making amends. I want to get out and prevent other children and other people from doing the type of things that I did that led me to prison."

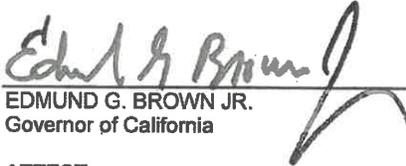
Mr. Rodriguez has turned his life around by leaving his violence and gang lifestyle behind. Upon coming to prison, he renounced all ties to his gang and has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his GED and completed a vocation in the computer literacy program. Additionally, Mr. Rodriguez has completed an advanced Alternatives to Violence program where he currently is a facilitator. Mr. Rodriguez has a parole plan that includes transitional housing in the event of his release. He reported that his daughter's family currently provides him with support and has offered him employment opportunities.

Since committing this very serious crime, Mr. Rodriguez turned away from violence and gangs and shifted his focus to his own rehabilitation and education. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Rodriguez has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Alfred Rodriguez to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

LETTER TO GOVERNOR BROWN

Dear Governor Brown

My name is Alfred Rodriguez, and I'm currently serving a 50 years to life sentence for murder and enhancements. Once I was sentenced to life in prison, I slowly started to give up, but in 2015 I heard how laws were changing, and I started to believe that maybe I had a chance on getting out. For the sake of parole I enrolled myself into self-help groups. Two of the self-help groups that I enrolled myself into are called NA and CGA. These two groups have 12 step programs that are similar to each other, and I have been able to change from the person that I was, by working the steps that these two groups provided. Working these steps helped me become aware of my character defects, flaws, and the underlying issues that played a part in me becoming the person that I was. Most importantly, these steps helped me truly understand the pain, loss, and harm that I caused to Victor Moreno and so many others. After I understood the full impact of my actions, I became truly sorry and the desire to change, from the person that I was, was created within me. My desire for change pushed me harder than my desire for freedom. With my desire for change pushing me, and through working the steps, I have been able to address the underlying issues that played a part in me becoming the person that I was, and I have also been able to address my character defects, and flaws. It hasn't been easy, old habits and manners are hard to change, but with the steps, daily prayer, and discipline I have slowly but surely been able to change. My desire to change has also pushed me to better myself through education. The college courses that I have taken so far have taught me about morals and ethics, emotional intelligence, networking, setting goals, and how to make plans so that I can accomplish those goals. I'm no longer attending self-help groups for the sake of parole: I'm now attending self-help groups because they have helped me change so much and I love the feeling of accomplishing things, gaining knowledge and understanding, doing the right thing in all aspects of my life, and just becoming a better person. I have dreams and goals to become a successful person, and I now know that true hard work is what it will take in order for me to succeed. I want to get out so that I can accomplish my goals and dreams, but most importantly I want to get out so that I can help and be there for my family. I want to teach them all that I've learned, and help raise the next generation the way that I should have been raised. I want to give back and try to help and save people, but I can't do it from behind these walls. Governor Brown please grant my commutation so that I can get an earlier opportunity to parole, because I would really like to put my plans into action. I thank you for your time and consideration. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Alfred Rodriguez 5.30.18
Alfred Rodriguez



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. • State Capitol • Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Alfred J. Rodriguez Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-90 Inmate ID: [REDACTED]

Address: 19005 Willys Well Rd. Facility: Ironwood State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Resisting Officer	8-2-07	Los Angeles	Probation

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On 5-14-2009 I murdered Victor Moreno in the county of Los Angeles. I was sentenced to 50 years to life for murder and enhancements.

Please See Attached: (Facts of Offense)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I'm requesting a commutation of my sentence because I'd like an earlier opportunity at parole.

Please See Attached: (My Goals)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please See Attached: (My Goals)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

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I, Alfred J. Rodriguez, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

5-30-18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

FACTS OF OFFENSE

ALFRED RODRIGUEZ #AI8657

On May 14, 2009 I received a phone call from an individual by the name Alfredo Hernandez. On that phone call A.Hernandez said that he wanted to go murder a thirty-eight st. gangmember, using my grandparents vehicle. I took my G.P. vehicle to his house. When I got there I seen A.Hernandez and his little brother Ceasar Hernandez. A.Hernandez was on the phone trying to borrow a gun. Once A.Hernandez got off the phone he stated that we had to go pick up the gun. All three of us proceeded to get into my G.P. vehicle, and as I got near the driver door, A.Hernandez stated that he wanted to drive, I then told him no because he didn't have a license and I did. A.Hernandez eventually convinced me to let him drive. C.Hernandez and I got into the back seat of my G.P. vehicle, and we then drove two blocks up the street. We stopped in front of a house with a group of florence gangmembers standing out front. As we got out of the vehicle, A.Hernandez headed to the back of the house, I had assumed to get the gun; later on I found out it was because he had asked someone to follow behind my G.P. vehicle, so that in case the police got behind us that person would do something to pull the attention away from my G.P. vehicle, in other words to be a "decoy car". I started introducing myself to the group of gangmembers standing out front, as I was not familiar with them, because I did not frequent that area of the neighborhood. After a short while the brothers and I got back into my G.P. vehicle. Once inside I asked A.Hernandez if he got the gun, and he said that we're about to. We drove around the block and stopped in front of a house. Then A.Hernandez told his brother to go get the gun. Once C.Hernandez got back into the vehicle I seen and held the gun. We then drove over to thirty-eight st. gangs neighborhood, during the drive over, I noticed the a white car following behind us and I seen two people inside. (the passenger I know as Baby Kapps, however, the drivers name and moniker is unknown to me) At this point I asked A.Hernandez why were they following us, and he basically said that they were a decoy car. As we got to the area that thirty-eight st. gangmembers be around, we drove around that area for what I think was about five minutes. We eventually seen Victor Moreno standing on the corner of Long Beach and Vernon. Because of the thirty-eight st. tattoo on the back of his head we knew he was a gangmember. As we neared the corner where Victor Moreno was standing, I asked C.Hernandez if he wanted to do the shooting because if not I wanted to do it. He said that he did, so I allowed him to do it. As we got to the corner, C.Hernandez rolled down the window and with Victor Morenos back towards us, C.Hernandez proceeded to shoot Victor Moreno. After 14-18 shots, and making sure the clip was empty, we drove off. Back in the neighborhood A.Hernandez pulled over and instructed his little brother to go with the individuals in the white car and to take the gun back to the place we had got it from. A.Hernandez then continued to drive, a few streets from his house he pulled over and said that he'd walk home and for me to go home as well. Once I got home, to get rid of any evidence, I washed and cleaned my G.P. vehicle.

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Rodriguez 5-30-18

What I Should Have Done

When I first received that phone call from A.Hernandez I should have told him no and I should have called the police or told someone. I should never have never taken my grandparents vehicle, especially to do a murder. When I got to A.Hernandez house I should have told them how wrong it was to murder someone. I should have tried to stop this murder from even happening. I should never even had wanted to kill someone. After the murder I should have went to the police and turned myself in. I should not have participated and gone along with these people. After I got arrested I should have told the truth. There is a lot of things I should have done, even before 5-14-09. The fact of the matter is that had I not taken my grandparents vehicle and choose to participate in this murder, it may had never happened. Therefore, because of my actions Victor Moreno is dead, and I am responsible for his murder.

Rodriguez 5.30.18

My Goals
Alfred Rodriguez #AI8657

The deeper reason on why I am asking for a commutation of my sentence is because of my goals. What I want to do is try to help the next generation of children, in my community, succeed and that includes my daughter. With the knowledge I've gained, on why I did the things I did and how I became the type of person that I was, I now believe that I know how I can help the next generation of children succeed. I've also learned what it will take for someone to become successful and I plan to use this knowledge to help children become successful. Another one of my goals is to become a successful person myself, and with all the knowledge I've gained, not only do I believe I can become successful, I believe I will become a successful person. I've been RVR 115 disciplinary free during my entire prison term. I've gained my GED, and am now attending Coastline Community College where I've completed five courses. I'm on the executive body and help run two of the three self-help groups that I am enrolled in, and I'm also an AVP facilitator in training.

Why should I be granted a commutation? I wouldn't say that I should be granted a commutation, but I am hoping that you yourself would deem me worthy enough to grant me a commutation.

Rodriguez 5-30-18

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Risala Rose-Aminifu

In 1992, 18-year-old Risala Rose-Aminifu and Webster Watson planned to rob some marijuana dealers. They arranged a drug deal so they could go to the dealers' apartment. When Mr. Rose-Aminifu and Mr. Watson arrived, Mr. Rose-Aminifu held one man at gunpoint and hit another with a shotgun. Someone else started firing, hitting and killing Miguel Paez. On June 14, 1993, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rose-Aminifu to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a four-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Rose-Aminifu applied for a commutation of sentence on the basis of his rehabilitation and record in prison. He is now 45 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 27 years. Mr. Rose-Aminifu has lived on the Lancaster Progressive Programming Facility since 2012, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative opportunities. He is currently taking college classes from Coastline Community College, and plans to earn his A.A. degree. He has maintained a positive work record, and regularly receives excellent ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Rose-Aminifu has participated in several self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Sensitivity, Paving the Way, and Cage Your Rage. In 2018, a professor and a director from California State University – Los Angeles supported Mr. Rose-Aminifu's commutation, praising his dedication to the program and offering to help support him in the event of his release.

Mr. Rose-Aminifu participated in a senseless crime when he was a young man. During nearly three decades of incarceration since then, he has demonstrated that he is committed to turning his life around and striving to become a better person. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Rose-Aminifu should have an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

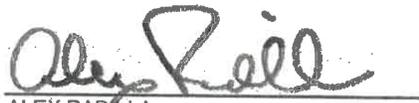
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Risala Rose-Aminifu to a total of 27 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: RISALA AFYA ROSE-AMINIFU Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/1973 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: CDCR# H-92158, P.O. BOX 4430, A1-250L, Lancaster, California 93539

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
NONE	N/A	N/A	N/A

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

REFER TO SECTION "A" ATTACHMENT.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

REFER TO SECTION "B" ATTACHMENT.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

REFER TO SECTION "C" ATTACHMENT.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NO. APPLICATION PREPARED BY PETITIONER.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, RISALA AFYA ROSE-AMINIFU, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)

have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)

* commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Risala Afya Rose-Aminifu
Applicant's Signature

APRIL 6TH 2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, RISALA AFYA ROSE-AMINIFU, was convicted of the crime of violation of California Penal Code 187, 211, and 245. committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of April 15, 1992.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: H-92158.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Risala Afya Rose Aminifu Applicant's Signature April 6th 2017 Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Woff 410, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles, do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Risala Afya Rose Aminifu that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Woff

Date 4/27/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME(S)

On April 15, 1992, I took part in a marijuana sale which turned into a robbery, which resulted in the shooting death of (Miguel Paez). I was a member of the group who committed the robbery. I was arrested on April 21, 1992, and charged with one count of murder (PC 187) on Miguel Paez; two counts of robbery (PC 211), (one residential robbery of Miguel Paez, one second degree robbery of Daniel Rodriguez); and one count of assault with a firearm (PC 245) on Richard Mickschl. I was arraigned in superior court and ordered to stand trial. I entered a plea of not guilty, however, I was found guilty on May 18, 1993, of first degree felony-murder as a perpetrator of/ and aider and abettor of the robbery, counts one, two, and four. The jury also found true the special circumstances allegations and the firearm allegation. The jury was unable to return a verdict on count three (PC 211) the second degree robbery of Daniel Rodriguez, and that count was subsequently dismissed on the District Attorney's motion. (CT 393-395; RT 1858-1864).

On June 14, 1993, I was sentenced to state prison for a total of life without possibility of parole on count one plus the middle term of 4 years on the personal use of a firearm enhancement. (CT 400; RT 1894-1895).

I had no prior criminal record, and had just graduated from High School.

The District Attorney acknowledged during trial proceedings the fact that, "I was not the shooter, and did not intend for the victim to be killed."

My prison term started in October of 1993. I have remained incarcerated since April 21, 1992. I declare under penalty of perjury in accordance with the laws of the state of California, that the aforementioned information is true and correct. Conclusion.

DATE: APRIL 6TH 2017

Signature: *Risala Ofeyo Rose Domingo*

WHY I AM REQUESTING A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

The prison term of life without the possibility of parole is constitutionally disproportionate in relation to the abundant mitigating factors of my case. I was 18 years of age at the time of the incident (Youth Offender). I had no prior criminal record. I was not the actual shooter or killer of Miguel Paez. I believe that my punishment should be proportionate to my individual culpability. The factors of my age, none prior criminality, personal characteristics, state of mind, attitude of remorse, cooperation with authorities involved with my case, and acceptance of my personal responsibility for my actions in the tragedy, were specifically noted by the trial court and District Attorney at my sentencing date. (See Exhibit "D", Court Transcripts attached).

The District Attorney presented to the jury my involvement in the case on a Theory of Aiding and Abetting, thus recognizing and diminishing my involvement in the case as subordinate to that of others, especially that of (Webster Watson) who ultimately was acquitted of the charges at a re-trial of the case.

The California Supreme Court has noted the importance of youth and emotional immaturity as mitigating factors in determining the appropriateness of a sentence, People v. Marsh, (1984) 36 Cal. 3d 134:

".... [Y]outh is more than a chronological fact. It is a time and condition of life when a person may be most susceptible to influence and to psychological damage. Our history is replete with laws and judicial recognition that minors, especially in their earlier years, generally are less mature and responsible than adults. Particularly "during the formative years of childhood and adolescence, minors often lack the experience, perspective and judgment" expected of adults.... [T]he background and mental and emotional development of a youthful defendant [must] be duly considered in sentencing." (Id., at p. 145, fn. 8, quoting Eddings v. Oklahoma (1982) 455 v.s. 104, 115-116.

I am a first term commitment. My post-conviction behavioral and rehabilitative record demonstrates my consistent developmental progress, and is replete with secondary education, Self-Help programs, and laudatory chrono documentation.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) through its validated California Static Risk Assessment (CSRA) system has identified me as a prisoner who poses a LOW RISK to public safety and are LESS LIKELY to reoffend once released.

SEE EXHIBIT "D"
(STATIC RISK
ASSESSMENT)

For the aforementioned reasons, I respectfully request the Governor of the state of California, Mr. Edmund G. Brown Jr., to please grant Commutation of my sentence from its current state of, life without possibility of parole, to the lesser sentence of, "life with the possibility of parole." Conclusion.

Thank you.

DATE: *APRIL 6, TH 2017*

Signature: *Rosalba Ofeyza Rose Brumley*

WHY I SHOULD BE GRANTED A COMMUTATION OF MY CURRENT SENTENCE

The Supreme Court of the United States has established relevant law affirming that ADOLESCENT/TEENAGE OFFENDERS EXHIBIT DEFICIENCIES THIS COURT HAS IDENTIFIED AS WARRANTING EXCLUSION FROM IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE WITHOUT POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE AS PUNISHMENT FOR THE ADOLESCENT'S/TEENAGER'S COMMISSION OF A HOMICIDE OFFENSE. (refer to People v. Dillon, (1983) 34 Cal. 3d 441; Roper v. Simmons, (2005) 543 U.S.; Graham v. Florida, (2010) 560 U.S.; Miller v. Alabama, (2012) 567 U.S.).

The Eighth Amendment requires that these defendants be held to a different standard of culpability from that which applies to adults. Older Adolescents Behave Differently Than Adults Because Their Brains Are Anatomically Immature.

"Anyone who remembers being a teenager, who has been the parent or caretaker of a teenager, or who has observed adolescent behavior, knows intuitively that adolescents do not think or behave like adults. These behavioral differences are pervasive and scientifically documented. Teens (including, again, the oldest of minors) are different. Their judgments, thought patterns, and emotions are different from adults, and their brains are physiologically under-developed in the areas that control impulses, foresee consequences, and temper emotions. They handle information processing and the management of emotions differently from adults." (Roper v. Simmons, (2005) 543 U.S.)

As a result, Youth Offenders must be given a meaningful opportunity to earn parole, considering the prisoner's age at the time of the offense along with the distinguishing features of youth, such as the fact that the human brain is still developing until the mid-twenties.

I SHOULD BE GRANTED A COMMUTATION OF MY SENTENCE BECAUSE I WAS (18) YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF MY COMMITMENT OFFENSE. CURRENTLY I AM (44) YEARS OF AGE.

2) I am a First Term commitment. 3) My post-conviction behavioral and rehabilitative record demonstrates consistent developmental progress, and is replete with secondary education; vocational trades, self-help programs; and laudatory chrono documentation. 4) The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), through its "STATIC RISK ASSESSMENT (CSRA)" system have identified me as a prisoner who poses a LOW RISK to public safety, and are LESS LIKELY to reoffend once I am released.

For the aforementioned reasons, I respectfully request the Governor of the state of California, MR. EDMUND G. BROWN JR., to please grant "Commutation of my current sentence of, life without possibility of parole, to the lesser sentence of, life with the possibility of parole, all counts to run concurrently, in the interests of judicial and Humanitarian Justice. Thank you.

DATED: April 6, TH 2017

Signature: *Ricardo Ayala-Rodriguez*

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Carl Saldano

In the summer of 1997, Carl Saldano committed a string of robberies at several electronics and video stores, directing employees at each to open safes and give him money. On August 28, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Saldano to 56 years to life for eight counts of kidnapping for robbery.

Mr. Saldano has now been incarcerated for more than 20 years and has worked to turn his life around. In his application for clemency, Mr. Saldano wrote, "I have transformed who I am as a person, with a changed outlook on life. Criminality is no longer a part of my character, and I look forward to being a benefit and a productive citizen." He explained, "I better understand and realize life choices, I have achieved life skills (employable job skills) and a support system(s) that I can reach out to for support." He continued, "Additionally, I finally have the tools to support my family emotionally, spiritually, and financially, [and] now I know this is required of me as a father, husband, brother, friend and a citizen in society."

Mr. Saldano has been dedicated to his rehabilitation. He has been disciplined for misconduct only once in over two decades in prison. Mr. Saldano completed vocational training in plumbing and construction. He has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Victim Offender Education Group, Criminals & Gangmembers Anonymous, Addiction, Alternatives to Violence, Restorative Justice, Nonviolent Communication, and Balanced Reentry Group.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Saldano has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers, many of whom recommended him for clemency. In 2018, a group facilitator wrote in support of clemency, stating, "Since the very first meeting of the group, Mr. Saldano has been actively and genuinely engaged in the work demanded by Victim Offender Education Group." The facilitator continued, "Today, Mr. Saldano is a very different person from when he first entered the prison system. I feel confident that Mr. Saldano is ready to appear before the Board of Parole to demonstrate that he is ready to be a positive and peaceful presence in the world." A vocational plumbing instructor who has known Mr. Saldano for 7 years wrote in support of clemency, commending Mr. Saldano for his work as a lead teacher's assistant in the vocational program. He noted that Mr. Saldano helped him open the vocational plumbing program at San Quentin and wrote, "I have met many inmates in my 17 year career with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Mr. Saldano is one of the finest individuals thus far. He has a great personality, works well with other inmates and staff and has a positive attitude on any project he has been faced with." A journeyman plumber who has worked with Mr. Saldano wrote in 2017, "I believe change requires self-understanding, hard work as well as a spiritual understanding. I honestly believe that Mr. Saldano has made these commitments and should be commended for undergoing this challenging process of rehabilitation." He concluded, "I believe he possesses the skills and human qualities to be able to re-enter society and become a productive citizen." A correctional plant manager wrote in 2017 regarding Mr. Saldano, "Inmate Saldano has dealt with the circumstances that brought him to San Quentin and all tasks presented to him with determination and motivation to better himself and success. With this in mind, I feel if given a second chance at being a part of our society, he will prove to be a positive contributor."

Since committing these crimes, Mr. Saldano has turned away from violence and instead dedicated himself to rehabilitation and education. He has been a role model for other inmates and earned the highest praise and respect from staff. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Saldano has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Carl Saldano to a total of 22 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




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Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Carl Saldano Date of Birth: ██████/66 Inmate ID: P-13007

Address: San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, CA 94974 Facility: 3N-91

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Kidnapping & Robbery	11/1998	Los Angeles	46-to-life
False Imprisonment PC 236 [02]			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Petitioner was much younger and with youth came immature understanding of consequences of bad decisions. The petitioner took the easy way of criminality instead of finding gainful employment to support myself financially.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

The petitioner now has insight into his life, criminal behavior, remorse, and his character. I understand that my criminal behavior came from a place of an inner nature or real character of immaturity. In petitioner's endeavor to reform himself he has participated education, vocations and self-help programs. (See attached sheet.)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have transformed who I am as a person, with a changed outlook on life. Criminity is no longer apart of my character and I look forward to being a benefit and a productive citizen.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

No!

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Carl Saldano, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Carl J. Saldano
Applicant's Signature

1-16-2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Carl Saldano

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was convicted of the crime of Kidnapping & Robbery - Penal Code §§209(b) & 211.

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 11/1998

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I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Carl L. Saldano

Applicant's Signature

1-16-2018

Date

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Paubina Wolff HD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Carl Saldano

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Paubina Wolff

Date

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(Attachment to question #3)

1 I better understand and realize life choices, I have achieved life
2 skills (employable job skills) and a support system(s) that I can reach
3 out to for support. (See attached letter, chronos and certificates).

4 Additionally, I findly have the tools to support my family ~~emotional~~
5 emotionally, spiritually and financially, that is needed for me to
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Executive Department

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Carlos Sanchez

On December 21, 1999, Carlos Sanchez, his brother Daniel Perez, and another gang member had an altercation with several members of a rival gang at an apartment complex. Later that night, the men returned, armed with guns. Mr. Sanchez began shooting at an apartment occupied by the rival gang members, who returned fire and hit Mr. Sanchez's crime partners. Both men survived. On September 27, 2002, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Sanchez to 45 years to life – 25 years to life for conspiracy to commit murder and 20 years for a firearm enhancement. Mr. Sanchez is eligible for parole in 2023.

Mr. Sanchez has now been incarcerated 19 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Sanchez wrote that he "came to realize my gang lifestyle was destructive, senseless, and an unrealistic mentality. I renounced my gang identity and with the help of correctional officers, therapists, pastors, friends, and family, I have been able to identify my unreasonable beliefs, unresolved hurts, defects of character and build myself up to be a responsible, mature empathic man. I have educated myself and continue to do so while dedicating my time to a life of service for the past sixteen years." He wrote that he is requesting a commutation "because after 18 years of being incarcerated, I know I can be of benefit to the community that I once terrorized." He told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that he would like to put into practice what he has learned.

During almost two decades in prison, Mr. Sanchez has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has been disciplined for misconduct only once, over 13 years ago. He is currently enrolled in college courses. Mr. Sanchez has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Conflict Resolution, Cage Your Rage, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. He has served as a facilitator for Advanced Gang Prevention, Celebrate Recovery, and Anger Management. Mr. Sanchez worked as a Spanish facilitator and Advisory Council Member for Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Sanchez has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him on a regular basis. In 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Sanchez on his good attitude towards inmate and staff. The officer wrote, "Sanchez has proven to be a positive influence on the atmosphere of his housing unit and does not require constant direction." The officer noted that Sanchez volunteers to clean the housing unit during his spare time and noted that "Sanchez should be commended for his helpfulness, dependability, and social attitude." In 2018, a supervising cook commended Mr. Sanchez on his attitude and work ethic, noting that Mr. Sanchez "demonstrates a positive attitude with all staff and his fellow peers."

In 2013, a coordinator with the Volunteer Education Program praised Mr. Sanchez for his work in the program. The coordinator wrote, "He has been an example to the students of professionalism, appropriate academic attitudes and work ethic," noting that the program would not have been successful without Mr. Sanchez's "initiative and diligent assistance." In a letter supporting clemency, the coordinator wrote, "Mr. Sanchez was always looking for things that needed to be done, or ways to improve my program. He even took work back to his cell in the evenings and on weekends." She commended Mr. Sanchez for recruiting students into the program and noted, "I would have no reservations in hiring Mr. Sanchez outside of prison." In 2013, an engineer in plant operations commended Mr. Sanchez on his work as a maintenance electrician and painter and noted that "Sanchez has also enthusiastically assisted various staff members in other plant operations," and proven to be efficient at his job duties. The engineer wrote, "He is quick to learn, is an efficient and reliable worker, and he would be an asset to any work crew in or out of prison."

While Mr. Sanchez committed a very serious crime, it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Sanchez has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Carlos Sanchez to a total of 19 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Carlos Sanchez Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 84 Inmate ID: T-70449

Address: P.O. Box 689 Facility: Soledad, CA 93960

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<i>see attached page 1.</i>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see attached page 1

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see attached page 2.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

see attached page 2.

Carlos Sanchez ■■■■■84 T70449

P.O. Box 689 Soledad, CA 93960

Attachment Page 1

Question 1.	3/19/97	459 PC, 496 (a) PC
	7/30/98	71 PC, 236 PC, 417 (a) (I)
	7/31/98	777 WIC
	9/15/98	10851 (a) VC, 20002 (a) VC
	6/25/99	459-460 (b) PC

Question 2. Date of Crime: December 21, 1999

My brother, who was 18 years old at the time of the crime and co-defendant and I who was 15 years old at the time were at an apartment with two females, inhaling methamphetamine when I called my older friend and co-defendant Gerardo Luna, who was 33 years old at that time and asked him to buy some methamphetamine and bring it over to the location I was at with my brother.

When Gerardo came with the methamphetamine one of the females and I went to the front of the apartment to wait for a customer who wanted to buy the methamphetamine. As we waited, rival gang members drove up in a car and had their weapons drawn. They wanted to know where I was from. The female with me seemed to know them and spoke up for me and the men listened to her and drove away.

The female and I then returned to her apartment and I described to my brother and older friend what had happened concerning the rival gang members and how I felt disrespected. My brother, friend and I decided to go to Gerardo's home and as we were leaving the female's apartment we were confronted by a member of the same rival gang who pulled out a gun and pointed it at us but did not shoot. This action increased the anger of my older friend.

At my older friend's home, we smoked more methamphetamine as we picked up some firearms and returned to the female's apartment where I had the encounter to confront the rival gang.

The rival gang members had a surveillance camera and saw us coming. They had high caliber weapons and a better vantage point so when we exited the truck and saw the rival gang I began to discharge my firearm both my brother and my friend were immediately wounded. We got back into the truck and sped away, during our escape we ran a red light and a sheriff began to pursue us; once caught my older friend and older brother were taken to the hospital and I was interrogated. As a gang member who did not speak to the police, I lied about everything.

No crime scene was found until two days later. There were no named victims or injured persons in my case, however I now know the potential outcome could have been much worse and major injuries and trauma to innocent people in the apartment could have occurred because of my reckless actions.

Carlos Sanchez [REDACTED]-84 T70449

P.O. Box 689 Soledad, CA 93960

Attachment page 2.

Question 3. I am requesting a commutation because after 18 years of being incarcerated I know I can be of benefit to the community that I once terrorized. By becoming part of the solution and working with those youngsters, who like me at their age thought that drugs and violence were the only choices they have. I also desire to return to my mother, my sister, step-dad and give to them the respect and help that I was too selfish to give them during my youth.

Question 4. In 2002 as a juvenile being tried as an adult I came to realize that my gang lifestyle was destructive, senseless, and an unrealistic mentality. I renounced my gang identity and with the help of correctional officers, therapists, pastors, friends and family I have been able to identify my unreasonable beliefs, unresolved hurts, defects of character and build myself up to be a responsible, mature, empathic man. I have educated myself and continue to do so while dedicating my time to a life of service for the past sixteen years.

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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Michele Scott

Sam Twigg and Michele Scott dated for approximately three years before Ms. Scott ended the relationship. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Twigg began dating Elizabeth Yunck. Ms. Scott became jealous of Mr. Twigg and Ms. Yunck's relationship and engaged in various confrontations with them. On March 14, 1991, Ms. Scott drove to Mr. Twigg's condominium, entered through an unlocked door, and shot and killed both Mr. Twigg and Ms. Yunck. On September 30, 1991, the Santa Barbara County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Scott to two terms of life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder, plus a five-year firearm enhancement.

Ms. Scott suffered a tumultuous and abusive childhood. She reported to a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that she was exposed to alcohol and drugs at a young age, sexually abused by her mother and father's friends, and eventually lived with a multitude of foster families. A friend who has known Ms. Scott since birth wrote that he "watched in horror at the sick and dysfunctional atmosphere she was raised in," and "lost contact with her as she was shuttled through foster homes." The friend noted that Ms. Scott was "starved for acceptance and love."

In her application for clemency, Ms. Scott acknowledged the effect that her abusive childhood had on her actions at the time of the crime and how she has worked to address her history of abuse and neglect while incarcerated. In her application, Ms. Scott wrote that she has continually challenged herself to try and make amends for her crime and is trying to do something significant with her life for the victims.

Although serving a sentence with no possibility of parole, Ms. Scott remained focused and dedicated to her rehabilitation. Ms. Scott has participated in numerous self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Long Termers Organization, Offender Responsibility, Victim Offender Education, Women of Wisdom, Celebrate Recovery, Dealing with Emotions, Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Emotions Anonymous, and Co-Dependency. She has earned a vocational certificate in landscaping and worked extensively in the Skilled Nursing Facility at the Central California Women's Facility. Ms. Scott has been assigned as a Peer Health Educator and is a facilitator for many self-help programs and workshops. She has only been disciplined twice for misconduct in almost three decades in prison and lives in an honor dorm.

Ms. Scott's dedication to self-improvement has earned her the respect of staff members and prison volunteers. Most importantly, Ms. Scott was recommended by her warden for clemency. In 2018, a correctional counselor wrote, "Because of her positivity, it is evident that Inmate Scott is well liked by staff and her peers and her optimistic behavior and attitude contributes to the prison population." The correctional counselor continued, "I commend inmate Scott for her desire and commitment towards achieving rehabilitation, self-improvement, giving back to her community, and serving as a positive role model in her community." In 2018, a correctional officer wrote that Ms. Scott "remained consistently respectful, accommodating, and always displays a good attitude." The correctional officer noted that Ms. Scott is "responsible and dependable" and "displays a positive outlook on life." In 2017, a correctional lieutenant commended Ms. Scott on her "positive and appropriate manner in her job assignments" and noted that she "has grown through the self-help groups she attends." A correctional officer wrote in 2017 regarding Ms. Scott, "I have observed her desire for growth and [she] has become a better person not only for herself but also for others." The officer noted that Ms. Scott "exhibits a positive attitude towards staff and her peers and never hesitates when it comes to helping staff or inmates when she sees the need."

I do not discount the seriousness of Ms. Scott's crime; I have considered the views of Mr. Twigg's family members, who have expressed their ongoing pain. However, after carefully weighing this matter, I believe that Ms. Scott has demonstrated a serious, long-term commitment to rehabilitation. For all of the foregoing reasons, I conclude that she has earned an opportunity to make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is ready to be released from prison.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Michele Scott to a total of 30 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Michele Rene Scott Date of Birth: [redacted]-64 Inmate ID: W41282

Address: 512-18-4L, P.O. BOX 1508, CHOCOMILLA, CAL. 93610 Facility: CENTRAL CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S FACILITY (CCWF)

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):

.. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See packet, section 'Introduction', pages 6-9, under "My Living Amends to Sam & Elizabeth"

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

After 26 years, I have come to a place in my life where the paths of my past and my present have merged into my knowing who I am, why I did what I did and how I am changed. See attached application packet and exhibits.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See packet, section 'Conclusion', page 24.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of SANTA BARBARA County: Please take notice that I, MICHELE RENE SCOTT,

1203.06(a)(1),

was convicted of the crime of 2 COUNTS 187(a), MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, 12022.5, 190.2(w)(3)

committed in SANTA BARBARA County, California, on the date of March 14, 1991.

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I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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I, Joyce Dudley, District Attorney of the County of SANTA BARBARA,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from MICHELE RENE SCOTT,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed Joyce Dudley 27 MAR 17 10:11 AM '17

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District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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THE HONORABLE EDMUND G. BROWN, JR.**

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

I. Introduction

After my arrival in prison in 1991, I was angry, guilt ridden and I lashed out at others as a reaction to the overwhelming emotions I carried. I did not understand my emotions and found myself getting 115's and experiencing unconstructive interactions with staff. Actually, I picked on the staff quite a bit and as a result on my 'smart mouth' found myself in handcuffs more than once. I wish I could say that early on in my time I started to 'get it', but it took time, it has been a process. I slowly developed a dedication to my inner rehabilitation through consistent immersion in self-help therapy. I would take one class here, a workshop over there. I would find myself back in a heated situation, pointing my finger at others, not willing to accept my end of causing the situation. In my mind, it was all the other persons fault. I took no ownership of the fact that my life was unmanageable as a direct result of the actions,

decisions, and verbal interactions I initiated. I bumped my head against the wall far more times than I would like to admit. At some point, I had to look in the mirror of truth and take responsibility for what I had done, for who I was and for being in prison.

This introspection was not easy to attain, and yet I truly wanted to understand the path my life had taken. This resulted in a sincere and open base that formed and became the foundation that has supported the personal and spiritual evolution into the person I am today. Underlying my formal efforts is the true importance and accrued impact that self-help therapy produced and what it means to me personally. It represents my understanding of the 'why' of what I did. It is my comprehension of my past and how it was showing up in all my daily decisions and actions. This knowledge has forged the links that lead to a way of being for me. The manner of how I now live in this world is surpassed by the few lines of script reflected on certificates and chronos. My truth is that I have come to a place in my life where the paths of my past and my present have merged into knowing who I am, why I did what I did, and what my life can be now. This knowledge has emerged as a direct result of my search and dedication to understand and hold myself accountable for what I took from Sam and Elizabeth.

An outcome of taking all of these classes is that I stepped out of my comfort zone. I realized that what I have gained can help others and that this was another means of amends. Eventually I undertook specialized facilitator training. I began facilitating what I had learned from my self help therapy to others, in a way a living amends to Sam and Elizabeth. I discovered a nurturing side that has resulted in an enthusiasm to make a difference to my community's inner health. That enthusiasm has evolved to include positions in both executive, representative and leadership designations throughout the many groups and committees that can be found in Central California Women's Facility.

Over time I was more receptive to my personal reformation, finally developing a positive disposition toward my personal transformation, no matter the emotional cost. That conversion in my attitude, my maturation, and my behavior have been set forth for your consideration as justification for

evaluating my request to reduce my current sentence to that of two life with the possibility of parole sentences, run concurrently.

At this point in time, I have volunteered for nearly all of my 25 years in the landscaping maintenance and upkeep of my facility yard. Gardening has been a healthy avenue I have walked in the course of my personal journey of healing, acceptance and insight. In the quiet moments of kneeling upon the bumpy swaths of earth in front of my housing unit is where I discovered who I really was. Each garden project has manifested as a means to work on my emotions and my understanding how I got to prison and my accepting the responsibility for where my life is to go from here.

Without the opportunity to go outside and be caretaker for the many plants and animals, my personal healing and development would not be where it is today. I am grateful that I have this in my life, as well as the opportunity to develop pride of industry and sense of community for myself and for the other volunteers that I mentor. I founded the Facility "C" Leisure Time Gardeners Activity Group in 1994, and The Honor Dorm Garden Committee in 2010, both of which are still active. (See Leisure Time Pursuits Exhibit K 1-23.) I discovered that within the act and process of landscaping, an acceptance of my circumstances grew in pace with each passing season. I was experiencing an awareness of self and found healing. I was giving myself permission to grow and heal along with the plants I tended.

Certificates and laudatory chronos outwardly mark my journey. Inwardly, that journey is marked by the existence of a network founded on the strong support from all of those with whom I have interacted. I have learned the value and strength of connecting with others by application of the many skills and concepts that self help therapy has afforded me. My motto is if you don't intend to apply it, why take the class to learn it?

I have support by family and friends as indicated with supporting documents (see Support Letter/Laudatory chronos Exhibit L 1-42). A review will show that many of them have offered me a place in their homes, aid with alternate housing, assistance finding a job and financial assistance, as it may be

needed. My support network is a testimony to the quality of character of my family and friends and I am grateful for their presence in my life, I consider them a blessing.

I respectfully request that the Governor commute my sentence from two consecutive life without the possibility of parole to a sentence to two concurrent life with the possibility of parole so that my efforts may result in an opportunity to sit before the Board of Parole Hearings and eventually an opportunity to rejoin my family.

II. Personal Accountability to Samuel Twigg and Elizabeth Yunck/Who I am Today

I have put myself in the place of Sam and Elizabeth and their immediate family in continuous effort to fully understand what they experienced as a direct result of my actions. This has been an agonizing process to which I have earnestly applied myself. I owe the people I have hurt the consideration of the pain I have caused them. I put myself in their place and it is a terrible place to be especially knowing that I cannot undo what I have done. To honor Sam and Elizabeth, by whatever means I can, is my only option. My first step in this direction was to prepare a letter of apology that I mailed to the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services to forward to the victim's family. (See Exhibit A 1.)

The Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services responded in acknowledgement of my letter. (See Exhibit A 2). At the time I mailed this letter off, it had been 20 years and I found that sitting and doing nothing proactive about how I felt was not an option for who I was now. I had to do something, anything. The apology letter was the start of a proactive living amends journey.

The 'Remember Me' Workshop (see Exhibit A 3), held group discussions and through these discussions I knew the regret and shame I carried inside was shared by others in the group. We talked about our crime in frank and honest detail. Part of the workshop involved our walking around the Facility 'C' yard as we wore our sign stating who we were walking for (see Exhibit A 5). This walk was done in

silence. I had KLOVE Christian station on my radio and many times songs came on that seemed exactly how my heart felt as I ached inside for what I forced Sam and Elizabeth to experience.

Another aspect of this workshop was a collage art project. I used magazine pictures of flowers and plants because they represent the plants I tend outside while having private moments when I think about Sam and Elizabeth. (See Exhibit A 4).

The Victim Offender Education Group (VOEG) included an assignment called Victim Impact Cards. We were asked to make a card listing all how our victim(s) life was impacted by our actions. The Impact Cards I did for Sam & Elizabeth were very difficult to do. I started the list, then would put it down, then would try again a few days later. As I thought about each and every thing that I robbed them of I felt remorse, guilt, shame and such a sense of how senseless their deaths were. What I took from them is inexcusable. I attempted to honor a few of the many things that they were not able to experience due to my taking their life. These cards only scratch the surface of what I took from Sam & Elizabeth and their families, friends. (See Exhibit A 7).

I believe in the value of honest emotional inventory when triggered and now I pause and will think about what is really going on and I have found that this works. I even applied that concept to produce two inventories one on beliefs and on behaviors (See Exhibit A 9-10.)

A friend of 18 years issued me a challenge, she asked me to consider what I would say to Sam and Elizabeth today. I wrote that on a post-it note and did not follow through responding to that challenge for two years. This year I followed through and the result is the "Four Things I Would Say To Sam and Elizabeth" (See Exhibit A 12.) An acknowledgement of who I was and who I am today is offered for your consideration in the "Then and Now" (See Exhibit A 11.)

Another workshop was the "Walk to Remember" which was as motivational as it was emotional. I wrote my rawest emotions onto the poster that was displayed for everyone to see how we felt about what we did and took from our victims. I experienced shame that I had two names to write onto that poster,

knowing that everyone would know I had taken two lives. That they would see how horrible I was and at the same time I knew I was honoring Sam & Elizabeth by this public acknowledgement. I knew that when I walked, I was walking with the intention of honoring them both. It is an exceptionally intense feeling to be public with my crime, I have to claim it because I did it. There is no hiding it from God, Sam, Elizabeth or myself. (See Exhibit A 13-14).

I participated in a 8 week Offender Responsibility workshop where we held group discussions, emotional writing, journal writing homework assignments and meditation. We shared our homework with each other and there were times I wanted to hear more of a depth of understanding from my fellow participants. To hear them say they understood the devastation that our crimes wrought and that this awareness should resonate in their lives. I am currently co-facilitating this curriculum. My intention is to help guide others in a deeper recognition of why we did what we did, how we impacted others and how to use this understanding as a tool for our growth and healing. This topic is very important to me, I value the message of it. I never forget. (See Exhibit A 15).

The finality of Sam and Elizabeth's murder haunts me and in the same breath impels me to do something with the time I have on this earth. I am passionate about this topic and look for opportunities to educate others on the significance of the impact of our actions on others and ultimately upon ourselves. Continuing to explore and learn about anything related to victim awareness and accountability is a priority for me and over the course of many years I have participated in programs and classes on this topic. Please reference the following exhibits. (Exhibit A 1-15.)

My Living Amends to Sam and Elizabeth

The below listed writing came about as I was sitting in Ms. Heron's group with other women as they responded to the question of why they were in prison:

“Today I saw women fighting to stay ignorant of their “why’s”. I observed a stubbornness, a digging in of heels against going any further or deeper underneath their initial surface, to answer the questions of why they were in prison. As I watched each woman struggle to answer I found myself answering each question in my head and I recognized my own struggle to be honest with the ugliness of my why’s.

I answered inside my head, shame laced the words I spoke silently to myself, I am here because I shot Sam & Elizabeth in a jealous, obsessive rage. In a desperate need and childish selfishness to finally be in control, to get my security blanket (Sam) back. I know in shooting Sam was ultimately my self-serving choice to put me first. Fear negated all my professed love. The love I had convinced myself that I needed him, could only be happy with him. I had narrowed down my world to only him, I had made up my mind that only Sam could fill my emptiness. And in the instant that I allowed my fear of my safety to emerge, all those ideals of Sam crumbled into a dust that filtered to only one thought- me or him.

All that love of my life stuff? It wasn’t about that at all. My truth in that moment was that I chose myself, had only ever chosen myself really. It was no longer that I would die if I could not have Sam back, remember, I had concocted this belief that my world was desolate without him. No, in an instant I made the decision that he was mad at me for shooting Elizabeth and I made sure to disable him from putting his hands on me. See, it was all about me wasn’t it?

The absolute terrifying truth I have admitted to myself is that his hand that I thought was fisted in a manner towards me, was in fact the residue of kindness that he showed while, unable to look at me, as I sat there childishly pouting and arguing with Elizabeth, he had his hands covering his face, looking down. At the time I wondered why he had his face in his hands, not looking at me, not interfering with my argument with Elizabeth, and I remember feeling hurt and not understanding why was he allowing Elizabeth to speak to me like that? Why wasn’t he defending me?

Those hands were not raised to strike out at me, his hands were raised to cover his face as he politely, with kindness, not wanting to hurt me, said, "Michele, please leave." What he would have been justified saying was, "Hey, you crazy, cheating bitch, leave!" But that is not the kind of man Sam was.

My truth is that my guilt at realizing that I had just shot Elizabeth was what planted that seed of fear towards Sam, what he was going to do to me. I looked into her eyes, a sensation of snapping back into myself and coming out of a murkiness. Had I not been looking into Elizabeth's eyes and see her look towards Sam I would not have turned and caught movement. I registered his hands, a fist. Now I realize he had merely dropped his hands from his face to look up after he heard the gun fire. But in that moment I was only thinking of myself. I felt fear at the same moment my finger pulled the trigger, thought and motion instantaneous. I fired the gun, Sam shouted, "Shit!" as the bullet struck him. In that moment it was no longer my need to be in control or have my needs met. The second bullet I fired at Sam was all about me because I was making sure I walked out of that condo. The second bullet is what killed Sam and had I just kept walking out of the condo and not fired again, Sam would have lived.

So I ask myself, now, years later, the truth beyond my protestations of love and needs and despair. That it wasn't about getting Sam back, it was about me. It was all about me. The supremacy of my selfishness is what has come to the surface after 25 years. Now I look back, at what motive rested under each of my actions that night, pin prick moments crystallized in my soul and present with me so often during my waking hours, it was all about me that night.

My jealousy of Elizabeth was the manifestation of my sense of lack, my belief that I was less than others, that I was not enough. Again, all about my inadequacies, but hey, I just pointed my finger on the trigger, pulled. It was a moment of grand self-hate as I looked at Elizabeth and thought I am not her, she is more, she is better, I am lesser. I was tired of being lesser, I was tired of not being in control.

Sam, the grand love of my life so I told myself. The truth is it was a teenagers idealization, an immature frenzy to call something familiar love. I did not know how to love myself, how to love family

or friends. I did not love Sam for himself, I loved how his love and adoration, attention made me feel about myself. I grasped onto to Sam because he had been a constant in my life for 10 years. He was my comfort zone. His attentions were able to fill my internal emptiness for a time. But it was always temporary, not enough to sustain me. I needed others confirmations I was desirable, wanted, valued, enough.

The truth is Sam was too good for me and I made him suffer for loving me. Even at the end, he was not able to look up at me, as I was standing in the condo, a freak using a loaded gun to get what she wanted. It is all so senseless. Sam and Elizabeth did not deserve my rage and my self-hate. I was a coward unable to face myself and I made my issues about them. I took Sam and Elizabeth's life because I did not know how to manage my own life, because it was all about me.

I submit this writing as a representation of how I have grown to understand my motives and actions that night in the condo with Sam and Elizabeth. I own up to my ugly truth, not an easy thing to do, but it honors Sam and Elizabeth to do it. I owe them so much more.”

III. Biography

What defines a 'normal' life? Normal is what you grow up around, what was common to your experience. My normal changed every few years, see Timeline exercise Exhibit B 1. First was my birth in 1964 to hippie parents living an alternate hippie lifestyle filled with sex, using and selling drugs and no sense of responsibility. My parents divorced when I was about 3 years old.

Bouncing back and forth between them I was living part of a year with my dad on a houseboat in Sausalito, Gate 5, see Exhibit B 2. Dad's lifestyle was marijuana, wine, drugs and carousing with other long haired hippies wearing leather pants and bead and being an "artist". First thing my dad would do was let my hair grow long. By the early 1970's my dad fled out of the country due to a cocaine deal gone bad, family legend has it that there was a contract hit out on his life. The last time I saw him was for 2 weeks

when I was 12 and he was living in Paris, France with Gitana and my half-sister Gazelle, see Exhibit B 6. He currently lives in Australia with my half-sister Soma and his wife Teresa. He has never been back to the United States. We have no contact as his wife has forbidden it. (See Exhibit B 5).

With my father I experienced abandonment and sexual abuse. His pursuit to be a super hippie, artist, drug lord was more important than me. He shared me with his friends and chose his other women and daughters over me. The beliefs I developed from this were I had no right to my body, all I had was my body, that someone would only want me for my body. I traded physical intimacy just so I could be held. His choice of everything else over me left me believing I was less than everyone else. I believed I had no value and was somehow flawed inside. Since he always chose my half-sisters over me, I believed that is why they had better lives than me, because they got to have time with him, what should have been my time with him.

The next handoff and I was in San Francisco on Market Street with my mother. First thing upon my arrival she would cut off my hair and make it short. Her lifestyle had become one of the hardcore hippie heroin addict with a side of prostitution. We were crashing in dope dens, I called the army cot she lugged around my bed. Usually the cot would be in the kitchen or at the back corner of a room. We scavenged and ate the food dumped in the trash dumpsters of grocery stores. I remember eating Hamburger Helper mix, the boxes thrown out since it was expired. Normal then was living in a car, or in a back room of the apartment of her newest boyfriend, or was that her newest pimp? Those lines were blurred as often as her speech and bloodshot eyes.

Mother's trips to jail resulted in my placement in and out of the Foster Care System starting at the age of 6 years old with the Rhines, see Exhibit B 4. I experienced many Foster Care placements from shelter care to group homes. The in-between years were filled with bouncing from foster family to my birth mother and back to another foster family. (See Exhibit B 3, 4, 7).

With my mother I experienced abandonment, extreme physical abuse, emotional abuse and sexual abuse at the hands of the men in her life. My mother chose her heroin, her men and her rage rather than to choose to love or nurture me. I came to believe that her drugs, men and lifestyle were more important to her than me because I was not worth loving. I was useful in her getting government housing, food stamps and other money from the State. The message I received was she was in control and I existed at her whim. She would often tell me, "I brought you into this life and I'll take you out." It was normal for her to slap me in the face as she screamed at me that I looked just like my father, 'Garner'. I had no control over my appearance but I knew I looked wrong. I learned that how I looked was important to being accepted, loved and to belong to someone. This led to anorexia, perfectionism and a focus to look good on the outside even as I felt empty and worthless on the inside. I believed I was less than everybody else. I yearned to live somebody else's life, anybody's life but my own.

I believed I was unlovable, that I had no control over my life, that it did not matter what I wanted, she would always do with me whatever she wanted. Eventually I turned this sadness and hopelessness at my life into rage. Rage and anger sustained me where nothing else could. Anger became my survival tool and it may have helped me survive my early childhood trauma with my mother but it ultimately led to Sam & Elizabeth's death.

My final foster family I met in 1980, the Colvin's, a reserved Mormon family where neither coffee nor caffeinated soda were allowed. I wish I could say I appreciated the constancy, the focus on responsibility, and the unconditional love that Lavar and Alta Colvin represented. It was not enough, I was too damaged and I was in full teenager mode with all the hormones and peer pressure to deal with. I could not handle living in two worlds so I chose to leave the Colvin's and spend my Senior year of high school with my mother and half sister Kaysie.(See Exhibit B 9).

With the Colvin's I experienced unconditional love, consistency and support. I came to them from an abusive foster family, the Valdovino's, and it was a bit of a small church scandal within the Ward. I

learned the value of hard work, integrity and what enforced boundaries looked like. I found acceptance and the normal life I had always yearned for. But I was a 14 year old poised at puberty and I made a ton of mistakes as I pursued being popular and accepted at school over my families expectations. The Colvin family continues to be in my life and they remain an anchor to my humanity. I have built this new way of being the changed person I am, in large part, to their continued example. They are the best family I did not deserve and I am eternally grateful for. Thank you God.

My childhood can be viewed as tragic, and it is a tragic story. I was a Battered Child and I experienced constant physical, sexual and emotional abuse at the hands of my mother, the men in her life, my father shared me with his friends and I experienced abuse while in Foster Homes. I carried an additional burden of constantly being the new kid in school and I was socially inept and fearful of people. I was the new kid in school every year of my life and let me tell you, it sucks always being the new kid. The only exception was when living with the Colvin's I attended Santa Ynez High School two years in a row. It almost felt like what normal people must live like. I was still trying desperately to belong and be accepted.

Feeling unwanted and abandoned became my normal. Living with strangers who were paid to take care of me by the State of California was my normal. My mother thwarted every opportunity I had to be adopted and raised by Foster Parents or by my paternal grandmother. My last chance for a real home, was my foster mother Ruthie Harley, a woman my mother had abandoned me with at the age of 9 for an overnight stay that unfolded into several years. (See Exhibit B 4, I'm wearing a red & white stripe nightgown at Ruthie's house in Montecito). I was 12 years old on the night when Ruthie announced her plans for my adoption to my mother. My mother forbade it, said I was hers to do with as she decided.

I felt powerless, that I lived at the whim of my mother and that I still had no control over my life or happiness. I fled to my bathroom and locked the door. Huddled on the floor next to the bathtub I sobbed and gave up hope. That night was the epicenter for the uncontrolled spiral that became my life. A

life lived with self-destructive behaviors, thoughtless decisions and no thought for others. It was the moment I gave into and embraced the repressed anger and resentment that life had shoved down my throat. That night was another path that lead to Sam and Elizabeth's deaths on March 14, 1991.

There is more to my story, more to share, but this is a small glimpse into what my beginnings were, what my 'normal' was. I have shared this because it is my truth. I had a sad life and thought I have shared a glimpse of it with you, it does not justify my actions nor is it an excuse for what I have done. I know that a hundred little girls experienced lives filled with similar pain, trauma, abuse and abandonment and they did not grow into adults and take somebody's life. My truth is I am a little girl who did.

IV. Criminal Conviction

On September 30, 1991, I was sentenced on two counts of Murder in the First Degree within the meaning of Penal Code § 187(a); personal use of a firearm within the meaning of Penal Code § 1203.06(a) (1), 12022.5; and a special circumstance, within the meaning of Penal Code § 190.2(a) (3), for multiple two murders. I received two consecutive life without the possibility of parole sentences consecutive. For reference, a copy of the Probation Report prepared during the pendency of my criminal case is attached as Exhibit C 1.

V. In-Custody Behavior Programming Summary

Self-help Therapy Programs That Changed My Life

The stark changes in my inner circumstances since my incarceration began 25 years ago offer a testimonial to the effectiveness of the programs in one who embraces them. Considering the multitude of self-help programs I have taken over the course of the years, it was not easy to winnow it down. The below listed programs have brought about distinct changes influencing the track of my healing, growth and ultimately, the direction my life has taken:

- LifeScripting Exhibit D 15
- Victim Offender Education Group Exhibit D 16-21, E 2, 10, 32
- Bridges to Life Exhibit D 19-20, E 3, 4-5
- Ms. Heron's Trauma Therapy Group (on-going)

Life Scripting- This is an 80 hour course and the instructor framed the contents of this life-altering course as, "Life Scripting is an intensive 80-hour course dedicated to breaking the cycle of recidivism by teaching incarcerated women to recognizing the patterns that lead to their life choices. Tools are provided which allow the women to reframe their experiences into learning opportunities. Life Scripting also addresses addiction and recovery." (See Self Help Therapy Exhibit D 15.) Life Scripting provided me a deeper understanding of my place within my family and in my personal relationships. A long-standing stance of resentment and anger towards my birth mother's abuse and abandonment dissolved in the connections I made when I viewed her as an eighteen year old girl, struggling with motherhood as she experienced abandonment and betrayal from her 25 year old husband. This connection resulted in a profound release of my old hurts and allowed me to understand and forgive my mother. This reflective moment, decades in the making, has become a benchmark in the continuous evolution of my personal, emotional and spiritual health. I have actively chosen to see her as person, not in the persona as the villainess of my childhood.

Victim Offender Education Group (VOEG)- This is a program offered through the Insight Prison Project. VOEG is a 19-month group whose focus includes holding oneself accountable for ones crimes. After hearing the stories and understanding the impact in the lives of a panel of survivors of crime, and completing the program, I went on to become a facilitator for the VOEG program. My inner efforts have focused on gaining insight into the impact of my actions upon Sam and Elizabeth, their families and the community, as well as healing from my own trauma and abuse. I embraced the complex balance required of an awareness that brings me increased understanding of the devastation my actions had on the lives of

so many people. I have learned to balance that impact within my daily actions, thoughts and choice of how I navigate through each day. Sam and Elizabeth are my motivation. I owe them so much. (See Self Help Therapy Exhibit D 16, 21 and Specialized Facilitator Training Exhibit E 1, 10, 32.)

Bridges to Life (BTL)-This is a faith based restorative justice based program. It helps offenders find peace within themselves by understanding why we did what we did and the connection to understanding the impact upon our victims and their family and friends. We focused on why we choose to do what we did, why we committed our crime. Not as an excuse but as means to understand our actions, our whys. A favorite phrase of mine is "Once you know, you cannot unknow." Upon completing the program as a participant, I went on to become a facilitator of the BTL program. (See Self Help Therapy Exhibit D 19-20 and Specialized Facilitator Training Exhibit E 1, 4-5.)

Ms. Heron's Trauma Therapy Group-

My decision to participate in this group came after four years of immersion in restorative justice programs such as those referenced above. I recognized that the healing I had experienced regarding my crime and my actions upon Sam and Elizabeth had left other areas unattended. After several emotional inventories, I decided to put into practice my relapse prevention plan. I chose to commit to this intensive therapy setting where I challenge myself to step outside the box of my comfort zone and do what I need to do to be healed and whole. This group continues to strengthen my understanding of my early childhood trauma, sexual and physical abuse, abandonment and trust issues and my experiences in Foster Care. Keeping pace with this understanding is healing and release from accumulated past hurts. In group I walk along paths of past unhealthy parenting, unhealthy relationships that developed into my codependent traits. Traveling upon this road to personal recovery I gained the knowledge that I have survived the worst in my life and I now know that I am capable of changing, growing and living free from my past.

I have spent much of my prison time focusing on rehabilitation – specifically, on changes to my inner perspective – but in a far more focused manner in the last several years. Though I have received a

variety of certificates and chronos, all of which together chronicle the years of self-analysis and self-repair, it is who I am today that speaks to my true character. The certificates and chronos reflect my immersion into self-help therapy and rehabilitation and are submitted for your consideration. (See Self Help Therapy Exhibit D 1-55.)

Training/Facilitation/Classes Facilitated and Curriculum Created

I have been diligent in taking as many classes and training opportunities first for my own growth and then to pay it forward. I have learned that the worst aspects of my life have become the most effective way to help others. So I have as become a facilitator for various programs, groups and workshops and have even generated curriculum.

Presented in the following categories:

- Specialized facilitator training Exhibit E 1-10
- Centerforce/Peer Health Education Training Exhibit E 11-15
- Honor Dorm/'The Cornerstone' Training Exhibit E 16-17
- San Joaquin County Worknet Training Exhibit E 18-22
- Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) Exhibit E 23-25
- Classes Facilitated Exhibit E 26-39
- Honor Dorm/'The Cornerstone' classes facilitated Exhibit E 40-42
- Battered Women's Forum presentations Exhibit E 43-47
- Curriculum Created Exhibit E 48-51

Community Leadership/Service

Community leadership and service is something I take seriously and I spend the majority of what

little leisure time I have pursuing a pursuing a personal stewardship to make this place a little bit better than I have found it.

Presented in the following categories:

- LWOP Support Group Exhibit F 1-14
- Beyond Incarceration Program Exhibit F 15-33, Exhibit E 17-22
- University of Santa Monica, Freedom To Choose Workshops Exhibit F 34-42
- Big Sister Mentor Program Exhibit F 43-45
- Long Termers' Organization Exhibit F 46-50
- Women's Advisory Council Exhibit F 42-53
- Honor Dorm/The Cornerstone Exhibit F 47-48, 42-53, 57-58

LWOP Support Group-I am a co-founder and co-facilitate our LWOP Support Group. This group addresses issues that the LWOP community deals with such as aging prison, loss of family and support, being overlooked by the Board of Prison Hearings, disallowance of job assignments due to our status as LWOP. I am diligent in creating a therapeutic atmosphere in which we can encourage, support and advocate with each other. Part of the LWOP Support Groups Mission Statement is, "*We can speak a language together that no one else will understand.*" (See Exhibit F 1-14)

Beyond Incarceration Program- I was recognized for my Beyond Incarceration participation and attendance in video feeds with at-risk youth in the Stockton area. (See Exhibit F 15-33.) During those video feeds, I spoke to at-risk youth in the hope of sharing my current perspective, which was created by punishment for poor choices based on poorer justifications. My goal is to share my experiences in the hope that others could then avoid similar errors in reasoning and avoid harms like the ones I was responsible for.

Through BIP I have received training as a facilitator for the re-entry workshop Get Out and Stay Out program (GOSO) received training as a facilitator for the re-entry workshop Get Out and Stay Out program (GOSO) (Exhibit E 17-22.). This curriculum provides female offenders with practical skills, resources and knowledge to assist them with re-entry and lower the recidivism rate. Having a job makes all the difference in someone's life.

University of Santa Monica, Freedom To Choose Workshops- This is an outside organization that brings in students from the university to sit in trios and guide the participants in many aspects of healthy communication skills. I have learned about emotional writing which teaches that 5 minutes of letting everything on my mind out on a piece of paper, then tearing it up and throwing it away can release me from the tension or stress I may be feeling. There are concepts for setting an intention; how to be authentically honest about my truths in front of another person; how to ask clarifying questions to make sure I am hearing someone correctly and not missing out on the important information that they are trying to give me.

I have applied the trio formation when discussing hot topics at work with my co-workers, noticing when I am the sharer or the neutral observer assists with appropriate feedback and interaction when things get emotional. Using this particular technique allows for me to be heard and to let it go if something is not going my way. What someone else is going through is not my event. Lastly, Freedom To Choose has vastly improved my ability to truly listen to others instead of waiting for them to pause in their sentence so I can jump in. I learned that I am not listening to them if I am waiting my turn. In prison the most common form of people talking is people waiting until it is their turn to talk, this means no one is being heard.

Elected Positions -In addition to the work done with the outer community, I have served my community inside the prison. I have held elected positions within the Long Termers' Organization (LTO), (See Exhibit F 46-50), Women's Advisory Council (WAC) (See Exhibit F 52, 53), Beyond Incarceration

Panel (BIP). I have served through membership in organizations like the Big Sister Mentor Program (See exhibit F 43-45) and on committees within my housing unit the Honor Dorm. (See Community Recognition Exhibit F 47, 48, 52, 53, 57, 58.) Through these activities such as participating in and creating community events within my housing unit, the Honor Dorm. I have continued my personal growth opportunities alongside purpose to my community, which benefits of years of experience and assistance.

The examples I have shared of the recognition I've been shown are meant to illustrate the effort I expend constantly which is my commitment to the ideals I believe in today. (See Exhibit G 1-58 and Exhibit F 1-55 for the complete list.)

Community Recognition

In addition to my rehabilitative efforts and extensive self-help work, I have also earned recognition for service inside Central California Women's Facility. Being an active part of my community is now a way of life. I could not imagine just sitting around and doing nothing, regardless of where I am at, this is who I am today.

Presented in the following categories:

- Community Endeavors Exhibit G 1-14
- Beyond Incarceration Program Exhibit G 15-19
- Facility 'C' Yard Events Exhibit G 32-39
- Honor Dorm 'The Cornerstone' Exhibit G 40-58
- San Diego State University Criminology Class Tour Exhibit G 20-31

San Diego State University Tour- I have taken part in the "Prison Tour" that San Diego State University conducts at Central California Women's Facility. The coordinator of the tour, L. Paul Sutton, PhD, Professor Criminal Justice Program, having worked with me for years (2003-2015) said in part that

I am 'courageous, "generous and candid", and refers to "the powerful perspective that she so patiently and capably manages to impart." (See support letter Exhibit L 14).

Arts-In-Corrections

In a combination of "calling" and "community", I had the privilege to hold the position of Lead Studio Artist for the Arts-In-Corrections Department and worked diligently to raise funds through the sale of artwork for the Madera County Child Abuse Prevention Council, (Exhibit H 1-6.) I earned awards, certificates and letters of commendation for my art submissions to the William James Association California Arts review competition. (See Exhibit H 7-9.) In 2008, Institution Artist Facilitator A. Hwang wrote and thanked me "for the beautiful ceramic bowls" I created for the 8th Annual "Soup Bowls for Super Kids" charity event, the proceeds of which benefited "Camp Teddy Bear," a camp for child victims of domestic violence. As a survivor of childhood abuse and trauma, I experienced a profound moment of purpose and fulfillment in that I had a part in providing child victims a chance to experience a place of safety and enjoyment.

Writings

The act of observing others leads to my own self observation. I often watch how people are acting (or acting out) and see reflections of my old self. I look at things differently now and the awareness of how I used to be is not easy and yet I can see how I am on the other side of the line of those old behaviors. When I write it is a sharing of my private self, the vulnerable moments I put onto paper are a peak at my heart or that piece of self that I have been protecting since I was eight years old.

I am a published author not only on-line on The Marshall Project.com, but in the Best Non-required Reading of 2016 Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt press. Can I share with you that I had a totally nerd moment when I saw my name listed in the index of the book, so cool! I am not ashamed to say that I am a

geek and knowing that other people have read what I have written is an unbelievable feeling. (See Exhibit I 1.)

My editor Rachel Kushner sent me a note and shared with me that reviews of the book have shown that my essay has been one of the most popular submissions. (See Exhibit I 3-4.)

Job Assignment Index and Reports

I have included an index the job assignments I have held from 1991 to present. (See Exhibit J 1.) The listing of work supervisor reports reflects the dates and job title, a review of my E-file will show the evaluation ratings and any additional comments submitted by my supervisors. (See Exhibit J 2-37.) My most recent evaluation and recommendation work supervisors report is included as Exhibit J 38-39.

Leisure Time Pursuits

It was in the quiet moments outside, watching the birds swoop from tree to tree, observing the wriggling of a worm that I had uncovered as I pulled crabgrass from my rose bushes, in those moments I began to realize who I was and what I had done with my life and what my life could still be. The garden has saved me, given me hope, given me purpose, gifted me with healing and sense of purpose. I plant mint in every nook I can think of, to entice the bees to land on my zinnias and marigolds when they are done plundering the brachia of the mint flowers. I plant mint in an act of nurturing for my bees, to give them substance, I think of what they need. This caring aspect does not stop at bees. It has traveled the path to my heart to nurture and care about others. I found how to love and care for people within the act of meeting the needs of my little birds and tumbling bees. Without the garden, who would I be today? (See Exhibit K 1-23.)

Support Letters/Laudatory Chronos

My support network is comprised of individuals that have known me from 10 to 52 years. This

support network offers support in areas from emotional to housing, employment and financial.

Connie Segreto, a friend of 22 years wrote, "I did not know Michele prior to her crime, however, I can say, unequivocally, that today Michele would be no threat to society. On the contrary, she would be an upstanding citizen looking for ways to positively impact her community. I have seen Michele grow and mature, face her crime from the victims' and the victim's families' perspectives, and consistently demonstrate profound remorse that she cannot change that awful day." (See Exhibit L 6.)

Many, ranging from correctional staff to instructors to work supervisors, have commended my effort, attitude, and progress with laudatory chronos. This documentation indicates that I have done more than merely earn certificates: I have learned to take an active role in my life and my community. This behavior is demonstrated via my consistent enrollment and active role in rehabilitative courses, the encouragement I give to other participants, and my service as a role model. (See Exhibit L 14-36.)

My willingness to continue traveling the path of rehabilitation is internally driven, not externally motivated. My efforts have been observed by many and have made favorable impressions on a multitude of people along the way. "Who are we when no one is looking" is an empowering saying and one I believe in. These chronos reflect what others saw in me when I did not know they were looking.

Community and Family Support

After many years of my participation in the San Diego State University Criminal Justice Program prison tour of the California prison system, Professor L. Paul Sutton, PhD, wrote, "I met Ms. Scott more than ten years ago. I have watched her grow, incredibly, in ways that belie her life and circumstances. In that regard, she ranks among the highest of only a handful of the scores of inmates I have come to know well in my four decades of work in and around corrections, and for the last 30 years, with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation." (See Exhibit L 13.)

Gary Later has known me since I was a teenager and wrote, "She now seems to be in control of herself; has faced and continues to deal with her crime; and has become a leader in her less-than-ideal circumstances." (See Exhibit L 9.)

My foster mother Alta Colvin wrote, "I have observed her go through many ups and downs, times of discouragement and accomplishment over the 23 years she has been in prison. She has handled these situations with acceptance, grace, and maturity." (See Exhibit L 12.)

My support network is a testimony to the quality of character of my family and friends. The support by family and friends is indicated with supporting documents (see Exhibit L 1-13). A review will show that many of them have offered their wholehearted support, a place in their homes, aid with alternate housing, assistance finding a job and financial assistance, as it may be needed.

Life Planning

I have lived the last 25 years under the most challenging and adverse circumstances that composes a prison environment. I have utilized the skills that immersion in self-help programs has gifted me to assist in managing the adversity that the prison culture presents. A part of that management is the development of a current and on-going Relapse Prevention Plan. (See Exhibit M 1-2.)

This plan addresses my areas of concern and includes a comprehensive list of my triggers, high-risk situations and coping strategies. The list demonstrates the deep thought I have given to maintaining healthy relationships, resolving conflict, and continuing my recovery from narcotic use. My perpetual relapse prevention plan includes active and frequent participation in both Narcotics Anonymous and positive community based daily life activities. I have developed a realistic 3 Year Parole Plan with an emphasis on realistic. I know that there will be unforeseen challenges and stressors that I cannot predict. However, I do have significant coping and resolution skills in my 'tool kit' and I have learned the importance of connecting with a network of friends for support. I may not have the answers to the

problems that will inevitably occur upon my parole but what I do have is a plan of action. (See Exhibit M 3.)

I have received training in how to interview and enter the work force. I studied and trained through the San Joaquin County Work Net, and earned certificates for Interactive Interview, Is Your Resume Working For You, and Applications: Filling in the Blanks. I have prepared a job resume format that covers three possible areas of employment. This is based on my experience, abilities and extensive training received while incarcerated. (Exhibit M 4-6.)

VI Conclusion

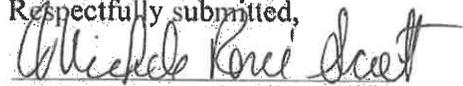
Granting my request for sentence commutation will not endanger public safety, but it will allow a rehabilitated and mature individual to reintegrate into society. My direct impact will be to continue the arc of mindfulness and community involvement that has evolved into my way of life.

As “The ultimate remedy rests in an appeal to the Governor...” (*In re Horowitz*, (1949) 33 Cal. 2d. 534, 546), I hereby appeal to the Governor to commute my current sentence to one with parole eligibility. Just as miscarriages of justice exist in the courts, miscarriages of justice can exist in other areas such as the rehabilitative process not being acknowledged. To not acknowledge 26 years, a lengthy period, of rehabilitation would be such a miscarriage of justice. (Id.)

I respectfully request that the Governor commute my sentence to two concurrent life with the possibility of parole so that my efforts may result in an opportunity to sit before the Board of Parole Hearings and eventually an opportunity to rejoin my family.

Dated: March 29, 2017

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Tejinder Singh

On November 5, 1999, 18-year-old Tejinder Singh got into an argument with Jorge Arteaga, a security guard at a motel, over guests in Mr. Singh's room at the motel. Mr. Singh drove out of the motel parking lot, then circled back and gestured toward Mr. Arteaga to come closer. Mr. Singh then fired several shots at Mr. Arteaga, hitting him in the hip and back. Mr. Arteaga survived his injuries. On August 16, 2000, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Singh to 7 years to life for attempted murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement — a total term of 32 years to life.

Mr. Singh has now been incarcerated for 19 years and has expressed regret for his violent and thoughtless actions. In his application for clemency, Mr. Singh wrote, "Today, I am disgusted by my actions and my total lack of responsibility. . . . I have addressed the unresolved issues of my past that got me to that point where I lost sight of how precious life is. I am deeply remorseful and understand fully that I am solely responsible for the pain [Mr. Arteaga] has endured."

During almost two decades in prison, Mr. Singh has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has not been disciplined for any misconduct in over 13 years. He earned his GED and completed vocational training in masonry and digital literacy. Mr. Singh has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Awareness, Anger Management, and Alternatives to Violence. In addition, Mr. Singh has earned the respect of correctional staff who interact with him regularly. In 2018, a work supervisor commended Mr. Singh's work ethic and wrote that he "has conducted himself in a very positive and respectable manner when dealing with staff as well as with fellow inmate workers." In 2018, a chaplain wrote that Mr. Singh "has addressed many issues from his childhood and life that contributed to his criminal history" and commended Mr. Singh "for his strong determination to improve himself through this rehabilitative process," noting that "he exhibits a level of maturity and integrity not usually seen in inmates." Also in 2018, a supervisor praised Mr. Singh's efforts as an ADA worker assisting in facilitating mental health groups for inmates. The supervisor noted, "Mr. Singh's character and patience enable him to work well with his fellow inmates, and [he] is very open to positive criticism and direction." The supervisor concluded, "From observing Mr. Singh, his consideration of others, and leadership during groups each week, Mr. Singh appears to illuminate positive core human values."

Since his incarceration for this senseless crime, Mr. Singh has demonstrated through his conduct in prison that he is committed to becoming a productive member of society. Therefore, I believe Mr. Singh has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Tejinder Singh to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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June 15, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Governor of California
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

I have been assisting Tejinder Singh (P-91172) and his family with putting together his packet for commutation. I have been doing so voluntarily and at no charge because I believe Mr. Singh is worthy of a reduced sentence enabling him to appear before the parole board earlier than his current sentence allows.

Mr. Singh was convicted of premeditated attempted murder in 2000. Because Mr. Singh used a gun which resulted in an injury, he was sentenced to a life term for the attempted murder, plus a mandatory consecutive term of 25 years to life for the gun use (Penal Code section 11022.53(d)). Mr. Singh and his family hired me in 2002 to prepare and file a federal habeas petition for Mr. Singh. Although that petition was denied, Mr. Singh's case stood out for me because I believed then (and now) that his sentence was excessive under the circumstances.

Mr. Singh committed his crime in November 1999, four months after he turned 18 years old. It was his first offense. Without question, Mr. Singh acted inappropriately when, following a verbal altercation with an unarmed motel security guard, Jorge Arteaga, he left the scene and returned with a gun which he used to fire several shots at Mr. Arteaga. Mr. Arteaga and Mr. Singh had argued about whether Mr. Singh's friends could visit him in the motel room which Mr. Singh had rented. Although certainly no excuse, prior to the shooting, Mr. Arteaga challenged Mr. Singh to a confrontation and taunted him to shoot him and kill him. Mr. Arteaga suffered a gunshot wound to the buttocks and was able to walk across the street to a hospital for medical treatment.

I believe that Mr. Singh's sentence of life (with a minimum parole term of 7 years) plus 25 years to life is excessive for three reasons. First, Mr. Singh's sentence is excessively long as a result of the then-mandatory 25 years to life sentence for the gun enhancement. Because Mr. Singh used a gun, his sentence for that enhancement was over three times the length of his sentence for the attempted murder. Both the California Legislature and yourself recently recognized the sometimes draconian nature of that mandatory gun enhancement when the Legislature passed and you signed into law Senate Bill 620 which now allows the sentencing court to exercise its discretion to strike or dismiss a gun enhancement under Penal Code section 12022.53 at the time of sentencing. Given Mr. Singh's youth, his lack of prior record, and the circumstances of the shooting, I believe it reasonably probable that had

Mr. Singh's sentencing judge had discretion back then to strike the gun enhancement, he would have done so.

Second, in the years since Mr. Singh's trial, both the United States Supreme Court and the California Legislature have recognized that juvenile brains are not fully developed until well into one's 20s. Thus, assessing factors such as culpability and future dangerousness is different when dealing with juveniles than with adults. You recently signed into law several bills establishing a youth offender parole hearing for most youthful offenders whose crimes were committed from before age 18 up until before age 25. Indeed, Mr. Singh's current parole eligibility date of November 2023 is for a youth offender parole hearing and is earlier than it would have been without these legislative changes. Nevertheless, the impaired executive functioning often found in the brains of teens likely explains, at least in part, Mr. Singh's immature reaction to the argument between Mr. Arteaga and himself. Likewise, the subsequent maturing of Mr. Singh's brain is evidenced in his writings in his commutation packet which show his efforts to understand what led to his crime and his dedication to making himself a better person, as reflected in his numerous achievements and commendations detailed in his commutation packet.

Finally, the confluence of Mr. Singh's background, including moving from India where he was repeatedly physically abused by his mother's brother to the United States at age 13 knowing no English, his significant strides in examining the reasons for his criminal behavior and his insights into preventing any reoccurrence, and his achievements in prison all support an earlier date for parole eligibility. Mr. Singh's commutation packet details these three factors and include:

- a) Mr. Singh's application;
- b) Letters of support from Mr. Singh's parents and sister;
- c) Prison chronos, certifications, and notices of achievement;
- d) A letter Mr. Singh wrote (but did not send) to Mr. Arteaga;
- e) A book report Mr. Singh wrote about the effects of gun violence; and
- f) Mr. Singh's probation report which includes various statements about his mandatory but excessive sentence.

Reducing Mr. Singh's sentence to make him eligible for parole sooner than November 2023 would not undermine the seriousness of Mr. Singh's actions nor leave Mr. Singh unpunished. Mr. Singh has been in custody since he was 18 years old. Next month he will be 37 years old. For all of the reasons set forth in this letter, as well as everything contained in Mr. Singh's commutation packet, I respectfully urge you to commute Mr. Singh's sentence to allow for parole eligibility earlier than 2023 and to provide Mr. Singh an opportunity to show the parole board that he does not pose a current risk to society.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Tracy J. Dressner



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Singh, Tejinder Date of Birth: [redacted]-81 Inmate ID: P-91172

Address: P.O. Box 8103, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403 Facility: California Men's Colony

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Attempted Murder	11-6-99	Orange County	Life + 25-Life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached pages per instruction (see no. 2)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached pages per instruction (see no. 3)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached pages per instruction (see no.4)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Orange County: Please take notice that I, Tejinder Singh,
was convicted of the crime of Attempted Murder Case No. 99NF3030
committed in Orange County, California, on the date of November 6, 1999

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California

Tejinder Singh
Applicant's Signature

5/14/18
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation.

On November 6, 1999, I was involved in an argument with Hotel Security Guard Mr. Jorge Arteaga. I perceived that situation as Mr. Arteaga putting me down. I felt my pride was hurt. I felt humiliated and that triggered my pent-up, unresolved anger. My blood pressure began to rise and I started to sweat. As I drove off, I told myself I needed to get even. I told myself that I was not going to let another man walk all over me, especially in front of my friends. I made a U-turn and pulled over to get my gun out of the trunk of my car. I then went back to the hotel. I saw Mr. Arteaga standing in the middle of the driveway. I told him to come over to my car. I did this in order to put him in a position for me to get a clear shot at him. We exchanged some words. It was at that very moment that I decided to kill Mr. Arteaga. I fired shot after shot, not once reflecting on the consequences of my actions. I was 18 years old with no regard for the life of Mr. Arteaga or anyone else's including my own. It was by the Grace of God that Mr. Arteaga did not lose his life that night; a fact that I am thankful for and thoughtful of every single day since.

From the time I pulled over to the moment I shot Mr. Arteaga, a lot of time has elapsed; enough time for me to think better of the action I chose to take that night. Not once did I consider what I was about to do to another human being. After I shot Mr. Arteaga, I sped away, leaving him to die. A decent human being does not do that. In my culture, human life is sacred and for me to not only shoot an innocent man, but to leave him there to die, is unspeakable.

Today I am disgusted by my actions and my total lack of responsibility. Mr. Arteaga did nothing whatsoever to warrant or justify my careless reaction. I could have robbed Mr. Arteaga's children of their father, his wife of her husband, and his family of their loved one. There are a lot of things I wish I could have

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changed that day. I have addressed the unresolved issues of my past that got me to that point where I lost sight of how precious life is. I am deeply remorseful and understand fully that I am solely responsible for the pain he has endured. I truly regret all my choices, decisions, and actions. As a mature adult, I now know and believe no circumstance necessitates the use of violence.

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3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

Sir, the reason why I humbly ask for a commutation is that when I arrived in the United States in 1994, after being raised in India, the culture shock was overwhelming. Additionally, unlike Hindu and Muslim Indian nationals, I was raised a Sikh. This presented my life with a particular set of problems. Sikhs have suffered hundreds of years of persecution under Hindu and Muslim prejudices. Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of the Sikh religion in the 16th century, insisted on complete equality between men and women. In this he was far ahead of his time. Since then, throughout the centuries Sikhs have suffered acts of genocide and cruel persecution, giving rise to strict edicts in our fight for cultural identity. Guru Gobind Singh gave each Sikh the surname of Singh, or Lion, to instill in each Sikh a dogged will to fight for self respect and that Sikh identity.

I wanted to express some cultural history to help you, sir, understand the deep-rooted anger I arrived with in the United States, in addition to the historical facts I also suffered growing up in India.

I dealt with a lot of physical and emotional abuse daily in my house and in school. My father was in America, so my sister and I were raised by my mother who lived with her parents and her younger brother in India. I always thought physical and emotional abuse was normal in our culture because we all grew up dealing with physical abuse in our school.

But things were not normal in my house. My uncle beat me almost daily. It wasn't something like a slap on the wrist or face. It was a physical beat down with his hands and feet or whatever he could get his hands on; like a stick, broom, belt, etc., you name it. Whenever he felt like I wasn't living up to his expectations, like working in his farm, or doing his house work, he would beat me for failing to do the work adequately. Even playing with my friends would disturb him. Sometimes

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he would beat me for no reason, and when I would ask: "What was that for?" he would say: "Because you are a bad kid." I thought if my own family thinks I am not good, how can anyone else think differently? These beatings weren't taking place behind closed doors. Anywhere you can think of; in front of my grandparents, my sister, my mother, our neighbors, and my friends. I felt humiliated and very angry. I felt like I was their slave. I would cry and run to my mother only to hear her say: "Why don't you listen?" I remember one time she told me that "This was not our home. You have to be patient and pray that your father returns soon and takes us with him." That didn't help my situation. Instead, it only made me feel helpless and worthless. I felt that no one seemed to care about me. I hated myself and everybody around me. As time went by, I started to accept the abuse as a normal part of my life. After a while, the only beatings that really hurt were my mother's. I felt betrayed because she was my vent to all the built-up stress and anger. I witnessed violent anger in that house. I thought all arguments or expression of anger resulted in violence.

When I first met my father, I was 12 years old. It was the happiest time of my young life. Tears of joy were on my face and I knew then that my suffering was over. I felt relief. When I told my father a couple of days later how these people had been treating me, he said: "Don't worry, son. I am going to take you to America and you never have to worry about someone hitting you again." That was good enough for me as long as I knew I'd be out of that hell.

When I came to America, I was 13 years old and things did get much better because I didn't have to deal with physical abuse in my house. When I started school, for not knowing how to speak English, I started to get bullied by other kids. I was ashamed to tell my father about the abuse. Instead I told him I'd rather get a job than go to school. That led to me dropping out of school.

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Sir, I had a very violent childhood with no direction in resolving conflicts normally. I now know violence is never the answer. Violence only destroys lives. As a young man, I had not identified the root causes of my anger. At that time, I felt inadequate as a person and inferior to Mr. Arteaga, and that I had only one avenue to resolve my conflicts: violence.

I know today my senseless act and crime shook and destroyed so many lives. I am sorry for the stupid, immature and violent choices I made on November 6, 1999, in my attempt to kill Mr. Arteaga. I cannot change the past, but I have learned from this tragedy and I can sincerely apologize now when I pray.

I am not the same person I was that night. I have changed and matured with all the education and self-help programs I was able to internalize. This will allow me the opportunity, when I go back to India, to provide youth an inspirational speaker and give them the knowledge that I've acquired through my experience. By hearing someone they can relate to, since I was their age when I began to rebel, it can change their lives for the better. I would tell them how much I lost, more so, the pain and hurt I caused so many people by my senseless, heinous actions. I promise you that for the rest of my life I will live honestly, and kindly, with integrity and worthiness and never harm another human being ever again.

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4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

My words at trial (in 1999) were untrue. I justified my behavior by blaming others, when my unresolved, displaced anger led to my commitment offense. That insight into my responsibility and remorse did not come over night. Sadly, it took more than ten years of deep introspection to honestly understand the impact and magnitude of my actions upon Mr. Arteaga, his friends and family, and the surrounding community.

Today, I have empathy. I have true regret as well as remorse. I am emotionally and spiritually pained daily with the knowledge that Mr. Arteaga will forever be physically as well as emotionally and mentally traumatized by my violence, and I live every day with the truth that he and his loved ones endure this trauma because I was too immature to handle an adult argument. I relive that night over and over in my head daily, as I am convinced Mr. Arteaga does also,

My acts that night began the ripple effect that has enveloped Mr. Arteaga's family, his friends and associates, his employer and fellow employees, and the community at large. I caused not only Mr. Arteaga's environment continuous and irreparable harm, I also harmed my own Sikh community as well. What shame and humiliation my actions must have caused them. I will commit my life to making amends to both communities upon my release.

Now, I can take an objective look at my life prior to my commitment offense and recognize the causative factors involved. I was selfish and prideful. My decisions were motivated by those defects in my character. In my attempts at making amends for my murderous act against Mr. Arteaga and society on the whole, I have made substantial changes in my life. I believe that I have recognized and confronted the ugliness that ruled my mind and spirit, and have successfully vanquished it. I am now the type of person who is capable of making responsible decisions and mature choices. I will be a contributing member of society who makes myself available to

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guide and enlighten others with my experience and compassion.

I have made it a priority to continue to expand my mind and perception by applying the knowledge acquired from the jobs, educational programs and self-help programs that I have internalized. I have achieved a G.E.D. and a Masonry Vocational trade. I have attended and completed Job Quest, Prisoners Against Child Abuse (PACA), Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), Victim Impact and Life Awareness Programs: Criminal Thinking/Lifestyle, Anger Management, Relapse Prevention, Family Relationships, and Depression and Suicide workshops, respectively.

Even though I do not use alcohol or drugs, I attend Narcotics Anonymous (NA) because I believe the 12-step method is imperative to me maintaining a spirit of service and submission to a higher power for my past failures. A life of addiction correlates to a criminalistic lifestyle. They both involve a sense of low self-worth, selfishness, obsessive-compulsive-progressive behavior, self-centeredness, and blame shifting. I've come to the realization that submission is the first step in any type of recovery. With these tools at my disposal I can and will be able to identify my triggers so that I can recognize when I stray in my thinking. I understand that every action must begin with a thought, and I have conditioned myself to get between the thought and the action, thereby eliminating the compulsion to commit destructive acts. This is how I have been making amends. I am now an Assistant Care Giver here at CMC-West. I get to assist those who are unable to help themselves, thus allowing me to make a positive contribution. It has taught me more about empathy and living altruistically. I also volunteer with Recreation Therapists, providing assistance to those in the Mental Health Services Delivery System. I give of my free time to the collection of recyclable items around the prison grounds for the New Life K9s Program.

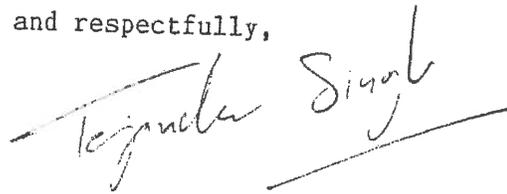
These activities are helping me enhance the 6 Dimensions of Health: Physical,

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Psychological, spiritual, Social, Emotional, and Environmental, which will help me become and remain a contributing member of society and an asset to my community. I am grateful to CDCR for providing me the many opportunities to rehabilitate myself. I am a better person because of these opportunities. I have progressed from a violent boy to a productive, well-balanced man; one prepared to lend a helping hand to others in need.

My family is supportive of me and ready to accept me into their lives. I will be a law abiding, productive, prosocial member of society and the world at large. This is a great country, one of second chances, and I beg of you, sir, for a chance to redeem myself in the eyes of society.

Sincerely and respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tejinder Singh". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name. It is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Clyde Slaughter

In May 1998, Clyde Slaughter and his crime partner planned to rob James Stinson. Pretending have rock cocaine, Mr. Slaughter approached Mr. Stinson with the fake drugs. When Mr. Stinson realized the drugs were fake and that he was being robbed, he dropped his money and fled to his car. Mr. Slaughter chased Mr. Stinson. Before Mr. Stinson could drive away, Mr. Slaughter shot him with a shotgun, killing him. On July 9, 1999, the Contra Costa County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Slaughter to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Slaughter takes full responsibility for his crime. He wrote, "Knowing that I took another man's life and feeling deeply the pain of that wrong almost from the moment it happened, a desire has formed in my heart, and grown through the years, to atone for my crime."

Mr. Slaughter was 19 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for 20 years – over half of his life. During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Slaughter has only had six rules violations. He has dedicated himself to self-improvement, participating in self-help courses such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery—Spanish, Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, and Anger Management. Mr. Slaughter also participated in a therapy group called Life with the Opportunity for Peace, which deals with in-depth behavioral modification and cognitive therapy. Mr. Slaughter earned a vocation in electronics and has maintained a steady work history.

Mr. Slaughter committed a senseless crime. When he entered prison he lacked the skills necessary to be a contributing member of society. It is clear, however, that Mr. Slaughter has distinguished himself by his concerted efforts toward rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Slaughter has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Clyde Slaughter to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, CLYDE NATHANIEL SLAYHTEB declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)

California that I have served the District Attorney of CONTRA COSTA COUNTY with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Clyde Slayhiteb
Applicant's Signature

5-21-18
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Contra Costa County: Please take notice that I, Clyde Nathaniel Slaughter,
was convicted of the crime of Murder and the crime of Robbery,
committed in Contra Costa County, California, on the date of May 14, 1998. (Trial
was concluded in 1999.)

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: P-45549

Clyde Slaughter

Applicant's Signature

5-21-18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

1 Clyde Nathaniel Slaughter
CDCR#:

2 Answer to Question #2, Continued:

3 of the shotgun was unintentional. I do not include this last
4 detail to mitigate my crime. I am 100% guilty as charged.
5 The man died because I tried to rob him. The gun went off
6 while I was screaming at him, and repeatedly jabbing him with
7 the gun barrel.

8 Answer to question #3:

9 Knowing that I took another man's life and feeling deeply the
10 pain of that wrong almost from the moment it happened, a desire
11 has formed in my heart, and grown through the years, to atone
12 for my crime. If released to the community, I would work to
13 become a counselor for at-risk youth. I believe that they
14 could relate to and learn from someone of my background and
15 temperament. To explain why, I offer the following, a short
16 description of my life and times.

17 I am now 38 years old. My father was a field and track star
18 in Arizona, but became a heroin addict. He died on March 1,
19 1989 of AIDS, when I was just ten years old. I loved my Dad,
20 but what I remember most about him is the beatings he gave
21 me.

22 My Mother continued to raise me for the next year, but then
23 she got strung out on crystal methamphetamine and alcohol and
24 I was given to my Grandmother. I loved my Grandma, 8 cousins,
25 and my younger brothers for a few years. She was a strict
26 Christian and tried to raise us properly, but for some reason
27 I just could not hear her.

28 As a teenager, I basically dropped out of school. Tired of
being poor, and having no regular job, nor shoes on my feet,
I decided to sell dope as an independent, on the street. The
shotgun I used to kill James Preston Stanton, was one that
several of us had access to. I was not in a gang and I have
no gang tattoos.

After the murder that I committed, I fell into a deep
depression. It continued throughout my trial and went on for
at least 4 years. I thought about suicide every day. I
attempted suicide once, but couldn't go completely through
with it.

A year after my conviction, in 1999, I assaulted a Correctional
Officer during a yard riot, punching him in the face. In 1999,

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1 and again during 2003 and 2004, I was cited for refusing to
2 follow orders. In 2006 and 2011, I was cited for assault on
3 another prisoner. My last rules violation was in 2011 for
possession of a joint of marijuana.

4 While in the "Hole" in 2011, I just got sick and tired of being
5 me -- of being who I was. I started going to a program. At
6 first, it was just to get out of the cell. I met a man at
7 the program in question (Criminals and Gangsters Anonymous)
8 named Willie Redman. He had been in prison for 43 years.
Gradually, Mr. Redman got to me. I could relate to him, because
9 in many ways I was him and he was me. Naturally, I began to
10 look up to him. Eventually, the plan to become a counselor
11 -- like him, formed in my heart and will. I want to give back,
12 even as he has, to the community that I helped tear apart.

13 Since 2013, I have participated in Narcotics and Alcoholics
14 Anonymous, Criminals and Gangsters Anonymous, Victim Impact
15 (where I was a facilitator), The lifer Group, Anger Management,
16 and Celebrate Recovery -- all programs hosted by the CDCR.
17 I continue to attend programs and spiritual services.

18 I have a daughter, Maryann Slaughter, who is now 19. She was
19 conceived two weeks before my arrest. I would like to be a
20 proper father to my daughter, so as to mitigate the wrong I
21 have done her through my criminal legacy and resulting absence.

22 Answer to Question #4.

23 As I admitted above, I am completely and 100% guilty. I am
24 not saying that the approximately 20 years that I have served
25 is adequate punishment. I do not know that it is. I believe
26 that is a judgment that only society has the right to make.
27 I am asking the Governor to allow me to go and sit in front
28 of a parole board so that if I am worthy at some point in the
future to be paroled, that it will happen. The most basic
reason that I am requesting commutation is that I do not want
to die in prison having left nothing behind but wreckage.
I pray that God allows me to leave behind some legacy of good.
I want my life to stand for something. I pray, like Willie
Redman, to be able to keep others from perpetuating the cycle
of drugs and violence that I was born into. Nothing could
be worse to me than that my life ends up being meaningless:
just another story of a man that did nothing but inflict pain
and sadness, and then only to be a financial burden on society
to the end of his days. I hope there is some path in this
life where my last acts are beautiful, kind, and respectable.
I live every day now to manifest in that spirit.

29 _____
30 Dated: _____
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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Richard Snyder

In 2009, while under the influence of drugs, Richard Snyder entered an unoccupied home and stole several items. On July 22, 2009, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Snyder to 25 years to life for burglary plus 10 years for prior felony enhancements, a total of 35 years to life.

Mr. Snyder seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, Mr. Snyder wrote, "I humbly seek to be judged on my rehabilitation which has changed my life and has helped me to be a better and responsible person for my family, community and myself." Mr. Snyder also reported that he has maintained his sobriety. He said, "I haven't forgotten the pain I have caused living in the moment of my addiction. . . . I have a lot to give back and I'm looking forward to helping others. Staying on the right path to recovery and to do right in society."

Since his incarceration, Mr. Snyder has demonstrated a commitment to transforming his life. Mr. Snyder has never been disciplined for any misconduct during almost a decade in prison. He earned a GED, an A.A. degree, several vocational certifications, and is a certified Braille transcriber. Mr. Snyder has also taken advantage of numerous self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Addiction Counseling Program, Crime Impact, and Anger Management. In 2018, a director for the Anti-Recidivism Coalition wrote, "Inmate Snyder has demonstrated a commitment to work diligently in his rehabilitation efforts, and applying the insight and principles learned in [the program]. He is to be commended for his positive attitude and contribution." Mr. Snyder has a solid plan in place in the event of his release; he plans to live in transitional housing, finish his drug and alcohol counseling certification, and help those who have experienced similar challenges.

Since committing this crime, Mr. Snyder turned away from drugs and alcohol and has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation, education, and sobriety. Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Snyder.

For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Snyder has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Richard Snyder to a total of 10 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Richard Snyder Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 59 Inmate ID: # H87874

Address: Ironwood P.O. Box 2199 Blythe, CA 92326 Facility: C-3-213

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Convictions and Sentence Structure (Attached)			
(Conviction Summary)			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I take full responsibility of all charges
Burglary 1st - non-violent 3rd Strike (35 Yrs. to life)
Grand Theft - non-violent 3rd Strike (Stayed)
Poss. of Ammo - non-violent 3rd Strike (Stayed)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am a non-violent 3rd Striker without any violence ever. I was a Drug-Addict that did property crime for my habit, and was selfish and Uneducated. Im requesting humbly, commutation on the basis of my Rehabilitation, Education and Job Training, being disciplinary Free.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Statement explaining reason (Attached)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I've had no assistance and paid no money.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Richard P. Snyder declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Richard P. Snyder
Applicant's Signature

April 23, 2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

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To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Richard P. Snyder,
was convicted of the crime of Burglary 1st, Grand Theft, Poss of Ammo,
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 7-22-09.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Richard P. Snyder
Applicant's Signature

April 23, 2018
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steven Frankel, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Richard Snyder,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

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Signed [Signature]
Date 5-8-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Conviction Summary

[01]	Offense	0d	Striker
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Sentence Structure

Cmt.	County	Sentence Date	Total Time Imposed	Status	Status Date
AA	Los Angeles	06/14/1985	2y 0m 0d	Discharged (Time Served)	07/26/1989

Sentence Components 1 - 1 of 1

Cmp.	Count	County/Case #	Crime (Statute)	Offense	Time Imposed	Relationship to Cmt./Cmp.	Credit Rate	Pre-Snt Credit	Post-Snt Credit	Vested Credit
001	001	Los Angeles/A533868	VC23153 (a)[02]	DUI/Bodily Injury/One Prior	2y 0m 0d		N/A	158		

Cmt.	County	Sentence Date	Total Time Imposed	Status	Status Date
BA	Los Angeles	07/26/1993	2y 0m 0d	Discharged (Time Served)	09/20/1998

Case Enhancements for Prior Conviction or Prison Terms 1 - 1 of 1

Case #	Penal Code	Description	Time Imposed	Stayed	Credit Rate
KA018051	PC667.5(b) [01]	Prior Prison Term/Non Violent new offense is any felony	0y 0m 0d	Yes	0

Sentence Components 1 - 1 of 1

Cmp.	Count	County/Case #	Crime (Statute)	Offense	Time Imposed	Relationship to Cmt./Cmp.	Credit Rate	Pre-Snt Credit	Post-Snt Credit	Vested Credit
001	001	Los Angeles/KA018051	PC459 [06]	Burglary 1st	2y 0m 0d		50% Day-for-Day	58	13	6

Cmt.	County	Sentence Date	Total Time Imposed	Status	Status Date
BB	Los Angeles	11/20/1995	11y 8m 0d	Discharged (Time Served)	10/15/2009

Case Enhancements for Prior Conviction or Prison Terms 1 - 1 of 1

Case #	Penal Code	Description	Time Imposed	Stayed	Credit Rate
KA028587	PC667(a)	Prior Felony Convction of Serious	5y 0m	No	20%/33.3%/2nd

Active Detainers/Notifications

Date Placed	Type	Authority	Agency Name
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Conviction Summary

[01]	Offense	0d	Striker
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Sentence Components 1 - 2 of 2

Cmp.	Count	County/Case #	Crime (Statute)	Offense	Time Imposed	Relationship to Cmt./Cmp.	Credit Rate	Pre-Snt Credit	Post-Snt Credit	Vested Credit
001	001	Los Angeles/KA028587	PC459 [06]	Burglary 1st Second Striker	4y 0m 0d	Concurrent to BA / 001	20%/33.3%/2nd Striker	156	22	11
002	002	Los Angeles/KA028587	PC459 [06]	Burglary 1st Second Striker	2y 8m 0d	Consecutive (1/3 Term) to BB / 001	20%/33.3%/2nd Striker	156		

Cmt.	County	Sentence Date	Total Time Imposed	Status	Status Date
BC	Los Angeles	07/22/2009	Life With Parole	Imposed	07/22/2009

Case Enhancements for Prior Conviction or Prison Terms 1 - 2 of 2

Case #	Penal Code	Description	Time Imposed	Stayed	Credit Rate
KA086768	PC667(a) [01]	Prior Felony Convction of Serious Offense	5y 0m 0d	No	20%/33.3%/2nd Striker
KA086768	PC667(a) [01]	Prior Felony Convction of Serious Offense	5y 0m 0d	No	20%/33.3%/2nd Striker

Sentence Components 1 - 3 of 3

Cmp.	Count	County/Case #	Crime (Statute)	Offense	Time Imposed	Relationship to Cmt./Cmp.	Credit Rate	Pre-Snt Credit	Post-Snt Credit	Vested Credit
001	001	Los Angeles/KA086768	PC459 [06]	Burglary 1st Third Striker	Life With Parole	Concurrent to BA / 001	0% or 0%/20% Violent or 0%/33.3% Non-violent 3rd Striker	120	33	16
002	003	Los Angeles/KA086768	PC487(a) [01]	Grand Theft Exceeding \$400 Third Striker	0y 0m 0d	Stayed to /	0% or 0%/20% Violent or 0%/33.3% Non-violent 3rd Striker	120		
003	004	Los Angeles/KA086768	PC12316 (b)(3) [01]	POSS AMMO BY EX FELON Third Striker	0y 0m 0d	Stayed to /	0% or 0%/20% Violent or 0%/33.3% Non-violent 3rd Striker	120		

Active Detainers/Notifications

Date Placed	Type	Authority	Agency Name
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Brief Statement explaining why I should be granted commutation.

I am a non-violent 3striker (no violence) and I respectfully present to you, The Governor of the State of California, Mr. Edmund G. Brown, my application for Commutation.

Asking if you would please evaluate my conduct and achievements since being incarcerated. Deciding my level of progress and rehabilitation and suitability from your office for Commutation.

I have exhausted all other remedies, i.e.; appeal process and any relief from the courts. I humbly seek to be judged on my rehabilitation which has changed my life and has helped me to be a better and responsible person for my family, community and myself.

Through the programs offered here; Education, Vocation, Self Help and my amazing job training in Ironwoods Braille Transcriber Program, learning an excellent trade and actually giving back to the blind and handicapped, which means a great deal to me and is very rewarding.

I've been clean and sober and have no disciplinary issues for about 10 years now on my incarceration. I have been in the Palo Verde College Program and attend Self-Help groups when possible; and am ready to start Facilitating groups, with what I've learned, and am helping with Youth VOP inmates in those groups. Lately I have focused more on my A.D.S. Alcohol + Drug Counseling Certification Classes. Here is a list of my Education, Work and Self Help achievements since starting my commitment here at Ironwood. I have added copies of all Certifications, Degrees with supporting transcripts and also copies of my Job training. Transcribing Braille for the Blind Certification through the Library of Congress with my override request and actual possible job employment with ATPC the company we now Braille for, with the California Community Colleges.

I'm also finishing A.R.C Anti Recidivism Coalition Certification to start helping others succeed.

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Attending - Palo Verde College
Certifications and Degrees
with Transcripts

+ GED. High School Equivalency Cert.

+ Associate in Science Degree (Bus. Mngt.)

+ Business Literacy Certification

+ Associate in Arts (Bus. + Tech.) #75 on Grad. List June 2018

+ Management Info. Certification #282 on Grad. List June 2018

(I am working on getting, with only 6 units (2 classes) needed for completion;

Associate in Arts (Social Behavior Sciences)

also A.D.S. Alcohol and Drug Studies
Counseling Certifications.

Vocation: Office Services IC³ Global Standard

Self Help Certifications:

(ACP) Addiction Counseling Program

Lifers Activity Group (All 3 Stages)

Criminon

(AVP) Alternative to Violence

Turning Point - Prep - re-entry Program

Crossroads Bible Institute

Job Training:

I.S.P. Braille Program Through (ATPC)

California Colleges Chancellors Office

Literary Certification by the:

United States Library of Congress

Transcribing College Books into Braille for the Blind

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Gabriella Solano

On September 29, 1998, Gabriella Solano acted as a driver when Armando Perez, Dennis Barroso, and Brian Scott carjacked Czarina Wu. After forcing Ms. Wu from her car, they stole her keys and personal belongings. Early the next morning, Ms. Solano was again acting as the driver when Mr. Perez and Mr. Barroso pointed their shotguns out of the car window at Gilbert Rivas, Edward Rivas, Sharon Molina, and Joseph Molina, who were walking by. After an altercation, Mr. Barroso shot Gilbert Rivas, killing him. On September 10, 2009, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Solano to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement, 5 years for carjacking, 1 year for robbery, 16 months for 2 counts of attempted robbery, and 10 years for 3 firearm enhancements.

Ms. Solano has now been incarcerated for 20 years. She seeks a commutation based on her rehabilitation. Ms. Solano told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that she was young, reckless, irresponsible, and on drugs when she committed the life crime. In her application, she wrote, "I believe people can change. I am one of those people. I've worked really hard for the past 19 years to not be the person I was when I walked in this prison." In her application and her interview with a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Ms. Solano described how her abusive relationship with her ex-boyfriend Armando Perez led her to become involved in this crime. She wrote, "The night of my crime, I was in a bad place. I had just gotten out of a very abusive relationship; I was drinking, doing drugs, and being reckless. I was selfish, and thinking only of myself. I never thought that driving around being stupid would result in the death of an innocent person." In describing the work she has done in prison, she wrote, "Since my incarceration I've worked really hard on myself, to change that insecure, co-dependent, low self esteem, broken person I was. I've been sober now for the whole of my incarceration. . . 19 years. I've programmed since my arrival at the prison." She also noted, "I know now what a healthy relationship is and know how to obtain them."

Ms. Solano's record in prison is a testament to her transformation. She was last disciplined for misconduct over 16 years ago and has never been disciplined for any violence. Ms. Solano earned her GED in prison and is working towards an A.A. degree. She has completed vocational training in office services. Ms. Solano has participated in various self-help programs, including Anger Management, Personal Empowerment, Finding Insight through the Victim's Eyes, Narcotics Anonymous, Relationships, and Alternatives to Violence.

Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Solano has earned commendations from staff members. In 2017, a correctional officer commended Ms. Solano on her programming and attitude, writing, "Inmate Solano has been involved and facilitated in numerous self-help groups and has gained self-esteem and respect for herself and others, integrity and honest. Ms. Solano is currently employed as a[n] Institutional Clerk and displays a positive attitude. Her conduct, dedication and hard work are appreciated and worthy of commendation." Ms. Solano also donated to charitable causes and participated in volunteer events.

While Ms. Solano participated in a series of senseless crimes, she has focused on her rehabilitation and worked to address the factors that led her to commit these crimes. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Solano has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Gabriella Solano to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Governor Jerry Brown
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

RE: Gabriella Solano W-82038
Commutation of Sentence

Dear Governor Brown,

I'd like to introduce myself...my name is Gabriella Solano and I've been incarcerated now for almost 19 years. I was barely 26 when I got arrested and I'm now going on 45. I've been working on this Commutation for quite some time now. I know a lot of the girls here have gotten real fancy and creative with their Commutations. I understand that there is no right or wrong way to do this, but you have to understand that for a lot of us, like myself this is our last opportunity at a second chance, so I'm just going to speak from the heart.

The night of my crime, I was in a bad place. I had just gotten out of a very abusive relationship; I was drinking, doing drugs, and being reckless. I was selfish, and thinking only of myself. I never thought that driving around being stupid would result in the death of an innocent person. I didn't stop to think of the ramifications of my actions. Yes, I was scared, but I still had the opportunity to make the right choice and I didn't. Although I never got out of my car, or had no hands on involvement in the crime, I know that I am as guilty, as the actual perpetrator.

Since my incarceration I've worked really hard on myself, to change that insecure, co-dependant, low self-esteem, broken person I was. I've been sober now for the whole of my incarceration...19 years. I've programmed since my arrival at the prison. I've had the worst of the jobs because of my LWOP sentence. There aren't really many opportunities for LWOP'S. We are basically like the condemned but in general population. Although I've had struggles in here, I've never given up. I've been a model inmate. I stay busy doing productive things. I obtained my GED while I was closed custody, which in itself is not an easy task. After my GED, I went on to complete my Vocation, and have had steady jobs since. I'm still not able to get any of the good jobs, because they will not hire LWOP'S, but I've still managed to do good. I am currently in college striving for my A.A. and also working as a clerk at the college program location.

When I first started my sentence I wasn't really doing any of the groups that were offered here for us, simply because I didn't see the point. Slowly as the years passed by, I started getting more and more interested and I've now completed a number of groups that have helped change and mold me into the self-assured, productive, secure, independent person I am today. I really have been rehabilitated, and am in a good place. I have a positive outlook in life, despite my circumstances.

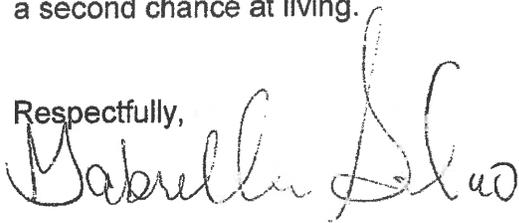
I have a strong family support system at home. I'm sure you noticed that I did not include any support letters in my packet. They are on there way, and I will be sending them at a

late date. Unfortunately my family has been hit really hard with sickness. My father was diagnosed with colon cancer about two years ago. Almost a year to the date my older sister was also diagnosed with colon cancer, she is unfortunately stage 4 as we speak. Her oldest son (my nephew) was diagnosed with testicular cancer. So as you can see a lot of sickness at home. Despite all this going on, I have a very close relationship with them all, and speak to them a few times a week. They do all they can for me financially, but especially moral support. I turn to them for everything.

If I am blessed with a date, I am almost certain that I will be deported back to Mexico, for I am not an American citizen. If I'm not deported, I plan to go to a program then to my parent's house. My family has offered me housing, clothing, transportation, shelter, and employment. I do have a plan. Should I get deported, same thing goes. I have a lot of family in Mexico willing to take me in and help me in any way they can, and that includes housing and employment. A lot of my family out there have their own businesses, or have professional careers, and can get me employment easily, especially because I am bilingual.

In closing, I am hoping and praying that you will consider reviewing my case, and give me a second chance at living.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gabriella Solano". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Respectfully,".

Gabriella Solano W-82038



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Solano, Gabriella Date of Birth: [redacted]-72 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: CCWF P.O. BOX 1508 Chowchilla, Ca. 93610-1508

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

NO

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Gabriella Solano declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

[Handwritten Signature] _____
Applicant's Signature Date 10-7-2017

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of L.A. County: Please take notice that I, Gabriella Solano,
was convicted of the crime of 1st degree murder with special Circumstance,
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 8-10-1999.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: W82038.

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Marcus Lobo

Applicant's Signature

07-2017

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Rebecca Wray #10, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Gabriella Solano,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Rebecca Wray

Date

6/21/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation:

On the night of September 30, 1998, my ex-boyfriend (Armando Perez), my friend (Brenda Moreno), Brian Scott (a friend of Armando and Oso) and another young man (Jorge Barroso who was called "Oso") were involved in a crime that ended in the murder of Gilbert Rives and the assault of Sharon Molina. My relation with Armando was toxic and both emotionally and physically abusive. He called and asked me for a ride to a friend's house. I agreed and brought along Brenda whose house I was at when he had called me. The ride was not the simple ride he had described on the phone call. This led to hours of us driving around arguing, fighting, drinking and doing drugs. This all fueled our amped up state. I asked where Armando wanted me to drive, to which he replied to follow a car he pointed out. I later learned the owner was Czarina Wu. We were following the car which stopped at a dead end. Jorge "Oso" jumped out of my car and approached Ms. Wu's car. Armando joined Jorge "Oso" and they made Ms. Wu get out and sit on the curb. Armando got into her car and drove off. Jorge "Oso" got back into my car and I followed Armando. Brenda and I were in shock and stayed quiet. Brian and Oso argued and Brian demanded to be taken back to where he had been picked up. I drove back and dropped him off. Armando was already there.

I argued with Armando telling him I wanted to go home and he could keep my car but to take Brenda and I back to her place. He would not agree to this and insisted that I drive to a place where he would deposit the stolen car. I followed him to a hotel in another town and we left the stolen car. I got a page from my friend Patricia and I called her from a pay phone. Patricia was stranded in the town we were at and asked for a ride. I drove to pick her up with Brenda, Armando, Jorge "Oso" and myself. We picked up Patricia. She was upset that she had been abandoned in a dark park by her date. We drove her to Brenda's apartment. At the apartment, Brenda and I tried to talk the boys into taking the car and letting us remain with Patricia, but they would not agree. Armando insisted that Brenda and I remain with them and we got back into the car.

I was driving and the arguing and fighting continued. Armando and Jorge "Oso" were increasingly agitated. At a red light stop, they began to argue with some people outside of the car. I later learned they were Mr. Gilbert Rivas, her girlfriend Ms. Sharon Molina, Ms. Molina's son, and two of Mr. Rivas' brothers. I was watching for the light to change. Before we could move on, the door of my car opened and Brenda got out and argued with the lady Ms. Molina. The argument escalated and Brenda hit Ms. Molina. The man, Gilbert Rivas, took a protective position between Ms. Molina and Brenda. That is when the boys got out and began to argue. At this point, I was swiveling between the argument and the light. While facing the light, I heard a gunshot and turned to see Mr. Rivas fall to the ground. Forensics said there was a second shot, but I do not remember even hearing it. People were shouting and screaming. Brenda, Armando, and Jorge "Oso" all jumped in the car screaming for me to drive. I did. We drove the boys to a location they requested. Armando instructed me to go home and not to drive my car for a while. I obeyed.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation:

I am requesting a commutation because I've exhausted all my appeals and this is my chance to seek Mercy. During my trial I was offered a deal of 15 to Life but refused. My relationship and upbringing made snitching a worse offense than my accused crime. I also did not believe a person could be found guilty of murder, if they had not taken a life. My co-defendant Brenda Moreno was then offered the deal which she took. I was 25 naïve of the law but also of the fact that my role contributed to the death of another. I was sentenced to LWOP for felony murder, 25 to life for the use of a gun in the taking of a life, plus 17 years and 4 months for the carjacking of Ms. Wu.

Since arriving in prison, I have done my best to become the woman I should have been before the crime. I have taken nearly 1,000 hours in rehabilitative class. I completed vocational training in office services and have been an institutional clerk for the past 12 years. In 2015, I enrolled in Feather River Community College and will be completing my AA degree this year (2018). Through my classes, I have been able to see the flaws in my character that led me to be involved in the events that led to the murder of Mr. Rivas. My refusal to extract myself from an abusive and toxic relationship was the main contributor. I had to look within to see what I gained from such a relationship and then address those issues. That included self-esteem, need for acceptance, need for a sense of belonging, and ignorance of what a healthy relationship was. Before I could address these in depth, I had to address the anger I help over my situation. This included understanding who the victims were and the impact of my actions. I had to understand how my action (or refusal to act) had contributed to the events that led to murder. Had I extracted myself from the relations, had I said no to Armando, had I refused to get in the car when we took Patricia to the apartment, and had I asked Patricia to call for help when we left, could have saved Mr. Rivas' life. Once I dealt with the realization of my action, dealt with the anger, and then forgive everyone involved including myself, then and only then could I go back to resolve the character defects that led me to where I was. I did that with classes on relationships, domestic violence, and self-esteem.

My dedication to improving my education, living write-up free, participating in workshops, support groups, events on victim awareness, and events contributing to my local community have help to give me purpose while living what is coined "the hopeless sentence". I refuse to live hopeless and do my best to help my fellow prisoners live in hope. It is with that hope that I ask the Governor to look beyond the reckless person who drove her car on what turned out to be a deadly act. Please see the woman of 45 years who has taken advantage of the rehabilitation offered and the wisdom of a life lived in prison. I have fought hard to live a life of peace and programming in a maximum security prison with no-write ups for the last 15 years. Living within the rules in here for that long, I hope will be testament to my dedication to live crime free upon my release.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted pardon or commutation:

I believe I should be granted a commutation due to the fact that I have proven the last 15 years that I can live according the laws that govern over me. I have proven that I am no longer the reckless young person that I was. I am now a responsible women who lives a life of integrity with healthy boundaries. I live a life of hope and share that hope with others. Whether I am allowed to remain in the United States or I am deported to live with my family in Mexico, I will remain the woman I have become. It is my sincerest belief that I will succeed wherever I am placed. It is my goal to become an asset to my employer and a source of pride for my family.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Bonset Soun

On July 7, 1990, 18-year-old Bonset Soun and his friends entered a video store and demanded that the owner, Chan Kuhn, give up his jewelry. Mr. Kuhn refused, so Mr. Soun shot him in the chest three times, killing him. On January 8, 1993, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Soun to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a four year firearm enhancement.

In Mr. Soun's application for clemency, he expressed sincere remorse for his actions and wrote, "I know how much pain and suffering I have caused on the victim's family. . . . I have learned to value life, and through my bad decision is a testament of my then immaturity, I ask for a second chance to prove my worth to society." He told an investigator with the Board of Parole Hearings he is not the same person he once was, and wants to give back to the community and mentor youth.

Mr. Soun is now 46 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 28 years. He earned his GED, has obtained a vocational training certificate in small engine repair, and has participated in many self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Getting Out by Going In, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Soun has maintained a positive work record and routinely receives above average work ratings from his supervisors. A correctional officer who had known Mr. Soun for nine years praised his work ethic and wrote, "Over the years I observed Inmate Soun to be a programmer, a worker who is reliable and diligent. . . . Inmate Soun is to be commended for his positive attitude; he gets along with inmates of all races and staff."

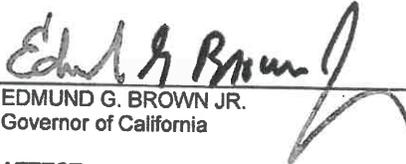
Notably, the surviving daughter of Mr. Kuhn is supportive of his release. She wrote, "The experience of getting to know Bonset has changed my perspective on life, leading me to live with more meaning and compassion. I believe he deserves a second chance to become the best version of himself in this society, give back to youth, be a good son to his mother, a great husband to his wife, and a productive member of the community." The Santa Clara District Attorney's Office also supports Mr. Soun's request for commutation of sentence, and wrote, "Bonset Soun was 18-years-old when he committed this horrible crime. He had no prior criminal history. His childhood was horrific and tragic. He has already served 28 years in custody. His application shows insight into the harm he committed when he murdered Chan Kuhn. His application also demonstrates the steps he has taken to better himself and the world around him."

Despite serving a sentence that offered him no hope of release, Mr. Soun has demonstrated a commitment to self-improvement through education and rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Soun has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Bonset Soun to a total of 28 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

~~PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK~~

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name Soun		FIRST Name Bonset		MIDDLE Name	
Date of Birth [Redacted] 72	Place of Birth country of Cambodia	Social Security Number	Prison Number H-61913		

Current Residence

Address CSP - Solano Lvl. 2 P.O. Box 4000		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc.	
City Vacaville	State CA.	Zip code 95696	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01
 Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome

Commutation of current sentence
 Compassionate Release

Pardon based upon innocence
 Other

Why are you requesting clemency?

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense conspiracy to commit Robbery; Attempted Robbery; Murder 1st degree; Personal use/assault rifle...			
Date of offense 07/07/90	Date of conviction 10/5/92	Arresting agency Santa clara Sheriff Dept.	County of conviction Santa Clara
Superior court case number 142586	Your trial attorney's name and address unknown	Sentence LWOP Plus 4 yrs.	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? N/A
Did you appeal your case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, appellate case number and status of case case No. H010766			
Affirmed			

**II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY**

Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

GO PARDON BASED ON MEDICAL BASIS Complete this section if you are presently in prison or on parole and you are requesting clemency due to a medical condition.
Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:
Your current physician's name:
Physician's address:
Physician's telephone number:
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What was the result?

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION Complete this section if you have completed your sentence and you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code Section 4852.01.
Give a brief account of your offense.
Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.
Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)
When were you discharged from probation or parole?
Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.
Why you are requesting a pardon?

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

I have learned to value life, and through my bad decision is a testament of my then immaturity, I ask for a second chance to prove my worth to society.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

yes, but to no avail, because in spite of me being 18 yrs. of age at the time and "youth offender" reclassified as under 23 I don't qualify for any relief.

Box 44

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

This Notice is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 4803

To the District Attorney of Santa Clara County of Conviction

Please take notice that I, Bonset Soun, was convicted of the crime of P.C. §§ 182.1, 211, 212.5(b), 604, 187, 190.2(a)(7)(i) and 12022.5(b) committed in the County of Santa Clara, State of California, convicted on 10/5/92 and sentenced to LIVOP plus 4 yrs.

- I will submit an application to the Governor of the State of California requesting a
- Pardon based upon rehabilitation
 - Commutation of current sentence
 - Pardon based upon innocence
 - Compassionate release
 - Commutation/Pardon based on Buttered Woman's Syndrome
 - Other
If other, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN

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SCCDA Law & Motion Desl

Bonset Soun Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED

Bonset Soun Applicant's Signature

2-10-18 Month, Day, Year

CSP - Solano Lvl. 2; P.O. Box 4000 Applicant's Street Address:

Vacaville, CA 95696 Applicant's City, State, Zip Code

This Section to be Completed By District Attorney Only

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS

County of SANTA CLARA } SS.

I, JEFFREY F ROSEN District Attorney of the County of SANTA CLARA, State of California, do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from BONSET SOUN that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon.

(Signed) Jeffrey F. Rosen 7/17/18
District Attorney of the County of Santa Clara

3. Requesting a Commutation (Cont.)

I went to school, got GED, and went to Vocational Training and got certified in Small Engine Repair. And I have performed many job duties. Also, I attended many Self Help class.

Furthermore, I became a Buddhist practitioner, and I help counseled youth in a Delinquency Prevention Program. I have learned alot about life. Every day I applied the Buddhist teaching to my daily life. And I'm able to reflect and see how much harm can be done by not living life correctly.

I assured you that I will never ever violate any ones right again. Every one have a right to live in Peace and not be harmed mentally or physically. I know how much pain and suffering I have caused on the victim's family. I know that I didn't just killed a man. I killed a father, brother, son, husband, provider, and an important member of the community. I have apotogized to my victim's family. And I can never say I am sorry enough. My mother also suffered so much because of what I have done.

For many years now, I have lived life correctly. I do my part to give back to the community in here and out there in the free world. I counseled youth and make them aware of how much gang, drug, and violence

3. Requesting a Commutation (cont.):
have a negative effect on ourselves, and our
community. Also, that life is about choices.

Today, I am a good son to my mother.
I am a good husband to my wife. I am good
to my fellow prisoner and staffs.
I am not the same 18 years old, who was
arrested for this case.

4. Brief Statement (Cont.):

now 87 years old. All of these years, she survived based on the mercy of strangers. I want to take care of her till her passing. And I need to fulfill my duty as a husband to my wife. I want to work and provide for her.

Also, I would love to mentor youth and lead them on the right path. I want to make a difference in their life and the community.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

David Spivey

In March 2006, David Spivey and other gang members fired several shots in the direction of a rival gang. Lasha Crooks, who was not a member of the rival gang, was shot and killed. Deshay King, a member of the rival gang, was seriously injured, but survived. On September 26, 2013, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced to Mr. Spivey to 25 years to life for murder, 3 years to life for shooting at an inhabited dwelling, plus a 25 year firearm enhancement, and a 5-year gang enhancement -- a total of 58 years to life.

Mr. Spivey was 17 years old when he committed this crime. In his application for clemency, Mr. Spivey wrote, "I know that with my sincere rehabilitation, maturity, remorse, and deep insight developed over these 12 years that I am ready to reenter society to be a productive citizen." He explained that he has changed significantly while in prison, and continued, "Today I stand before you every bit of a mature 29 year old man who has developed an excellent work ethic, has the utmost respect for self and others, and takes responsibility for my every action and decision."

Mr. Spivey's in prison record has been exemplary. During his almost 13 years in prison, Mr. Spivey has maintained a spotless record. He denounced his gang affiliation and has refrained from using violence or drugs in prison. A correctional sergeant commended Mr. Spivey for his positive programming and wrote, "Mr. Spivey sets a good example for other inmates and has demonstrated his willingness to progress in his rehabilitation." A correctional counselor who has known Mr. Spivey for four years wrote, "Spivey's persona and academic accomplishment as noted from his case file reflects an individual that is daily striving to become an exemplary citizen and human in today's society. In my opinion, Spivey has shown numerous examples that he is ready to be given a chance to be released back into society."

Mr. Spivey has focused on his education, earning his GED as well as a Certificate of Achievement in Business from Coastline College. An academic instructor praised Mr. Spivey's work as a tutor writing, "As a college student himself it is very apparent that Spivey has grown to recognize the value of education for both personal and professional reasons, and his enthusiasm has carried a profound ripple effect among the new students in this class..." Another academic instructor wrote that Spivey was an "exemplary tutor/mentor."

Mr. Spivey committed a senseless crime. When he entered prison he was a gang member who lacked the skills necessary to be a contributing member of society. It is clear, however, that Mr. Spivey has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Spivey has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Spivey to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:
Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: David Wayne Spivey, Jr Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1988 Inmate ID: AFS106
Address: P.O. Box 2199 Facility: Ironwood State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of Conviction(s), Sentences(s). Rows include P.C. 11351.5 and P.C. 602 with corresponding dates and sentences.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please See Attached Paper #1

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please See Attached Paper #2

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please See Attached Paper #3

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, David Wayne Soivey, Jr _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of Los Angeles _____ with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County:

Please take notice that I David Wayne Spivey, Jr, was convicted of the crime of P.C. 187, P.C. 246, P.C. 182, 187(a), P.C. 186.2(b)(1) committed in Los Angeles County, California on the date of March 5, 2006. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Applicant's Signature

5/31/18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, STEVEN FRANKLIN, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from DAVID SPIVEY, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Date 5-11-18

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

As I sat inside of a motel on March 5, 2006 with fellow gang members an older member of the gang entered the motel room we were at. He informed the three of us that it was our time to "put in work" (kill) for the neighborhood. No one objected, but instead accepted loaded firearms as we made our way downstairs to a waiting car to drive into rival territory. We arrived at a liquor store in the rival's territory where it was believed that a rival was spotted going into that same liquor store. I was ordered to go in to see if she was inside of the store; she was not. As I went back to the car to inform the others that she wasn't inside of the store, the older member said we should walk to the motel next to the store where the rival's frequented constantly. As we made our way to the motel we saw two rival's (LaShay Crooks "the deceased" and Keyana Tate). I couldn't go through with this, and decided to run away, but was ordered, "I better get back there and do this shit," so wanting not to "rank out" I turned back and rather than directly shoot at anyone I shot my gun in the direction of Keyana Tate, but at an angle whereas not to hit her. This was done in an effort to look as if I was "down" all the way with the gang. LaShay was killed and her boyfriend (DeShay King) was struck inside of the motel room.

I am requesting a commutation because I know that with my sincere rehabilitation, maturity, remorse, and deep insight developed over these 12 years that I am ready to reenter society to be a productive citizen. In addition, I am requesting a commutation because at a young age I decided that I would leave everything that made sense in order to be a part of a gang. I stopped performing well in school to the point where I just stopped going all together. I gave up on my dreams of one day becoming a lawyer. I broke my mother's heart and my entire family's trust. Due to my ignorant choices I was arrested for murder, attempted murder, shooting at an occupied dwelling, and conspiracy to commit murder. I was found guilty of them all except attempted murder as an aider and abettor that resulted in a 50 to Life sentence. Since then I have matured into a functional and rational adult. In addition, to this I have an immense amount of remorse for my involvement in these horrible crimes, and for joining a criminal street gang that was a cancer to my community. Since my incarceration I have lost my mother to lupus and my brother to an infectious disease that resulted from a gunshot wound. These poor life decisions were made at a time in my life where I did not appreciate anything in life, and through rehabilitation I have been awakened from my slumber. I request this commutation in order to be given the opportunity to live life as an adult. Also I don't come from a big family, and my living family members are getting older and they all are having some form of health problems that could shorten their lives. This commutation being granted is the only meaningful chance I have at being able to see my grandmother alive. She has not seen me in person since I was 11 or 12 years old, and a commutation is the only possible way to bring this to fruition.

I believe that I should be granted a commutation, because in the twelve years that I have been incarcerated I have truly made a very real and sincere change in my life. When I first became incarcerated I was a defected human being with a warped sense of right and wrong. I was never able to accept any responsibility for my actions, frequently used and abused drugs and alcohol, lacked respect for self or others, possessed zero marketable/employable skills, and derived my self-worth from the opinions of others, but most devastatingly I had given up on myself to be anything of worth in life.

Today I stand before you every bit of a mature 29 year old adult man who has developed an excellent work ethic, has the utmost respect for self and others, and takes responsibility for my every action and decision. This came as I worked hard every day to fulfill my mother's dying wish, because as she laid on her death bed her only wish for me was that I become the person that she raised me to be. I have become very dependable as my work record in prison will show, and my role as a facilitator in various self-help classes demonstrates my ability to be counted upon. Through my involvement in the self-help programs offered at Ironwood State Prison a deep desire has developed within me to give back to the community I have robbed with my selfishness. I now have many marketable/employable skills that will allow me to be a productive member of society, and with my own experience as an at-risk youth coupled with my skills as a facilitator will allow for me to be a great mentor for the at-risk youth of today, because I would never want to see a child who has potential, not live up to it, due to low self-esteem partake in my footsteps causing destruction and turmoil to someone else's family as well as his own.

Furthermore, I should be granted a commutation because I respect my freedom and understand my full potential. Understanding when, where, and why my life turned for the worse has given me the advantage of not being a prisoner of my past. Also, while incarcerated I have overcome every obstacle put before me with flying colors. Pre-incarceration, I was a high school dropout, but within months upon entering CDCR I obtained my GED. I also have had success in secondary school by earning a Certification in Business. I have taken every possibility to better my life, and now I am fully prepared to reenter society with this same vigor. In conclusion, I left society as a boy pretending to be a man, but with the granting of this commutation along with the true rehabilitation that I have partaken in, I will be reentering society as a very hardworking and accountable man.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Robert Staedel

On September 11, 1988, Robert Staedel and Charles Carter arranged to meet with Kenneth Ericksen with the intention to rob him. When Mr. Ericksen arrived, he was ordered to remove his clothes and forced into the trunk of Mr. Carter's car. Mr. Staedel and Mr. Carter drove into the woods and demanded Mr. Ericksen's PIN number. When Mr. Ericksen attempted to flee, Mr. Carter and Mr. Staedel shot him. On June 15, 1990, the Contra Costa County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Staedel to life without the possibility of parole for murder, two years for a firearm enhancement, and three years for a great bodily injury enhancement.

Mr. Staedel was only 18 when he committed this crime, and has now been incarcerated for over 30 years – more than half his life. He has worked hard to turn his life around. In his application for clemency, Mr. Staedel wrote that "through years of maturity and self-discovery, my outlook is 'What can I give to the world.'" Mr. Staedel continued, "I know a lifetime is not enough to make amends for taking a life, but I also can see that we live many lifetimes within the one we live now." He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he has changed and is no longer the same person, and that he is deeply remorseful for his participation in this crime.

Despite serving nearly three decades without any chance of release from prison, Mr. Staedel has only been disciplined three times for misconduct. He earned a master's degree in religion, a bachelor's degree in theology, and an A.A. degree in social science. Mr. Staedel also completed vocational training in office services. He routinely received exceptional work ratings and completed a Leadership Development program in 2017. In 2016, he was commended by a mental health sponsor for his work facilitating a mental health group and exhibiting the "ability, patience, and understanding to lead...." Mr. Staedel was also a member of Life With Opportunities for Peace and volunteered as a literacy tutor. Additionally, Mr. Staedel was a member of Seeking to Educate Endangered Kids, a juvenile diversion program that works with at-risk youth from the community.

This is a very serious crime, but given Mr. Staedel's commitment to rehabilitation and his transformation in prison I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Robert Staedel to a total of 30 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



COM-1499-12

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Robert John Staedel, Jr. Date of Birth: 1970 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: Sierra Conservation Center, 5150 O'Byrnes Ferry Road, Jamestown, California 95327

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
1st Degree Murder	9/11/1988	Contra Costa	LWOP
Kidnapping for Robbery	9/11/1988	Contra Costa	
Robbery	9/11/1988	Contra Costa	

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see Memorandum in Support of Petition for Executive Commutation attached hereto.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see Memorandum in Support of Petition for Executive Commutation attached hereto.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see Memorandum in Support of Petition for Executive Commutation attached hereto.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

National Clemency Project, Inc., 3324 W. University Avenue #237, Gainesville, FL 32607 - \$1,750.00

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Robert John Staedel, Jr., declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Contra Costa with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

8-28-17

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Contra Costa County: Please take notice that I, Robert John Staedel, Jr.,
was convicted of the crime of 1st Degree Murder, Kidnapping for Robbery, Robbery,
committed in Contra Costa County, California, on the date of MARCH 29, 1990.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. *Inmate Number:* E-58960.

Robert Staedel

Applicant's Signature

8-28-17

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

BEFORE THE HONORABLE JERRY BROWN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

ROBERT JOHN STAEDEL, JR.

D.O.C. NO. E-58960

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMUTATION

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Appendix

I. INTRODUCTION

Robert John Staedel, Jr., hereinafter referred to as "Robert" or "Mr. Staedel", is a forty-seven-old (47) prison inmate who has been incarcerated for 27 years. He is presently incarcerated at Sierra Conservation Center, 5150 O'Byrnes Ferry Road, Jamestown, California 95327.

The Governor of California should give serious consideration to commutation applications wherein the prisoner demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that he has made exceptional strides in self-development and self-improvement, and otherwise shows himself to be rehabilitated to the extent that the ends of justice would be achieved by release back into the community.

Mr. Staedel will demonstrate that he is particularly worthy of this serious consideration for earlier release, and such action at this time would in no way deprecate the seriousness of the offense nor promote disrespect for the law.

As letters in the appendix will confirm, family and others support him in this effort, and it is prayed that the Honorable Governor Jerry Brown grant the relief sought.

In this, Mr. Staedel's second bid for Executive Clemency, he is strongly supported in this effort by family and other citizens, and it is prayed that the Governor of California will conclude the ends of justice have been achieved and his

"debt to society" sufficiently paid so that he might be released from further incarceration under such terms or conditions deemed appropriate.

Mr. Staedel is a United States citizen and does not have a military history.

His social security number is [REDACTED]

II. BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE

Robert John Staedel, Jr. was born in La Jolla, California on [REDACTED] 1970.

His parents are Robert Staedel, age 72, and Diane Staedel, 71, who presently reside at [REDACTED]. Mr. Staedel is not married and has no children.

Robert recalls a good, loving family life with a two-parent family and both sets of grandparents. Both his parents were teachers and they enjoyed many family gatherings during the holidays and traveled during the summers.

Growing up, Robert participated in sports and received numerous awards and trophies for swimming, basketball and soccer. His grades in school were average and he was an earnest young man with a strong work ethic before his teenage years starting jobs early on with paper routes, lawn mowing and car washing. While in his teens, he held two jobs -- one at a nursery and another

delivering pizza. None of his family members drank alcohol, did drugs or smoked; therefore, Robert had no interest in drinking or drugs. He attended church almost every Sunday with his mother and, during the summers, he would participate in all the church activities with his grandparents as well. In his own words, "At school I was the guy people would come to and talk to if they had troubles or concerns"

III. SUMMARY OF THE CASE

What follows is a summary of the facts of the case for which Mr. Staedel stands convicted as gleaned from documents presented to the court.

At the age of 18 years old, Robert John Staedel, Jr. was charged with First Degree Murder, Kidnapping for Robbery and Robbery in Contra Costa County, California on September 11, 1988. He was adjudicated guilty on March 29, 1990, Case No. 890283-5, and sentenced by the Honorable Robert G. McGrath on June 15, 1990, to Life Without Parole with the California Department of Corrections.

Mr. Staedel's description of the offense and the events surrounding this offense is, in his own words:

"I remember very little of the actual shooting, but afterward I remember sitting in my car as my co-defendant drove in utter silence. The shock of what

happened hit me immediately and I couldn't do or think anything. The days following, I didn't want to have anything to do with my co-defendant or anyone else. I remember just sitting around the house in a stupor. I did finally go with him to shop and get items from the credit cards. I just knew my life had completely changed after the night of the crime. I felt utter pain over what I did. I remember even calling my girlfriend and telling her if anything happened to me that she was to know that I loved her. I thought about killing myself or running away but I had no motivation to do anything. Then I got arrested and my whole world changed."

IV. INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENT

Overall, Mr. Staedel has been a very good inmate. He has made excellent institutional adjustment, and gives due respect to staff, officers, and his fellow inmates. He has demonstrated that he is capable of entering society and again becoming a productive citizen. His conduct has been impeccable. **He has not received any disciplinary infractions during the last 27 years of incarceration.**

Mr. Staedel recognized the need to respect authority and to follow rules, both inside prison walls and upon his return to free society.

Although not many rehabilitative programs are designed for those inmates serving a long sentence, Robert has not sat idle.

Mr. Staedel has participated in and completed numerous educational courses as well as many religious programs all of which are documented with copies of the certificate for participation and completion in Appendix A to this Petition.

These notable accomplishments demonstrate how tirelessly Mr. Staedel has worked to prepare himself to function and re-enter society. The educational and vocational pursuits, along with his focus on personal growth programs, have refined him for the day he will be released, and bear witness even now to how the rehabilitative efforts of the Department of Corrections and Mr. Staedel himself can and have been successful.

V. RELEASE PLAN

Upon release from prison, Mr. Staedel will have a strong support team around him that will help him grow in a positive manner and offer him opportunities to make sure he moves forward toward a successful future.

As letters in the Appendix bear witness, Robert is blessed to have a plethora of support from family and friends, all standing ready to be there for him in any way

they might be needed as he integrates back into free society and beyond.

If Mr. Staedel's sentence is commuted, he and his family have established a long-term release plan that will help him make a successful transition back into free society and also keep him focused. He plans to reunite with his parents, his sister and his surviving grandparent. Gainful employment will be from the family's antique business.

Robert's personal goal is to help mentor kids who are in danger of going down the wrong path. Through his religious training, he is confident he can bring together groups to bring kids the opportunity to value themselves and life in general. He strongly believes he is capable of many contributions to his community and society as a whole.

VI. REASONS FOR GRANTING CLEMENCY

A. Maturity, Remorse, and Amendment of Life

In his own letter, Mr. Staedel expresses his heartfelt remorse for his actions of almost 30 years ago. He writes:

“...The sorrow I have had over taking the life of Kenneth Erikson has produced a wholesale change of will and mindset within me. At 18, I was so egotistical that I believed the world owed me everything and I had some right to take it. Now, through years of maturity and self-

discovery my outlook is 'what can I give to the world'...I look to acknowledging the reverence of life by holding the fact that everyone has the standard of unconditional worth and value..."

But the stark and unyielding reality that weighs on Mr. Staedel is, of course, that he is powerless to change what happened all those years ago. In recompense, he does all he can do to value and protect life around him. This extends to his fellow inmates, who he lives peacefully with every day. This commitment envelops everyone he comes into contact with on a daily basis, including the men and women the State of California have placed in authority over him.

There can be no doubt but that he is not the man who entered the prison system almost 30 years ago. His character and values transformation have been remarkable. From listening to his words, conveyed through his letter from the heart, it is clear that he realized he could not go back and write a new beginning to his life story, so he steadfastly determined to start from behind his prison walls and begin to write a new and honorable ending to it. Once he found his direction, he has never veered from his course.

B. Institutional Adjustment and Achievement as Evidence of Ability to Act as a Responsible Person

Favorable consideration should be given to individuals who present proof of

ability to act as a responsible person. Such proof may be offered through evidence of significant institutional achievement, such as work history, program participation, and educational accomplishments or by providing evidence of good institutional citizenship. Mr. Staedel has certainly provided such proof. His outstanding institutional history and conduct exemplify the development of maturity, responsibility, and a peaceful disposition.

Robert has made an excellent institutional adjustment and is a model inmate. He gives due respect to staff, officers, and his fellow inmates. He is following all rules and regulations to the letter, and demonstrating that he is capable of entering society as a productive citizen.

C. Family and Community Support

Robert has a large and extended support group consisting of family members and friends eager to welcome him back to his community. They have pledged their help and assistance in any way needed as he reintegrates into free society. It is evident from their letters that they have great affection for him; an affection stemming from the remembrance of the kind man he was, and now, knowing him to be the mature and responsible man he has developed into during his years of confinement.

The man he has become has encouraged all those closest to Robert. In support of Mr. Staedel's clemency efforts, his parents, Robert and Diane Staedel, write:

"...my son...was 18 years, one month old when he and a 'friend' killed someone...Robert had no priors before being sentenced. He was on his way to attending college in the fall of 1988...Robert is a positive influence on those around him. He has a girlfriend and a family that are giving him support. He has a home to live in and a job in the family antique business. A church member also offered him a job when he gets out. Robert, we feel, would be a constructive citizen and a positive influence on our society..."

Robert's family ties are strong and his aunt and uncle, Fred P. Staedel and Becky W. Staedel, have written the governor in support of his clemency. They write:

"...Our nephew was young and dumb. He is now older and smarter. If there is anyone that can benefit from imprisonment and whatever rehabilitation such incarceration could afford, it is 'B.J'...He has so much built up spirit to contribute to society that it would be a shame and a waste to keep him divorced from that society..."

Robert's grandfather, who is in his 90's, supports his plea for clemency and writes:

"...Robert has had no disciplinary action in all those years. His parents feel that he would be a positive,

productive individual in society if he was able to get a second chance. I feel Robert is well educated, a good listener and he desires to contribute to society. A second chance would enable him to help his family...”

Numerous letters of support confirming the support and opportunities available for Mr. Staedel are attached in the Appendix to this Petition.

D. Disparity of the Sentence

Mr. Staedel understands the severity of the crime he committed and in no way means to belittle his culpability. Too, he is well aware that this Petition is no place to argue law or facts. This Petition is purely a plea for mercy and any decision should only be based on accurate and true circumstances surrounding this crime.

VII. Personal Letter from the Applicant

Mr. Staedel sincerely regrets that he will not be able to appear in person before the Clemency and Pardons Board to speak on his own behalf. Therefore, he has reduced what he would say to writing, and it is presented verbatim as follows.

Dear Governor Brown:

My plea through this letter is that you get to know me, the person now who has repented, reformed and rehabilitated his life through deep soul-searching, an active willingness to change, and a purpose driven life to help make the world we live in a harmonious experience for all.

In 1988, I was 18 years old and committed the crime of murder upon a man named Kenneth Erickson, yet the crime went further than that because my actions that night affected his loved ones, my loved ones, the security and peace of the people who saw it reported on the news, the responders at the scene, and many, many more. I realize that the choice I made 29 years ago has had life-changing consequences to so many people, and to this day, I feel the responsibility to make amends by doing all I can to promote the fact that all life is sacred.

The sorrow I have had over taking the life of Kenneth Erickson has produced a wholesale change of will and mindset within me. At 18, I was so egotistical that I believed the world owed me everything and I had some right to take it. Now, through years of maturity and self-discovery, my outlook is "What can I give to the world". This has led to a complete change of conduct in my life. I look to acknowledging the reverence of life by holding the fact that everyone has the standard of unconditional worth and value. I truly believe this!

The Department of Corrections has been just that – a place to correct my faulty way of thinking. In fact, my imprisonment has been almost 30 years of correcting and reforming my thought process. I need and deserved to be in captivity so that I could re-program the thoughts and actions of my youth and bring out the core self I

have found to be loving, caring, tender and giving. From the many programs I have been involved in during my long prison term, I have started to live the ideas taught to me. The process of formulating the right thought and outlook about life and mankind received through reading books, attending lectures, and learning from the many volunteers started my path upon truly reforming myself.

The opening up to the damage I had done and honestly taking a look at my role in the crime I committed against Kenneth Erickson and others has enabled me to see that love for man, and seeing the sacredness and sanctity in all, is the only positive and productive life to live. Now, I am demonstrating what I have learned and opened to it by actively living it.

Sir, I hope through this letter you have felt somewhat inspired by the transformative nature of the human spirit. I hope that in some way my life's journey, so far, has opened you to the truth that there is hope for even those that have been called incorrigible. I know a lifetime is not enough to make amends for taking a life, but I also can see that we live many lifetimes within the one we live now.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert John Staedel, Jr." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert John Staedel, Jr.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The teenage brain, Laurence Steinberg says, is like a car with a good accelerator but a weak brake. With powerful impulses under poor control, the likely result is a crash.

And, perhaps, a crime.

Steinberg, a Temple University psychology professor, helped draft an American Psychological Association brief for a 2005 case in which the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed the death penalty for crimes committed before age 18.

That ruling relies on the most recent research on the adolescent brain, which indicates the juvenile brain is still maturing in the teen years and reasoning and judgment are developing well into the early to mid 20s. It is often cited as state lawmakers consider scaling back punitive juvenile justice laws passed during the 1990s.

"As any parent knows," wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy for the 5-4 majority, youths are more likely to show "a lack of maturity and an underdeveloped sense of responsibility" than adults. "... These qualities often result in impetuous and ill-considered actions and decisions."

He also noted that "juveniles are more vulnerable or susceptible to negative influences and outside pressures, including peer pressure," causing them to have less control over their environment.

Some child advocates have pointed to the Supreme Court decision and the research as evidence that teens — even those accused of serious crimes — should not be regarded in the same way as adults in the criminal justice system.

Dr. David Fassler, a psychiatry professor at the University of Vermont College of Medicine who has testified before legislative committees on brain development, says the research doesn't absolve teens but offers some explanation for their behavior.

"It doesn't mean adolescents can't make a rational decision or appreciate the difference between right and wrong," he said. "It does mean, particularly when confronted with stressful or emotional decisions, they are more likely to act impulsively, on instinct, without fully understanding or analyzing the consequences of their actions."

Violence toward others also tends to peak in adolescent years, says psychiatrist Peter Ash of Emory University. It's mostly likely to start around age 16,

and people who haven't committed a violent crime by age 19 only rarely start doing it later, he said.

The good news here, he said, is that a violent adolescent doesn't necessarily become a violent adult. Some two-thirds to three-quarters of violent youth grow out of it, he said. "They get more self-controlled."

Robert committed this offense at the age of 18 years old. His behavior and accomplishment, while incarcerated, are above reproach.

Without a doubt, Robert John Staedel, Jr. is a safe and proper candidate to have his sentence commuted at this time. Such a commutation, under the totality of circumstance in this case, would in no way deprecate the seriousness of the offense nor promote disrespect for the law. He has sought out opportunities for personal growth and development and has made an excellent institutional adjustment.

Our society often fails to acknowledge change; fails to recognize total amendment of lives. We are reluctant to acknowledge that incarceration can indeed provide rehabilitation; that an individual's personality, character, and nature, can change, and that he or she, for all intents and purposes, can become a new creature; a positively transformed being; one who has truly benefitted from the rehabilitation efforts of the prison system; and one who no longer presents any danger or threat

to society whatsoever. Mr. Staedel is such a person. It is with great hope that the Governor will acknowledge the change in this deserving applicant. Furthermore, that the conclusion will be drawn that the ends of justice would in no way be compromised by a commutation of his sentence. With clear introspection, most would agree that they have benefitted from multiple second chances granted to them. As demonstrated in this application, Robert John Staedel, Jr. should be granted another chance as well. Joined by so many others interested in his cause as evidenced by many having previously written to express support, he sincerely and respectfully requests your utmost consideration of his request, and prays the relief sought now be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert John Staedel, Jr.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Nashawn Stewart

In March 1996, 14-year-old Nashawn Stewart saw a rival gang member shoot and kill his friend during an ongoing feud between the gangs. A few days later, Mr. Stewart passed Victor Larios on the street. Mr. Larios associated with the rival gang. Mr. Stewart pulled out a gun and fired at Mr. Larios, killing him. On March 2, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Stewart to 25 years to life for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement – a total term of 35 years to life in prison.

Mr. Stewart applied for a commutation of sentence based on his age at the time of the crime and his rehabilitation in the many years since then. In his application, he wrote, "Today I realize how my actions caused a 'ripple effect' in the many lives which were affected by my behavior. Since my incarceration, I have continue[d] to take the time to address the warped belief system I once had, criminal thinking, my anger." Mr. Stewart described the efforts he has made to turn his life around and concluded, "My actions are in honor of Mr. Victor Larios' life, and when I help others I make sure that his memory is at the forefront of my thoughts." Mr. Stewart is now 37 years old and has been incarcerated for over 22 years. He has spent his time in prison making serious efforts toward his rehabilitation. He earned his GED and is currently enrolled in college classes. He has maintained a positive work record, completed a vocational certification, and regularly receives exceptional ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Stewart has participated in many self-help courses including Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, and Victim Offender Education.

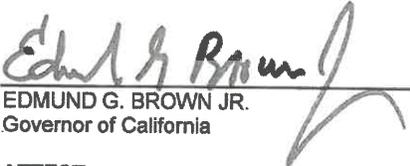
Notably, the warden of California Men's Colony recommended Mr. Stewart for a commutation, and many other prison staff members have praised him for his good conduct and attitude. In 2018, a correctional officer wrote, "[I]t is my opinion that Stewart's positive programming motivates others to emulate his values, exemplary behavior, and his participation in education [and] self-help programs." A correctional counselor commended Mr. Stewart for his work as a peer mentor and noted that he "consistently demonstrates a thorough understanding of the rehabilitative process." Also in 2018, a teacher concluded, "Stewart has grown into a mature man whose life represents the redemptive work provided through education and rehabilitative groups. Stewart's life represents the 'R' in CDCR." Mr. Stewart has a solid plan for his release from prison. Many members of his family have offered their support as he transitions back into the community. His commutation is also supported by several legal organizations, which have also pledged their support.

Mr. Stewart was just 14 years old when he committed this senseless crime. Despite coming to prison at a very young age and facing an extremely long sentence, he turned away from gangs and violence and has transformed himself into a mature, responsible man. For these reasons, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Nashawn Stewart to a total of 22 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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June 2, 2018

From: Nashua Stewart #K-88707

CMC-East/3246

P.O. Box 8101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93409

Purpose: Insight letter

Dear Governor Jerry Brown,

The purpose of this letter is to show my growth and maturity in what I have learned over these last 22 years of incarceration. Prior to changing my life around I ran from accepting responsibility for my actions out of fear. Most of my life growing up outside in free society, and in here being incarcerated showed me that my poor decisions lead to negative consequences because ^{my} thought process and belief system hadn't changed until I started taking my life seriously after turning 25 years old.

It wasn't until 2008, that I renounced my gang affiliation while in prison. And it was fortunate enough while at Solano Prison (CSP), that Ms. Chu CCH helped me in receiving a 128 Chrono in my c-file from the Investigative Security Unit (ISU), Mr. Medina, proving that I'm no longer affiliated with gangs.

Under the circumstances it has taken me over these last 12 years to address my character defects, my anger, low self-esteem, impulsive decision making, manipulation, criminal belief system, and substance abuse issues that kept me in my criminal addiction.

While participating in the "Re-writers" self-help program which addresses a person's gang lifestyle. This program gave me the necessary skills when it came to awareness to go back into my past in order to rewrite my future. I realize and have come to understand that seeking validation amongst my peers who were gang members gave me a false-sense of an identity based on acceptance. The more I chose to associate with gang members I became more influenced to make unwise decisions in my youth that would lead to breaking the law.

In the years 2007-2008, I participated in the self-help program called Criminal Gangmembers Anonymous (CGA), where I learned about the "cycle of Criminal Addiction": (1) Obsession (2) Compulsion (3) Progression. In my youth having the mindset of criminal ideas only warped my understanding further which distorted my perception of my reality. Now with the awareness of how I was addicted to this lifestyle of committing crimes, has allowed me to take what I learned in this program, and apply myself educationally wise in other areas of my life.

Over the last 11 years, I have been on the steering committees of the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) programs. Where I learned about how my life became unmanageable when I became susceptible to drugs and alcohol, in my home growing up, domestic violence, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and my past poor choices and decisions. Now I have the courage to reach out to ask for help, and be honest with myself & others whenever I meet new people.

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Last year, I completed the Victim Offender Education Group (VOEG), and now I'm working as a facilitator in this class like many other programs I've taken in the past. In particular, VOEG helped me identify patterns in my behavior like Fear when I was triggered would lead to irrational decisions in my past. I had to complete a Crime Impact statement, and share my testimony at the end of 15 months with a victim panel. Today Mr. Larios, I do my best to honor in how I live my life. His memory as long as I'm alive will never be in vain. I wish to never create another victim again sir. I am sorry for my behavior, and do regret that this crime ever happened.

As a 14 year old, teenager I was running away mentally from years of pain I ~~had~~ ^{had} to endure. I refused to get the help I needed as a 12 year old, when I was raped repeatedly and I kept what happened to myself for over 19 years. I feared being judged and looked at differently and didn't want anybody else to try and treat me like a victim again.

I signed up for the Offender Mentor Certification Program (OMCP), in 2015. I went through a grueling process of looking at my behavior, thinking patterns, substance abuse issues, family addictions, and was trained as a California Addiction Treatment Counselor (CATC). This journey has changed my life for the better. Where the skills I am continuing, to learn now I'm using, to help other incarcerated men.

As a mentor working in the long term offender program (LTOP), I have been equip with the knowledge of cognitive restructuring, and been able to identify my own underlying factors, such as abandonment, resentment, being a victim of sexual abuse, and how my selfishness as a 14 year teenager, lead to me taking another human beings life which I am deeply sorry for having done.

In closing Mr. Brown I am asking for you to have mercy on me, in considering me for this commutation of sentence.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely,
Nasham Stewart



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Nashawn Lamone Stewart Date of Birth: [redacted] / 1981 Inmate ID: K-88707

Address: P.O. Box 8101 San Luis Obispo, CA 93409 Facility: California Mens Colony-East

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include offenses like 487H(A) PC, 459, 664/10851 CBC, 459 8/27/1994, 12025(A) 12031 PC, 245A(2), 496.1 PC - 4/13/1995, 187(A) PC, 12022.5(A) 4/2/1996.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

At age 14, Stewart, a member of the 107th Street Hoover Crips. At the time of his death, the victim, Victor Larios was associated with the "South Los," rival gangs with overlapped territories. Two days prior to the life crime, Stewart, watched the South Los, shoot and kill his best friend, Rasheed Evans, (TBone), also a member

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

First and Foremost, I am deeply sorry for murdering Mr. Victor Larios, at the age of 14. Personally, I was in a bad place in my life at the time when I committed this crime against another human being. I failed to get the help for being sexually assaulted at the age of 12, and was too afraid to tell anybody

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Although, I am under Senate Bill 260 as a youth offender, and I'm eligible for my first hearing after October 1, 2020. I hope for an earlier opportunity for parole giving circumstances surrounding my case.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

None.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Nashawn L. Stewart declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Nashawn Stewart
Applicant's Signature

5/29/2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Nashawn Stewart,

was convicted of the crime of 187 PC(A) First degree murder; personally using a firearm,
12022-5(A)

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of March 26, 1996.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Nashawn Stewart

Applicant's Signature

5/29/2018

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steven Frankland, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Nashawn Stewart,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Signed [Signature]

Date 6-6-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime.

OF the Hoover Crips. The same day I, Nashawn Stewart, told fellow gang members what happened to Rasheed Evans. Fellow gang members believed I deserted Rasheed Evans, and the gang regulated me for my actions by beating me up. I was forced by fellow gang members take revenge or else there will be further punishment.

On March 26, 1996, I, Nashawn Stewart, shot and killed Victor Larios, out of retaliation. I admitted to Sheriff's Deputies on April 3, 1996, that I murdered Mr. Victor Larios.

Sincerely,
Nashawn Stewart

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

about what happened to me prior to March 26, 1996. For the most part I lived my life in fear and I reacted out of anger when I felt my life was in danger as a youth. Today I realize how my actions caused a "ripple effect" in the many lives which were affected by my behavior. Since my incarceration I have continue to take the time to address the warped belief system I once had, criminal thinking, my anger, I have renounce my gang affiliation, and now I am a certified substance Abuse Counselor/Mentor working for the "Long Term Offender Program" here in prison. I am a Christian Man and I'm living a pro-social lifestyle today compared to before. My actions are in honor of Mr. Victor Larios' life, and when I help others I make sure that his memory is at the forefront of my thoughts. As you can see from the many chrono's (1280's) and certificates I have in my e-file I hope someday that you Mr. Governor Brown, will give me the opportunity, to help others outside in free society. I request a second chance, and I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Nashawn B. Stewart
Nashawn Stewart

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

My age and immaturity at the time of this crime happening. Today I'm 36 years old, and I live a responsible lifestyle that is pro-social. I value human life today and I understand that my poor decisions have warranted a life sentence and justice was served. Yet, based on my age and youth at the time I pray for mercy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nashua Stewart

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES IN SUPPORT OF
APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

NASHAWN STEWART, K-88707

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Question 3: Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

I cannot express how sorry I am for murdering Victor Larios. I take full and complete responsibility for my actions. I keep Mr. Larios in my thoughts. I have written remorse letters to him since 2011, and I engage in journal writing on certain special days, such as Thanksgiving, to write to him and express my deep sorrow. I donate to charities, including one for paraplegic veterans, in Mr. Larios's honor. I want to find a way to honor him, and I wish to continue to do everything I can to atone for my actions.

I am grateful for the many self-help groups, particularly the victim offender group, that I have been able to participate in while incarcerated. They have helped me understand the impact my actions had on Mr. Larios, his family, and the broader community. They forced me to confront how my actions impacted the lives of others. I am deeply sorry for murdering Mr. Larios; now he can no longer be with his family and enjoy his life, freedom, and opportunities.

The self-help groups also helped me develop insight into my crime and confront my negative characteristics. Up until I was five years old, I lived with my mother. She worked as a prostitute and was addicted to drugs, but she did whatever she could to support me and my half-brother Nateese, who is nine years older than I am. Nateese left the house when I was five years old. I then moved in with my grandmother and cousins. My mom would come home sometimes to collect welfare checks, but then she would leave for long periods of time. I felt neglected. I felt like I was not loved or cared about.

My grandmother died when I was ten years old. My cousins went into foster care, and I went to live with my father. My father was an alcoholic and did drugs. He would call me "stupid," "dumbass," and "idiot" whenever I misbehaved. I stole from the Payless shoe store because I was embarrassed that I did not have nice clothes and I wanted to fit in with my peers at school. When I got caught, my dad would slap me. I started to resent my dad and started to hang out on the streets more with people who were older than I am.

When I was twelve years old, I became a victim of rape by a neighbor who lived down the street from me and my father. The neighbor told me that if I told anyone, he would kill me. I didn't tell anyone; I kept that secret with me. The shame, humiliation, fear, guilt, pain, and anger I felt practically destroyed me.

Since I felt all of these mixed emotions along with feeling neglected and unloved, I joined a gang when I was 12. I knew a lot of the gang members in the neighborhood who sold drugs to my mother so I knew them and I was accepted by them. I wanted acceptance and validation because I didn't like feeling like a nobody or a victim. I started following in the footsteps of my

cousin Anthony who was a gang member, while trying to earn a reputation amongst my peers. This behavior became a way that I coped with feeling inferior to others and feeling inadequate.

I ran away from home to get away from the neighbor's sexual abuse, and the physical and emotional abuse I'd suffered from my father. I went to go live with one of the older gang members I knew from the neighborhood. I had no reason to not trust him until he started to molest me in 1994. I felt helpless, confused, angry, and devastated. The fear I had inside became constant and that same year I started getting arrested for stealing cars and getting in fights. Getting arrested became my way of escape from the pain I held in my heart along with the resentments. Once I started getting arrested by the police, my father had to come pick me up from the police station on several occasions. He would question me about why I was acting out. But, the pain and fear I felt was overwhelming, and I thought I would be risking my life by telling him about the abuse and that would possibly put his life and my family's lives in danger as well. So, I kept what happened to me a secret.

I started acting out, consuming alcohol, and smoking marijuana as an escape. When I was 13, the juvenile court judge sent me to camp for the first time for violating my probation. I knew I needed help, but the idea of talking to my camp counselors while incarcerated made me fearful because I was afraid I would be rejected or treated differently. Unfortunately, my behavior escalated after I was released from camp. I was still immature, naïve, impulsive, and still trying to prove myself to my peers despite everything that had happened to me.

I was released from juvenile camp when I was 14. I ran into my childhood friend Rasheed Evans on March 22, 1996. We attempted to rob two men at a bus stop, and Rasheed ended up getting shot and dying. When I reported this back to the gang members, the gang members told me that I had deserted Rasheed on that day and they attacked me. I was told that I needed to take revenge or there would be additional punishment. I was scared. I did not know who had shot Rasheed, so I blamed it on a rival gang. Four days later, I saw Mr. Larios, who was quadriplegic and who I believed was associated with the rival gang in our neighborhood, by a liquor store. I told a gang member who lived up the street that an enemy was in our neighborhood. He gave me a gun, and I used it to murder Mr. Larios.

I entered the California prison system in April 1998, when I was sixteen years old. I was sent to New Corcoran for several months and then in October 1998, I was sent to Salinas Valley State Prison until 2002. I was scared to be on a Level IV yard, and I covered up my insecurities by continuing to act as a gang member. Fear was something I could never show around the men who were all older than me, or otherwise I would have been taken advantage of. So I hoped for the best under the circumstances. Anger was my defense mechanism against anyone who threatened me, but it was also my weakness as well. Prior to coming to prison I never learned how to control my emotions, identify my feelings, manage my anxieties and anger, identify high-risk situations, and/or problem solve without making irrational decisions. It all became apparent when I received my first Rules Violation Report in 1999 for fighting. My core belief of never allowing someone to take advantage of me again was the driving force behind my actions because I didn't want my peers to reject me or treat me differently. The underlying issues I had of being

abandoned, sexually abused, hurt, resentful, and my toxic shame were all unresolved and not addressed because I didn't know what they were or how they were driving my behavior.

After my mother passed away in 2000, I felt devastated. It became a turning point of having a desire to change my life. I transferred to Ironwood State Prison in 2002, and I started making positive changes. I continued school to get my GED. I started acquiring critical thinking skills in hopes of someday changing my future. I was still in the gang lifestyle but my mentality was changing for the better. In participating in self-help groups like "Lifer Awareness," I began to understand the harm my reckless actions caused Mr. Larios and the "ripple effect" it had on his family.

I got involved in Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous after school and enrolled in "Office Services" while pursuing my GED. After my cousin Anthony was murdered by his homeboy in 2005, that was when I knew that this life—the gang lifestyle—was no longer for me. Yet the fear of leaving the gang was overwhelming. My belief system started to change, and I started the transition of not being a gang member anymore. I realized that fighting with associates of other gangs for petty reasons, getting into arguments, and my pride and shame interfered with me reaching my life goals.

Later that same year, I transferred to Soledad State Prison, but I got in a fight with my cellie in the dining hall. My gang mentality was still evident because rather than tell the truth to the correctional officer about what happened and why, I failed to do so because I didn't want others to think of me as a snitch for telling the officer that my cellie had pulled a knife on me in our cell prior to the fight. Being in Administrative Segregation (Ad-Seg) became a blessing for correcting my thinking, behavior, and self-reflection for what I wanted my life to be. I realized the toxic shame I had carried for most of my life made others' opinions of me more important than what I came to believe about myself.

In 2006, I transferred to the California Men's Colony, East. The importance of earning my GED, being accountable for my actions, and taking responsibility for how I lived my life was paramount to my success. I strived to make better choices and made valuable changes to correcting my thinking. I turned my life over to Jesus Christ in 2007. And, in 2008, I made the decision to renounce my gang affiliation. I told my associates at the time that I was no longer part of the gang. I haven't looked back.

In my 22 years of incarceration, I have a total of five RVRs and one 128-B chrono (for being tardy). My most recent RVR was from 2009, for talking back to an officer. I accept full responsibility for my life decisions, character defects, and the person I am today. Without having experienced my ultimate "low"—my breaking point that warranted me to be incarcerated—I wouldn't be who I am today. It is very unfortunate that it took the murder of Mr. Larios in order for me to live right. I will never minimize why I'm here and the many lives I've affected by my selfish behavior and callousness as a youth.

When I enrolled in the Machine Shop from 2008-2010, I acquired the necessary skills to become employable. After I graduated, I started working for the Developmental Disability

Program (DDP) from 2010-2013 as an ADA aide. I learned how to help incarcerated men who suffered from strokes, dementia, and/or other cognitive disabilities learn how to do math, read, and other life skills. I was able to show my compassion, empathy, love, and respect to these individuals as it became a constant reminder of how I once took life for granted. I continue to give myself a better opportunity at earning a career, giving back to my community, because people in my life—both staff and inmates—encourage me to keep pressing forward in the right direction. I am pressing myself forward.

I have been a mentor and substance abuse counselor since 2016. I did this because I like giving back and helping people. Also, I knew that I came from a family of drug addicts and alcoholics, so getting involved was an opportunity to grow and learn about myself, family addictions, and to reach out to help others who suffer from addiction. I would like to turn it into a career. I passed the state certification test in 2016 and was re-certified in 2018 (after I finished the requisite 2,240 hours of training). When I passed my state-certified test to become a drug and alcohol counselor, I was proud of myself, because it allowed me to deal with my personal issues, forgive my parents, and help others overcome their addictions. I love doing this work because it helps me and others become a better human being. A lot of the lessons we present to the inmate population relate to their (and my) thinking patterns, substance abuse patterns, and dysfunctional home environments and where they came from. It's truly a reflection of who I was, where I came from, and the upbringing I had. I wished I had this information when I was living with my late mother, who then was working as a prostitute and addicted to cocaine. Through this process, I have been able to forgive her for her lifestyle. I am a mentor in the Long Term Offender Program where I try to live by example.

When not working as a substance abuse counselor, I keep busy bettering myself and supporting others. I am a college student enrolled at Cuesta College and take classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I also participate in small group communication, math, and English classes on Mondays and Wednesday. On Tuesday nights, I participate in the Literacy Council, a tutoring program that helps incarcerated men meet educational goals. I have both been a tutor in the program and now am a student being tutored in college math. On Wednesday nights, I facilitate a victim offender education group based on the principles of restorative justice. I previously was a participant in that group, and it helped me immensely, so I wanted to become a facilitator to help others have the same opportunity I did. On Thursday nights, once a month, I attend Narcotics Anonymous. On Friday nights, I am part of the steering committee of Alcoholics Anonymous. On Sundays, I attend church in the morning and participate in a Christian peer counseling group in the afternoon where we address, among other things, childhood-related issues such as physical and emotional abuse.

Through the many groups, activities, and programs I have participated in over the last two decades, I have now come to realize that shame and feeling weak, or being perceived as weak, played a big part in my anger and exploded on the day I murdered Mr. Larios. So did the fear, stress, and anxiety I felt about being regulated as far as punishment from the gang. At the time, I thought the only way to make things right was to murder someone. I did not realize that I had options. I thought I could not tell my father because I had a poor relationship with him. At the

time, I was a liar. I was a manipulator. It was hard for me to be honest about stuff like that. Now, through my maturity and awareness as an adult, I know that being honest is what makes me who I am today and Christian man. I have learned now how to identify and address negative emotions. When I am angry, I now know that it is not appropriate to project my anger onto other people. I take a time out. I pray. I process what I am feeling in the moment. This has helped me tremendously to calm down, as opposed to giving into the fears that I once had when I was a teenager and thought the worst of things. I have learned to address my cognitive distortions and impulsivity. I request this commutation based upon the reasons explained above.

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Question 4: Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

I have spent the majority of my life incarcerated. While incarcerated, I have been bettering myself and preparing myself to be a responsible, productive, and compassionate member of society. As explained above, I have worked very hard to understand why I committed the crime, to take full responsibility for the crime, and to make sure that I will never commit a crime again. If granted a commutation, I would like to be a substance abuse counselor and dedicate my life to helping young men and women address the root causes of their addiction.

First, it is safe to grant me a commutation because I am no longer that angry teenager who lacked self-control over my emotions, who reacted out of fear and impulsive thoughts, feelings, urges, and actions. For over a decade I have not associated with gang members or been affiliated with criminals or a gang. Today I live a productive and responsibly lifestyle in my community of prison. I do not break the rules any more, nor do I have the desire to do so when I return to society. I understand that my misguided attempts as a child to make myself feel important at the expense of hurting others was wrong.

Second, I have benefited from my rehabilitation efforts while in prison, which changed my perspective about how I lived my life, conducted myself, and how I treated others. You will see this in the many support letters describing my character as a person that are from correctional staff, other inmates, sponsors, formerly incarcerated men, and others. I have been fortunate to build a support system that holds me accountable, encourages me to keep doing the right things, and that supports my goals and ambitions. My actions today are a testament to my personal transformation.

Third, I have accepted full responsibility for my actions and character defects. I have learned that anger is a secondary emotion, and what was driving my anger was being hurt from being neglected, abandoned, and physically, sexually, and emotionally abused. I had unrealistic expectations of others and would become angry whenever I didn't get my way. I have learned that I am not in control of what other people say or do to me, but I am in control of my own actions and how I think, behave, and respond to other people. I make my amends to Mr. Larios, his family, and the community, by conducting myself in a positive way with integrity, responsibility, and by treating others with respect. I don't believe that violence is the answer to solve any situation. I take time to process my thoughts and what I am feeling, and the consequences of any negative action(s). I understand that I cannot ameliorate the damage I caused to Mr. Victor Larios and his

family. It took me years to realize the impact from my actions I caused to him personally and the ripple effect his family suffered due to my cowardly and selfish behavior. I affected our community and society by perpetuating this kind of violence. The Larios family has suffered and continue to be affected today by my actions. I am so sorry for causing Mr. Larios's caregiver Ms. Ramirez the pain and trauma she suffered by my actions devaluing human life and taking him away from her.

Finally, I have taken advantage of my rehabilitation efforts since 1999, and have support upon my release. In my efforts, I have earned many college credits, a career in the substance abuse field as a certified addiction treatment counselor (CATC), a machinist trade, and life skills I'll be taking with me that will neutralize the lack of problem solving skills I once had, and potential problems that will occur in the immediate future. I realize I will have to support myself financially and manage a budget and bank account upon release. I have a support system along with the transitional residence I hope to be living in for a period of six months to one year after my release. The Anti-Recidivism Coalition in Los Angeles has written a letter of support for me, and will assist me with my re-entry and connecting me with services in Los Angeles. HealthRIGHT360 in both San Francisco and Los Angeles have also found me eligible for their transitional housing, as you will see from their enclosed letters. My great auntie Tempie Green also will allow me to live with her until I find my own residence and employment. It is not my intent to become a parasite to my community nor to my support system.

I would like to take what I have learned to help others in the community and to continue to honor Mr. Larios's life. For these reasons, I hope and pray for relief and that you will give me the opportunity and a second chance. I thank you for your consideration in this matter, and may God bless you, Governor Jerry Brown.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ngne Chi Tang

In 1996, Ngne Tang was a passenger in Truong Ly's car. Mr. Ly cut-off Christopher Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Ly, and Mr. Tang engaged in a shouting match. Mr. Tang motioned to Mr. Hernandez to pull over. Mr. Tang shot Mr. Hernandez in the head, killing him. On June 18, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Tang to 25 years to life for murder, plus a ten year firearm enhancement – a total term of 35 years to life. Mr. Tang is tentatively scheduled for a youth offender parole suitability hearing in November 2020.

Mr. Tang was 17 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for 22 years, more than half of his life. He has incurred only three rules violations during his prison term and relinquished his gang ties over a decade ago. Mr. Tang has dedicated himself to academics, earning a GED and five A.A. degrees. Mr. Tang has also focused on improving himself through self-help programs such as Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous, Anger Management, Alternatives to Violence, Getting Out by Going In, and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution.

Mr. Tang's marked turnaround and pleasant demeanor has been noticed by prison staff. A correctional officer wrote that Mr. Tang "has shown to be cooperative, polite, respectful, and courteous to both inmates and staff. I commend him for the positive behavior he displayed during my time at F-Wing. He has been programming well thus far." Another officer wrote, "Through my interaction with Inmate Tang I have observed him to be polite and courteous with his fellow inmates and staff alike." Mr. Tang volunteers his time in the recreational department. A supervisor wrote, "He has proved to be an asset to the officiating crew by keeping a cool head and setting an example to his peers by defusing heated situations normally associated with sporting events."

Mr. Tang committed a reckless crime. When he entered prison he was a gang member who lacked the skills necessary to be a contributing member of society. It is clear, however, that Mr. Tang has distinguished himself by his advancements in education and positive rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Tang has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ngne Chi Tang to a total of 22 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Nghe Chi Tang (CDCR No. P05230) Date of Birth: 1979 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: Correctional Training Facility, P.O. Box 686, Soledad, CA 93960

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 187(A) 1st Deg. Murder	9-18-1996	Los Angeles	25-Life
PC 12022.5(A)(1) Gun Enhancement			10 Years
See Attached Probation Report (Exhibit A)			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2): N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Nghe Chi Tang, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

 2/28/2018
Applicant's Signature – Christopher Hawthorne, Attorney for Nghe Chi Tang Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

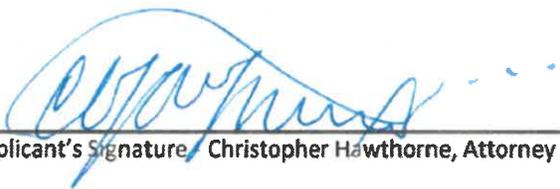
To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Nghe Chi Tang,

was convicted of the crime of Murder,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 4-30-1998.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: P-05230.



2/28/2018

Applicant's Signature Christopher Hawthorne, Attorney for Nghe Chi Tang

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

Barbara Wolff 410, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Nghe Chi Tang

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

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LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Signed 

Date 3/12/18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

February 28, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Attention: Legal Affairs Secretary
Sacramento, CA 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Dear Governor Brown:

I am the attorney for Mr. Nghe Chi Tang (CDC No. P05230). On behalf of Mr. Tang, I am petitioning you to commute his sentence to 20 years to life. On June 18, 1998, Mr. Tang was sentenced to 35 years to life for a crime he committed on September 18, 1996, when he was 17 years old; a crime for which he takes complete responsibility, and for which he experiences sincere regret and remorse.

That crime, however, was the product of a family and community in which Mr. Tang faced a consistent danger of physical violence, both at home and in the community. Mr. Tang's childhood and early adolescence were shaped by his gang values, violence and physical danger. Mr. Tang made poor and potentially tragic choices, but his choices were often dictated by forces beyond his control. At age 17, like most children, he lacked the judgment, maturity, and ability to extricate himself from the violence-plagued environment that surrounded him.

Since 1998, Mr. Tang has turned his life around in prison. As detailed in the attached exhibits, he has made serious and successful efforts to improve himself, has obtained the education he gave up outside prison walls, and made himself into a successful and functioning adult. He poses no risk to society and hopes to counsel at-risk youth. Accordingly, Mr. Tang respectfully requests that you commute his current sentence of 35 years to life to a sentence of 20 years to life.

For the reasons stated in this letter brief, I now petition your office for clemency on behalf of Mr. Tang, and formally request a commutation of sentence.

I. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE LIFE CRIME

According to the official appellate opinion on this case:

On April 23, 1999, Nghe Chi Tang, age 17, a member of the "V-Boyz" gang, was in a silver car on Main Street in Alhambra, California. Mr. Tang was in the passenger seat while his friend, Truong Ly, drove the car. Mr. Ly "cut off" an oncoming pickup truck driven by Christopher Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez's fiancé was riding in the passenger seat. Mr. Hernandez pulled the truck to the left side of Mr. Ly's car, rolled down the passenger window, and began yelling at Mr. Ly and Mr. Tang. Mr. Tang

yelled back at Mr. Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez started pulling his vehicle towards the silver car, trying to run it off the road. Mr. Ly maneuvered the car to the left of the truck, and Mr. Tang shot at Mr. Hernandez, hitting him in the head and arm. (See Exhibit B; Court of Appeal Opinion).

Mr. Tang was convicted of murder. He was sentenced to 35 years to life in prison: 25 years to life for the crime, plus a 10-year enhancement for personal use of a firearm.

II. MR. TANG'S REASONS FOR REQUESTING COMMUTATION

Mr. Tang has been incarcerated for 20 years – more than half of his life. While in prison, however, he has matured and dramatically altered his priorities in life. He takes full responsibility for his crime and the mistakes he made as an adolescent and as a young adult in prison. Mr. Tang recognizes the ripple effect of harm to the victim, his family, and the larger community because of his crime. As a result, he has dedicated his time in prison to gaining an education and helping as many people as he can, both within and beyond the facility where he is housed. Mr. Tang is a changed man who is eager to give back to the society from which he took so much as a young man. In light of Mr. Tang's positive development in prison, his youth and family circumstances at the time of the crime, and the length of his sentence, Mr. Tang is requesting a commutation of his sentence.

III. REASONS THAT MR. TANG'S SENTENCE SHOULD BE COMMUTED

A. REHABILITATION

Mr. Tang has rehabilitated himself in several important ways. First, Mr. Tang has been disassociated from gangs for several years. Since his disassociation, Mr. Tang has regularly participated in Criminals & Gang Members Anonymous. Mr. Tang's steady involvement in self-help classes – including Anger Management, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Narcotics Anonymous – has helped him process traumatic events – both those he experienced and those he caused. (See Exhibit C; Positive Chronos and Certificates).

In short, Nghe Chi Tang, after a chaotic youth in prison, has become a mature, reflective man who wants and deserves a chance to give back to society.

B. MR. TANG'S LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME OF THE CRIME

Mr. Tang's family circumstances during his childhood and adolescence were tumultuous, abusive, and shot through with gang dynamics that were beyond his control. At age 8, Mr. Tang, a first-generation immigrant, witnessed the shooting of his neighborhood friend, Danny Situ. Mr. Situ told Mr. Tang to run for his life, so Mr. Tang ran and sought cover in a convenience store. Mr. Situ survived the shooting; however, the incident marked a pivotal point in Mr. Tang's life. Mr. Tang lived in a constant state of fear as a result of the shooting. Mr. Tang acted out by getting into trouble at school, for which his father would physically beat him with a wooden cane. On one occasion, Mr. Tang's teacher noticed he was walking with a limp. The teacher uncovered severe bruising on Mr. Tang's legs and called

DCFS. Mr. Tang and his sister were removed from their parents' home and placed in foster care for approximately six weeks until returning home.

From age 12 until he was arrested for this crime, Mr. Tang was consistently living in group homes and camps, and almost never at a home which, although it was violent and abusive, was at least a stable environment. Mr. Tang also spent time in juvenile hall, where he was told to get into fights in order to gain respect.

It was under these circumstances that Mr. Tang soon joined "V-Boyz" and eventually committed his life crime.

C. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MR. TANG'S AGE AT THE TIME OF THE CRIME

Mr. Tang was 17 at the time he committed this crime. The courts have consistently seen youthful age as a mitigating factor in guilt and in sentencing. In *Roper v. Simmons*, 543 U.S. 551 (2005), the United States Supreme Court found that, even in the most serious murder cases, youthful offenders cannot with reliability be classified among the worst offenders. (*Id.* at 569). As compared to adults, young offenders have a "lack of maturity and an underdeveloped sense of responsibility," they "are more vulnerable or susceptible to negative influences and outside pressure," and their character is "not as well formed." (*Id.* at 569-570). Five years later in *Graham v. Florida*, 560 U.S. 48 (2010), the Supreme Court went further in its analysis and recognized that the same differences between youths and adults are relevant to the constitutionality of sentences, and banned life without the possibility of parole (LWOP) for juveniles who commit non-homicide offenses. (*Id.* at 74-75.) The Court repeated *Roper's* reasoning that because youthful offenders have lessened culpability, they are less deserving of the most severe punishments. (*Id.* at 75). Finally, the California Supreme Court extended *Graham's* holding to a type of sentence that is particularly common in California: functional LWOP for non-homicide crimes, concluding that such sentences are per se unconstitutional. (*People v. Caballero*, 55 Cal.4th 262, 268-69 (2012))

While Mr. Tang would not have been covered under *Caballero*, he is assuredly covered by the *Miller* line of cases. The California Legislature, recognizing the magnitude of having tens of thousands of young people serving long sentences, has created the Youth Offender Parole Hearing to deal with this problem. Juvenile offenders – and now many young adult offenders – are entitled to early hearings, at which they have the opportunity to prove that they are ready to reenter society, at 15, 20 or 25 years.

The dates of these hearings, however, do not reflect the *individualized* culpability of each youthful offender, taking into account everything the youthful offender has done since incarceration, which is a requirement under the *Graham-Miller-Montgomery* line of cases. (See, e.g., *People v. Gutierrez*, 58 Cal.4th 1354, 1378 (2014) ("[I]mposition of the harshest punishment on a juvenile requires individualized sentencing that takes into account an offender's 'youth (and all that accompanies it)'" quoting *Miller v. Alabama*, 132 S.Ct. 2455, 2464, 2469 (2012)).

This “one-size-fits-all” parole scheme cannot comport with these individualized sentencing requirements. For example, the fact that Mr. Tang was 17 years of age at the time of his crime, the fact that he faced special burdens as a child, and the fact that he has made tremendous strides in maturity and rehabilitation should be reflected in his parole eligibility date, not merely his ability to make a case for parole. At a time when juvenile offenders who were sentenced to life without parole are receiving parole hearings at 25 years, Mr. Tang’s lesser culpability and youth should advance the date of his eligibility.

As the U.S. Supreme Court recognized in *Herrera v. Collins*, 506 U.S. 390, 415 (1993) “[e]xecutive clemency has provided the “fail safe” in our criminal justice system.” Although in *Herrera*, the death penalty was at issue, it is generally accepted that executive clemency is an appropriate remedy for an unjust sentence, especially when there is no other remedy at law. This is the case for Mr. Tang. While the creation of Youth Offender Parole Hearings was an enormously important step to address the widespread injustice of sentencing young offenders to long sentences, it should not blind the state to the fact that some youthful offenders deserve even further relief.

Mr. Tang is precisely one of those youthful offenders. Had Mr. Tang been charged today, at age 17, he would have been guaranteed an attorney before being interrogated by the police. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 625.6) He would have received a transfer hearing pursuant to Proposition 57, where his background and immaturity could have been explored. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 707(b).) The judge would have had the discretion to reduce or strike his weapon enhancement, to make his sentence more proportional to his culpability. (Pen. Code § 12022.5(c).) But in 1996, as a child facing a long life sentence, Mr. Tang had none of these protections. Nor did he have a proper sentencing hearing, during which he could present mitigation evidence. These laws now exist because of a widespread recognition that the then existing scheme, and the resulting sentences, violate the U.S. and California constitutions, as well as human dignity. A parole hearing for Mr. Tang after 25 years, while very welcome, is too long a delay.

For these reasons, when considering the facts of the life crime, and the impulsivity and poor judgment displayed, Mr. Tang’s age at the time – only 17 years old – should be deemed a mitigating factor for purposes of a reduction in sentence.

D. POST-RELEASE PLANS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Mr. Tang has been preparing for life after prison for over a decade. He has seized as many opportunities for vocational training as possible, in an effort to equip himself skills for when he is paroled. He earned his GED, has earned several Associate’s degrees, and is currently working towards a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. (See Exhibit C; Positive Chronos and Certificates). Upon his parole, he plans on maintaining strict self-discipline and only go to work and then go home. He does not want to intentionally or accidentally put himself in any position that will threaten his parole and life.

Additionally, Mr. Tang is a client of Loyola Law School’s Juvenile Innocence and Fair Sentencing (JIFS) Clinic, which works with its clients through their reentry to ensure their successful

and productive transition into the community. The JIFS Clinic, one of three clinics at Loyola Law School's Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, is committed to the Center's founding ideal of "holistic representation," which means that the Clinic, its students and attorneys, are not just committed to Mr. Tang's release, but to his successful reintegration into society. In the past, law students from the JIFS Clinic have helped clients locate transitional housing, obtain identification documents, find jobs, and connect with family members. JIFS students have accompanied clients to their parole appointments, transitional housing placements, and substance abuse groups. Most importantly, because of its connection to the legal community, the JIFS Clinic has connected clients to at-risk youth, where lifer parolees have unique credibility. Accordingly, the JIFS Clinic, as it has done with its other clients, will connect Mr. Tang to the appropriate resources, services, and support systems he needs in order to become the contributing member of society he aspires to be.

IV. CONCLUSION

Mr. Tang will never forget the crime that put him in prison. He takes full responsibility for shooting Mr. Hernandez, and subsequently altering many people's lives for the worse. He is ashamed of his actions and deeply sorry for committing this impulsive crime. In the 20 years that Mr. Tang has been incarcerated, he has matured, received an education, obtained practical job training, and pursued every available avenue for service to others. For the reasons stated above, justice will lie in this case if Mr. Tang is granted clemency and commutation of sentence.

On behalf of Mr. Tang and his family, I respectfully ask that Mr. Tang's sentence be commuted to 20 years to life. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Christopher Hawthorne (SB 210578)
Attorney for Nghe Chi Tang
Director, Juvenile Innocence & Fair Sentencing Clinic
Loyola Law School Los Angeles



Keith DeSousa
Certified Law Student (Cert #43040)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Mannie Thomas III

On May 22, 2004, Mannie Thomas III committed a drive-by shooting after being kicked out of a residential party. While standing outside, Brian Scott was shot in both legs, but survived. On February 3, 2006, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Thomas to 7 years to life for attempted murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement—a total of 32 years to life. Mr. Thomas has a youth offender parole eligible date of May 2023.

Mr. Thomas is 36 years old and has been incarcerated for 14 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Thomas stated, "I take full responsibility for the terrible crime I committed at age 22. I know my sentence of life for attempted murder was just." In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Thomas somberly explained that up to and including the date of his crime, he used violence to dominate people and to feel valuable. He acknowledges that his request for a commutation is a request for "mercy" based upon his conduct in prison for more than a decade.

Mr. Thomas entered prison at a young age. He has never been disciplined for serious misconduct, and has never involved himself with gangs, drugs or violence. Instead, he chose to make educational gains. He has earned an A.S. degree in Business Management. He subsequently earned four A.A. degrees, including in Social and Behavioral Science and Mathematics and Science. He explained to the Board investigator that his educational accomplishments elevated his self-esteem. Mr. Thomas subsequently completed training and obtained a job developing comprehensive student education plans for other inmates. A supervisor wrote that he was an "outstanding Palo Verde College Clerk/Tutor specializing in the areas of English and Business."

Mr. Thomas also completed vocational programs. He earned certificates of career preparation in information technology literacy, and management information systems. Mr. Thomas also participated in numerous self-help programs, including Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, Breaking Barriers, Inside Out Writers, Emotional Intelligence, Anger Management, and Crime Impact. He has been an inmate facilitator of several programs, including Success Stories, and Alternatives to Violence. During his interview with the Board investigator, Mr. Thomas spoke very passionately about how these self-help programs encouraged him to consider the role he played in creating his current circumstance, and to regularly visualize the plan he has for his life. In the event of his release, he plans to continue his support of organizations that facilitate inmate rehabilitation. Currently, he volunteers for Life CYCLE, a diversion program for at-risk youth. Mr. Thomas is also a mentor in a youth offender program for inmates.

Mr. Thomas committed a senseless crime, but he has since distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For the foregoing reasons, I believe that Mr. Thomas has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Mannie Thomas III to a total of 14 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Mannie Thomas III Date of Birth: [redacted] /82 Inmate ID: F15539

Address: Z-wing 207L PO Box 689, Soledad CA 93960 Facility: Correctional Training Fac.

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: PG § 29152, February 13, 2014, Riverside, Informal probation.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

The charges arise from a shooting at a party I attended. While intoxicated, I got into an argument with an occupant and was pepper sprayed. While driving away, I fired multiple shots from a vehicle. Of the three victims charged in the case, one suffered injuries to his legs. The other two were not physically injured, though undoubtedly harmed psychologically.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attachment.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

[Redacted]

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I have paid no money, but a friend of my wife has paid counsel a retainer of \$15,000 to assist me in preparation of the application and representation at any resulting early parole hearing.

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I, Mannie Thomas III, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Orange with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Mannie Thomas III
Applicant's Signature

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Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Attachment in Response to Question #3

I recently learned about the possibility of commutation during my documentation hearing. Commissioner Dianne Dobbs was extremely complimentary about my accomplishments during incarceration. She encouraged me to apply for a commutation, explaining that it might result in me obtaining an early parole consideration hearing.

Attachment in Response to Question #4

I take full responsibility for the terrible crime I committed at age 22. I know my sentence of life for attempted murder was just. But I seek mercy and request commutation of that sentence. I realize this is an extraordinary request, but I respectfully suggest that my accomplishments since my incarceration 14 years ago justify it.

As I will explain in more detail below, these accomplishments include:

- No CDCR 115 disciplinary violations during my incarceration.
- I have earned five AA degrees, in addition to five professional certificates. (See Appendix A.)
- I have prepared myself for a career in facilities maintenance, having received vocational training in bloodborne pathogen and chemical cleaning. I have already put this training to use cleaning my institution's healthcare facilities and have received a certificate of appreciation for that work. (See Appendix B.)
- I have participated in numerous self-health group in various areas including substance abuse recovery, nonviolent conflict resolution, and emotional intelligence. (See Appendix C.)
- My work (and that of other inmates) toward self-improvement was featured this year on CNN. (The show, *The Feminist on Cellblock Y*, can be seen online at <https://www.cnn.com/videos/us/2018/04/18/the-feminist-on-cellblock-y-doc-orig.cnn>.)
- I have received numerous laudatory chronos. (See Appendix D.)
- Many people support my release, as shown by their letters. (See Appendix E.) This includes one of the jurors on my case who has since visited me in prison and become a friend. She has even introduced me to her son, whom she brought to visit me when he was headed down the wrong path. Another supporter is my wife, whom I have known since high school. We married in 2016.

While an attorney helped to prepare this application, and will assist me if I am granted an early parole hearing, the following essay was written exclusively by me to explain why I believe that commutation is appropriate. The words have not been changed by my lawyer or anyone else:

Our system is no longer concerned with only punishment but instead with rehabilitation. I believe my behavior over these past 14 years of incarceration is an example of what rehabilitation looks like for those who diligently seek it. At the conclusion of my consultation hearing, I left with the feeling that "who I have become is what the Board of Prison Terms is looking for." I believe if given the opportunity to display my suitability, the Governor and other commissioners will agree.

I understand that my low self-esteem derived from my belief that my existence was an accident, feelings of being an outcast and rejection all contributed to my committing this horrible crime. I developed a pattern of using violence to dominate people and to

feel I had value, whenever I felt less than or rejected. I know now that my inability to extricate myself from this behavior was in part due to my immaturity, recklessness, and not being cognizant of my actions or their long-term consequences.

None of this diminishes the harm I caused to Brian Scott, Lorenzo Moraes, Omar Moreno and the rest of the outstanding community. I tainted what should have been a joyous birthday celebration with memories of fear, uncertainty, pain, and despair, and I'm sure many, many more birthdays to follow. I remember Mr. Brian Scott said during trial that when the doctor was explaining his injuries, he wasn't sure if he could ever fulfill his dream of becoming a professional motocross rider. Ever since then it has continued to stick with me that the consequences of my actions may have destroyed a man's dreams. I now see that violence isn't the key to solving my problems, really it has only ever compounded them with more problems. I hope that my actions over the past 14 years have demonstrated that I no longer rely on violence, and that the work I've put in displays my remorse and indirect amends.

I wish that I could say that I have always been a healthy productive member of society but, at the age of 22 I committed an egregious crime for which I am extremely remorseful. I am thankful for the things I've learned and how they have shaped me into who I am today.

Today I am a model inmate with no disciplinary record, a continuous active programmer who has also created programs, maintained support from society, and developed insight into my past behavior while showing evidence of my rehabilitation. Over the past 14 years I have participated in many different spiritual studies which include Kairos, Crossroads Bible Study Program, Eleven Essential Doctrines of Faith, and many others from different faiths. All have helped me to develop a sense of peace through mutual respect, forgiveness for myself and others, self-examination, and social justice by gaining a better understanding of one's own culture as well as the culture of others.

I have also participated in numerous self-help programs to make sure I understand why I committed my crime. These include Inside-out Writers, three different anger management groups, Alcoholics Anonymous, Breaking Barriers, Cemanahuac Cultural Group, Success Stories, Cornerstone, and Alternative to Violence Project. I have also co-founded two groups the first deals with emotional intelligence. Participants are introduced to the five elements that are essential to an individual's acceptance of responsibility, accountability, growth, happiness, and success. The second focuses on social groups, peer groups, organizational membership, and intimate relationships. Having these relationships in a healthy way will increase emotional wellbeing, create stability, and assist one in successfully re-entering society.

During my time of incarceration, I have continuously demonstrated maturity, positive life choices, and leadership qualities. While at Ironwood State Prison, this pro-social behavior presented me with the opportunity to be a mentor in the Youth Offender

Program. It was a privilege to help shift the mindset of youthful offenders to begin making better decisions and encourage them to enroll in self-help programs and educational programs according to their personal case factors. I was able to help them navigate this difficult prison environment by building a rapport, providing useful information, insight, and tools to remain positive and productive along this journey and beyond. By showing them there are people who will support them making positive life choices I discovered I could give back in a way unique to only prisoners.

Although, all of this was essential to my transformation none was more paramount than the furthering of my education. In 2009, I enrolled in the Palo Verde College program. By 2013 I was on the Dean's List four times which elevated my self-esteem tremendously. People telling me I was smart was one thing but discovering it for myself through hard work and dedication made it more real. In 2015, I received one Certificate for Completion, four Certificates of Career Preparation, and five Associate Degrees. After graduating Cum Laude, I was hired as a college tutor, clerk, and education planner.

It is true that at one point society was better off without me, but now I know that I can give back in a way that is unique to formerly incarcerated people. I've discovered the "why" behind my actions, addressed my character defects and have undergone cognitive and behavioral therapy. I continue to make indirect amends by sharing my insight with Palma High School students, Hartnell College students and being a leader of the "Men Built for Others" team that works with a non-profit organization raising tuition money from other inmates to give a young man a life changing opportunity by receiving a quality education. I believe in community and I am thankful my community never stopped believing in me. These are some of my accomplishments while incarcerated, my promise is that even these will pale in comparison to the ones that follow when I am reintroduced into society.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Alvin Timbol

On November 14, 1995, Mr. Timbol and his friends decided to steal computer equipment from David Hessler's car. Mr. Hessler was awakened by noise of the break-in and exited his home, causing the burglars to flee. As they drove away, Mr. Timbol leaned outside the car window and fired a shot, striking Mr. Hessler once in the chest, killing him. On March 26, 2010, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Timbol to 15 years to life for murder plus 10 years for a firearm enhancement—a total term of 25 years to life.

Mr. Timbol was 19 years old when he committed this crime; he is now 42 and has been incarcerated for more than nine years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Timbol wrote, "While Mr. Hessler's murder remained unsolved for 14 years, I carried the burden of knowing that I had killed a man. I was cowardly and selfish for not turning myself in to the authorities the morning the incident happened; leaving Mr. Hessler's fiancée and family with devastation and unanswered questions[.] They deserved justice for Mr. Hessler's murder." Mr. Timbol has expressed great remorse for his crime and sought to make amends for his actions. Mr. Timbol regularly provides monetary and administrative support for fundraisers for veterans and other charitable organizations, and also contributes to a monthly publication that is distributed to juvenile halls. He has sought self-improvement by participating in self-help programs such as Anger Management, Nonviolent Communication, Restorative Justice Roundtable, and Alternatives to Violence. He has also facilitated other self-help groups for his peers.

Most importantly, in 2018, a correctional sergeant wrote in support of clemency stating that Mr. Timbol helped save his life in 2016 by assisting him when he was choking and could not breathe. The sergeant wrote, "Thanks to this selfless individual, inmate Timbol who saved my life, I'm still here with my family and loved ones and working in place I love. Inmate Timbol helped me when he didn't have to." The sergeant continued, "Through my interactions and observations, inmate Timbol is a very respectful and responsible person that has a great work ethic. He continuously displays professionalism and conducts himself in a respectful manner when dealing with custody, volunteers, and his fellow inmates." He concluded by stating, "I am confident that Inmate Timbol would not pose a risk of danger or threat to public safety should his sentence be commuted."

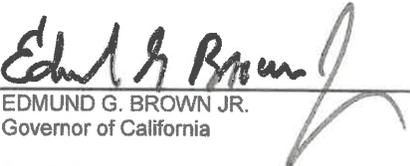
Mr. Timbol has also been commended by other staff members who know him well. He routinely received exceptional work ratings. A correctional officer who supports his application for clemency commented that within the last three years, Mr. Timbol had been promoted to "a trusted position that consists of more responsibilities as being a liaison between volunteers, inmates, and staff regarding self-help programs to help them run smoothly." A principal in the education department commented that "Mr. Timbol's knowledge and assistance has made the start-up process of this new [education] program very smooth and successful." A computer literacy instructor wrote in support of his request for a commutation, stating that Mr. Timbol "is currently in my lead Clerk's position, where he is tasked with helping in the training of 54 students in various levels on computer based projects and applications." The instructor concluded, "It is my firm belief that if Mr. Timbol is granted a commutation of sentence, he will be a contributing member to our community."

Mr. Timbol committed a senseless crime that continues to impact Mr. Hessler's loved ones. While I do not diminish the grave nature of his offense, I am moved by his dedication to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Alvin Timbol to a total of 14 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ALVIN MAMANGUN TIMBOL Date of Birth: [REDACTED] '76 Inmate ID: AC-7178
Address: CSP-SQ / 3-N-571
San Quentin, CA 94974 Facility: San Quentin State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Second degree murder	11/14/95	San Diego	15-yrs.-to-life
Firearm Enhancement	"	"	10 years.
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2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
Please see attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
Please see attached.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Alvin Mamangun Timbol, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of San Diego with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

3/8/18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Diego County: Please take notice that I, Alvin Mamangun Timbol,
was convicted of the crime of Second Degree Murder (P.C. 187(a)), with
Firearm Enhancement (P.C. 12022.5(a))
committed in San Diego County, California, on the date of November 14, 1995.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.



Applicant's Signature

3/8/18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, James D Koerber, Deputy, District Attorney of the County of San Diego,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Alvin Mamangun Timbol

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed



Date

5-15-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Question #2: Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation:

On the early morning of November 14, 1995, Sean Azeez, Buzie Weimer, Khoi Bruster, Alvin Figuracion, and I drove to a quiet neighborhood located in University City, San Diego. After searching the area, we saw Mr. David Hessler's Nissan Pathfinder parked in the driveway. We then proceeded to burglarize the vehicle that contained computer equipment. In the commission of the burglary, Mr. Hessler and his fiancée Ms. Kim Kuney were awakened by the commotion. Mr. Hessler then proceeded outside his home to investigate the issue. When we heard Mr. Hessler start to exit his front door, we ran to Sean Azeez' car. I sat in the front passenger side. Once we started to flee, I saw Mr. Hessler chasing after us. That's when I made the poor choice to brandish my gun and shoot at Mr. Hessler as we sped away. I later learned that he died on his front lawn before the paramedics arrived. Mr. Hessler's murder remained unsolved for almost 14 years.

Question #3: Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

While Mr. Hessler's murder remained unsolved for almost 14 years, I carried the burden of knowing that I had killed a man. I was cowardly and selfish for not turning myself in to the authorities the morning the incident happened, leaving Mr. Hessler's fiancée and family with the devastation and unanswered questions to why did this have to happen to them. I can only fathom the amount of mental stress, heartache, pain, and agony that I had put Mr. Hessler's family and loved ones through for more than a decade. They deserved justice for Mr. Hessler's murder and when the time came for me to turn myself in, I complied because I knew it was the right thing for me to do and to take full responsibility for causing Mr. Hessler's death.

Since the beginning of my incarceration, I have had no in-prison violence and I've remained disciplinary free for over nine (9) years. I've managed to stay clear of the prison politics and avoided trouble at all costs. I've been allotted to work in high profile positions as a trusted Lieutenant's Clerk and Community Partnership Manager's Clerk. Till this day, I remain proactive by continuing to take multiple self-help programs while working as the Community Partnership Manager's (CPM) Clerk. My position as a CPM Clerk benefits me to be of service to all the self-help programs, outside sponsors, and inmates. Making amends is a daily goal for me when I made it my purpose to help others. I've learned about the commutation process here in San Quentin State Prison. I decided to enter my petition based on the work, my growth and improvements I've made in regards to my rehabilitation. I'm eligible for youth parole in 2028. I've had no criminal record before and after the worst mistake of my life when I murdered Mr. Hessler. I find that there is always room for improvement regardless of my situation. I continue to work on myself, model pro-social behaviors, and continue to work as a Community Partnership Manager's clerk in San Quentin State Prison.

Question 4: Provide a brief statement explain why you should be granted a commutation:

It is not for me to say that I should be granted a commutation, I can only be grateful if granted a commutation to be given the opportunity to show the Parole Board who I am today and that I am no longer the same impulsive individual that I was when I was 19 years old. I turned myself in on May 12, 2009 and I came into CDCR on April of 2010. Instead of partaking in the prison politics, I continued to work on becoming a better individual on a daily basis. I took advantage of all the opportunities that CDCR had to offer when it came to self-help programs so I can prepare myself one day for re-entry back into society. I took my freedom for granted when I killed Mr. Hessler and fled like a coward for 14 years. I've learned so much from my experience of being incarcerated, I know that I would continue to be a productive member of society if given the opportunity to parole.

There is no justification to why I killed Mr. Hessler, for he did not deserve to die. My destructive lifestyle in my past and the poor choices that I made eventually led me to kill Mr. Hessler. I understand the magnitude, hurt, harm, devastation, and impact that I've caused to the Hessler family and Ms. Kim Kuney, it will forever remain in their memories. I know that there is nothing that I can do or say to bring Mr. Hessler back. I wish every day that I could take back that horrible morning when I shot and killed Mr. Hessler.

Today, I'm a kind, caring, and pro-social individual that values life. I continue to take full responsibility for my actions by bettering myself so I may live in Mr. Hessler's honor. Killing Mr. Hessler was the worst thing that I've done and I'll live with that regret every day for the rest of my life. I know that I will never kill or harm anyone again because all life is precious. I understand the magnitude and impact of the trauma and agony that I have caused to the Hessler Family, Ms. Kim Kuney, and to all of Mr. Hessler friends and loved ones is irreparable. I welcome any questions from the BPH and look forward to any concerns whether or not I pose a threat to society. Again, I am grateful to have been given this opportunity and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Laura Troiani

In 1979, Carlo Troiani married his third wife, Laura Troiani. During the summer of 1984, Ms. Troiani met her co-defendants, U.S. Marines, Mark Schultz, Russell Harrison, Jeffrey Mizner, Kevin Watkins and Russell Sanders. Ms. Troiani had conversations with them regarding her unhappy marriage and wanted him killed. On August 10, 1984, Ms. Troiani called Mr. Troiani, and told him her car broke down. Ms. Troiani remained in the car, while Mr. Harrison and Mr. Schulz hid behind some bushes. When Mr. Troiani arrived, he pulled his car parallel to his wife's and got out. When Mr. Troiani was between the two cars, Mr. Schulz shot him in the lower back. He tried to crawl under Ms. Troiani's car as he called out to her for help. Mr. Schulz pulled him out and shot him in the back of the neck, killing him. On November 2, 1987, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Troiani to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 1-year firearm enhancement.

In her application for clemency, Ms. Troiani explained that she was raised in a household "where the threat of violence was always present" and she "learned to be fearful and powerless around men." She witnessed her father's abusive behavior toward her mother, which she claimed was "devastating" to her self-esteem and self-worth. The abusive environment only continued when Ms. Troiani married her husband, who was 14 years her senior. She stated the abuse that she suffered at the hands of her husband started just three weeks into their marriage. Ms. Troiani described her husband as "indestructible," and "as the person who inflicted so much pain, brokenness, and heartache..." Evidence from the appellate record supports Ms. Troiani's assertions that her husband was violent and abusive. The court indicated Ms. Troiani's defense counsel wanted Mr. Troiani's first wife to testify as to his violent temper, his verbal threats to her friends, and his occasional violence before their divorce in 1967. Another of Mr. Troiani's ex-wives reported that he had a very "explosive" and "abusive" personality. There were instances where he would mistreat their son in front of Ms. Troiani. The court also admitted a "significant amount of evidence" from six witnesses, which supported Ms. Troiani's claims of the physical and mental abuse to which she was subjected. In 2001, an expert on family violence interviewed Ms. Troiani and stated that she is "convinced that Troiani and her children were terrorized by her husband... Ms. Troiani and her children lived in real fear of this man, and based on past experiences, they were convinced that he would follow through on his threats. Ms. Troiani was certain that her death, and possibly her children's death was inevitable."

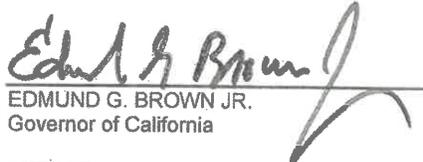
Ms. Troiani is now 57 years old and has been incarcerated for over 34 years. She has no prior criminal history and has only been disciplined once for non-violent misconduct in over three decades. Ms. Troiani has been a positive role model in prison and has demonstrated that she has fully rehabilitated herself. Ms. Troiani has completed numerous self-help programs, including Women of Wisdom, Domestic Violence, Creative Conflict, and Anger Management. In 2017, a Correctional Sergeant wrote "there are many projects you have been involved in during your incarceration, however, I consider you to be a role model to the inmate population and I wanted to recognize all of your positive accomplishments..." In 2014, after a 26-year career, a Correctional Counselor wrote, "I've witnessed noticeable growth, maturity, both mentally and emotionally. [Ms. Troiani] continues to maintain a role model level of behavior in her interactions with staff, inmates and volunteers whenever she interacts with them." Also, a supervisor wrote "the most important clue to her character is her unwillingness to give up or give in to the weight of her sentence...she works every day to make her life behind bars meaningful and relevant."

I do not discount the gravity of this crime, but I also believe Ms. Troiani's account of the significant domestic abuse by her husband at the time of the crime and see that she has since distinguished herself by her exemplary conduct in prison and her commitment to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Troiani has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Laura Troiani to a total of 35 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Laura Ann Troiani Date of Birth: [REDACTED] / 61 Inmate ID: W27746
Address: 16756 Chino-Corona Road Corona, CA Facility: CIW

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
1st Degree Murder	8/11/84	N. San Diego County	Life without Parole
- Lying in Wait	(arrest date)		
- Murder for Hire			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached.

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See attached.

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NO

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Laura Ann Traini
(Print Full Name)

declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the District Attorney of N. SAN DIEGO with notice of my intent to apply for a commutation.
(Name of County*)

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Laura Ann Traini
Applicant's Signature

7/22/17
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of SAN DIEGO NORTH County:

Please take notice that I LAURA ANN TROIANI, was convicted of the crime of 1ST DEGREE MURDER WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES LYING IN WAIT, MURDER FOR HIRE, committed in SAN DIEGO NORTH County, California

on the date of 8/11/84. I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

[Handwritten Signature]
Applicant's Signature

7/22/17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Susan Gust, Deputy, District Attorney of the County of San Diego do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Laura Ann Troiani, that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Handwritten Signature]

Date 6/20/18

District Attorney: Please return this notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

Addendum to Question #2: Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation.

On August 10, 1985, my husband, Carlo Troiani, a Marine, was shot and killed by another member of the military, Mark Schulz. A few weeks prior to the murder, Mark asked me about my husband's abuse and I shared with him that Carlo had been physically and psychologically abusing me since our 3rd week of marriage. I shared that I had gone to the military about the domestic violence and was turned away. The commanding officer told me that he would look in to it, but he never followed up.

On the day of the murder, Mark and my other co-defendants, Russell Harrison, Russell Sanders, Kevin Watkins, and Jeffrey Mizner, who were also Marines, asked me to purchase bullets for them. I did so, and believed them when they said they would use the bullets for target practice.

Shortly after the bullets were purchased, my co-defendants told me to meet them in a secluded area, so they could "teach Carlo a lesson" regarding the abuse. I followed their instructions. My co-defendant, Russell Sanders called my husband on the telephone and told him I was having car trouble and to meet me on North River Road, the secluded area where I was parked. When Carlo arrived, Mark emerged from nearby bushes and shot and killed my husband. I sat behind the steering wheel of my parked car as he was murdered, mentally and physically frozen. I personally never saw the gun, nor did I know Mark had one with him when I was parked at the scene of the crime.

When I returned home, in shock and denial, I called the police to inquire about any information they had about Carlo. I was arrested within 9 hours of Carlo's murder.

Addendum to Question #3: Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

I am requesting a commutation of my Life Without Parole sentence so that I can have the opportunity to go before the Parole Board and demonstrate my rehabilitation, insight, and accomplishments. I am no longer the scared, insecure, and passive young woman who participated in the murder of her husband. I am a stable, healed, and accountable 56-year-old woman who has accomplished a great deal during her incarceration, and has been free of any serious disciplinary infractions for 31 years.

Throughout my incarceration, I have intentionally sought out a deeper understanding of my history, my abuse, and the actions and mental state that lead to my involvement in the murder of my abusive husband. I take full accountability for my actions and inaction that led to my husband losing his life. For example, I believed Mark and my other co-defendants when they said asked me to purchase bullets claiming that they would be used for target practice. I also believed my co-defendants when they said they would only "teach Carlo a lesson." I was in denial that I would be contributing to causing harm or violence to Carlo. At the time of the crime, I viewed Carlo as indestructible. As the person who inflicted so much pain, brokenness and heartache in my life, I was in denial that he could die.

I was desperate for a "prince charming" to rescue me from the abuse. I adopted this belief as a child who was sexually and physically abused by her father; and then experienced similar abuse in her marriage. I blindly trusted that Mark and the others would rescue me and keep me safe. I was unable to stop the violence of my co-defendant due to a belief that I was powerless. I believed that if I tried to stop Mark from hurting and ultimately killing Carlo, he would turn on me and kill me next. I did not believe I could do anything to prevent violence.

I also disassociated from violent situations as a coping mechanism and this contributed to my inability to stop both the violence that happened to me by Carlo's hands and the violence that ended Carlo's life.

In trying to understand how I could have contributed to Carlo's death, I have unpacked my history of abuse. As a 23-year-old, I was in denial, in need of rescuing and was in self-destructive patterns. I believe I had nothing left to live for and that love meant being hurt. Carlo threatened to remove me from my children, he constantly belittled me and had a quick temper. Pain was always present. I believed I could "fix" him and that I could bring change and just be the best hostess, wife, mother by not being myself. I had lost me long before and had no idea who I was. I would do anything to make him happy and he took advantage of my vulnerabilities.

As a child, I was raised in a household where the threat of violence was always present and I learned to be fearful and powerless around men. I witnessed my father's continuous physical abuse of my mother. My father began to direct his abusive behavior towards me when I was 6-years-old. I was sexually abused by my father and adult male friends of his for three years. This abuse was devastating to my self-esteem and self-worth, as the man who was supposed to protect me was regularly violating my physical boundaries and putting me in danger by consenting to the abuse by his friends. By the time I was 17, I had dropped out of school and had my first child. I had no idea what was real or where to build a life for myself. I didn't know how to love myself. At the age of 18, I chose to marry a man, Carlo Troiani, who was 14 years older than me. He was a Marine and was similar to my abusive, unloving, demanding father.

Both of Carlo's previous marriages ended due to his violent, abusive behavior. He began abusing me during our 3rd week of marriage when he returned home one night drunk, angry, and cussing loudly. He pushed me against a wall and began to strangle me. After this incident, I packed up my bags and took my 9-week-old son to a friend's house. Eventually, I returned to my husband. He begged for me to return and as a high school drop-out and young mother, I didn't believe I had the resources to leave. I was uneducated about the cycles of violence. This was just the beginning of my husband's abuse. He nearly killed me too many times to count. Eventually, I sought assistance from the military for the domestic violence and was not taken seriously. The commanding officer told me that he would look in to it, but he never followed up with me.

I recognize the ways in which I used disassociation during the time of the crime to prevent myself from truly being present to the horrible reality of Carlo's murder. As a result, I was unable to prevent it. I now understand the level of harm I have caused through my participation in Carlo's murder. To say "I didn't mean or intend for this to happen" is sugar coating the senseless loss of life. Over the past 3 decades, I've attempted to put myself in Carlo's children's shoes to have empathy for how it would feel to have your father murdered. It is an unspeakable loss for Carlos' family and his military community, who were also negatively impacted by his death. I have committed to not only understanding how my past of abuse led to my complicity in Carlo's murder, but also how I can continue to give back to society for this crime.

Addendum to Question #4: Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

It is safe to grant me a commutation of sentence because I am no longer the fearful, passive woman who would participate in harming another individual. I will not participate in any other crimes because I have healed the parts of myself that contributed to my participation in Carlo's murder.

Throughout my incarceration, I have participated in numerous groups and programs. My motivation is to improve my self-awareness and coping skills and to involve myself in giving back to society as a form of living amends for the harm I have caused. Each of these groups and programs has given me different tools and insight into my past. With each group that I have completed, I have been able to expand my tool box. I've put countless hours into my personal healing.

Most notable is my work to understand Domestic Violence and how it contributed to my participation in Carlo's murder. I was involved with Convicted Women Against Abuse for a total of 13 years. In that group, I openly discussed my past for the first time and learned that I was not just a victim but also a survivor. This shift allowed me to feel agency and empowerment that I had not ever experienced before. It allowed me to humanize myself and have the courage to understand my triggers. I continued this work with Dr. Ponath in a Domestic Violence Intensive for three years. My work to understand Domestic Violence taught me about the cycles of violence and the ways in which I was manipulated to believe I could "fix" my abusive husband. I've dealt with these issues of co-dependency in Codependency Anonymous, a 12-step group that I have facilitated. In this group, I learned about the false belief system that if I kept myself passive, I would not provoke my husband to cause me harm. I now know that there was nothing I could do to stop his violence and what I needed to focus on was getting myself and my children to safety, so that he wouldn't cause harm to me or others. Codependency Anonymous, as well as Alcoholics Anonymous and ALANON, allowed me understand my relationship patterns as addictive in nature. The 12-steps have been a powerful compliment to my strong spirituality and daily practice of Judaism. Due to my grasp of the material, I facilitated this support group within CIW and supported others in their healing.

I have gained a profound awareness of the far reaching consequences and impact that my crime caused through my work in Victim Impact and Restorative Justice. My work in Domestic Violence allowed me to understand my own causative factors of prolonged childhood sexual abuse and domestic violence. Once I gained that insight, I was prepared to look deeply at how my actions and inactions caused grave harm to others. I first participated in and then led the group on Victim Impact and continue to do work on Restorative Justice. I now conceive of the victims of my crime as extending far beyond Carlo to include his family, his children, his friends, his military community, and those who may not have known Carlo but were impacted by hearing about his murder. I strongly believe that we are all connected and that crime damages connection; our actions can harm or heal everyone who we are connected to. I now have a profound respect for myself and all living beings and would never participate in actions that harm others.

In addition to my healing work, I have certifications that would allow me to be a productive and safe member of society if I were to be granted commutation and parole. I have been certified as a dog trainer through the CIW Prison Pup Program and have successfully trained several dogs, who have gone on to support people with disabilities and children with autism on the outside. I have worked as both a primary trainer, secondary trainer, and puppy sitter. I also support other prisoners who are going through the program. I plan to pursue this work in society if I am ever granted parole. As a dog trainer, I can be hired at the C.S.T. Canine facility. I have found a lot of meaning in working with animals and giving back to society through my skills as a dog-trainer.

I am prepared to succeed in society. My work as a dog trainer will help me transition back to society with a sense of purpose. In addition, I plan to seek out ongoing therapy, 12-step groups, such as ALANON and Codependency Anonymous. I also plan to surround myself with positive, healthy people including several friends I have close relationships and my step-father, who has been an emotional rock for me throughout my decades of incarceration. I will get involved in a local synagogue and the Jewish community in the area where I parole. I was accepted to Harbor House, a transitional program in San Francisco and plan to take advantage of the support and services they offer.

As a 56-year-old woman, I feel as though I am ready to have a chance to prove my rehabilitation and healing to the parole board. I would be so grateful for an opportunity to live the last decades of my life as an active member of the community, who is dedicated to living life as a constant amends to my husband, Carlo Troiani, whose murder I participated in. While I do not believe I deserve a commutation, I would be very grateful to be commuted to a parole-eligible sentence.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jesus Trujillo

On November 19, 2010, 17-year-old Jesus Trujillo and two fellow gang members were standing outside the home of rival gang member Jonathan Escobar. One of them sent Mr. Escobar a text message telling him to come outside. When Mr. Escobar exited his home, Mr. Trujillo and the others shot and killed him. On March 21, 2012, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Trujillo to 25 years to life for murder plus an additional 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 50 years to life in prison. Mr. Trujillo is currently eligible for a youth offender parole hearing in 2034.

In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Trujillo explained that he had begun associating with gangs, drinking alcohol, and using drugs when he was 12 or 13 years old. He reported that he tried to act "bad and tough" so he would not get bullied and picked on. In his application for clemency, Mr. Trujillo wrote, "Since the beginning of my incarceration I've had the blessing of being surrounded by positive people and with their help, guidance, advice and support I began to question why it was I became such an angry teen." Mr. Trujillo said when he came to prison, he realized that he could not continue living the gang lifestyle and wanted to become a positive role model for his daughter.

Mr. Trujillo has now been incarcerated for nearly eight years. In that time, he has shown remarkable growth and a strong commitment to his rehabilitation. He stopped associating with gangs and has completely avoided drugs and alcohol. In fact, Mr. Trujillo has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. He earned his GED and maintained a positive work record as a barber and working on the kitchen crew. Mr. Trujillo has participated in multiple self-help programs including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Parenting, Victim Sensitivity, and Alternatives to Violence. He has lived on the Lancaster Progressive Programming Facility since 2013, and participates in a program that trains shelter dogs for future adoption. In 2018, one correctional officer praised Mr. Trujillo for his positive behavior and attitude and wrote, "Every inmate in CDCR has decisions to make on a daily basis. It is clear the decisions being made by Trujillo are of good nature and geared toward his own self-rehabilitation."

Very few inmates – especially those as young as Mr. Trujillo – transform themselves as significantly as he has during his time in prison. He has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole. Mr. Trujillo is on the right path and should continue his rehabilitative efforts in the coming years.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jesus Trujillo to a total of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Jesus Trujillo,

was convicted of the crime of murder with malice aforethought, and shooting at an inhabited dwelling,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of November 19, 2010

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I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Jesus Trujillo
Applicant's Signature

10/16/17
Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Wey, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Jesus Trujillo,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Wey

Date 11/8/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Jesus Trujillo, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jesus Trujillo
Applicant's Signature

10/16/2017
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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I, Jesus Trujillo, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jesus Trujillo
Applicant's Signature

10/17/2017
Date

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jesus Trujillo Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1993 Inmate ID: AL-2029

Address: P.O. Box: 4430 Lancaster, CA. 93539 Facility: A5-142

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
See Attachment:			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see Attachment:

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attachment:

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Attachment:

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

1. Conviction Summary: No prior convictions as adult. Juvenile convictions listed below.

Offense(s):	Date of Offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentence:
Vandalism	02-13-07	Los Angeles	Probation
Vandalism	04-16-10	Los Angeles	Probation

2. On November 19, 2010 Johnathan Escobar was at his residence when he recieved a text message from one of my codefendant's cellphone asking him to come out of his house to the front gate of his apartment building, when he did so we shot at Johnathan multiple times murdering him. Prior to the tragic event I was at the residence of Nathalie Roman, I along with my codefendants stayed there several hours drinking alchohol and smoking marijuana. At around 11 P.M. I was informed about Johnathan and how he had an altercation with one of my codefendants and that they knew where he lived. I began to talk badly about Johnathan convincing my codefendant to text him so that we could have a word with him. I shamefully and willingly lured Johnathan out of his home. Then my codefendants and I drove to his house in two cars with the intent to shoot and kill him. Upon arriving at Johnathan's home we confronted him and he was murdered. I was one of the shooters and I take full responsibility for the crime.

3. Since the beginning of my incarceration I've had the blessing of being surrounded by positive people and with their help, guidance, advice and support I began to question why it was I became such an angry teen. Through much inner reflection I began to realize how poverty and domestic violence at home led me to become a 17 year old violent, selfish, angry gangmember who was capable of taking another human beings life. I have made a conscious decesion to change my way of thinking and attitude of life by addressing my inner traumas in order to fix myself. I know I no longer pose a threat to public safety nor to myself and I have committed myself to rehabilitation. My prison record will demonstrate how I've continued on my path to a positive personal growth. Commutations are afforded to those individuals who have dedicated themselves to a meaningful change and positive growth. Over the years I have dedicated myself to such growth and I humbly request a commutation not because I'm innocent. I take responsibility of the murder of Johnathan Escobar but because of my actions and growth have led me to seek mercy from Governor Brown.

4. I hope and pray to God to receive mercy from Governor Brown because in my seven years of a 50 years to life sentence I have strived to become a responsible, loving man who has goals and a purpose in life and has worked to reform myself. And now I give back the insight and positive knowledge I received when I first got incarcerated. I was arrested at the age of 17 and was sent to juvenile hall where I began to participate in Catholic services and self-help classes. My desire to change led me to meeting Scott Budnick in juvenile hall he helped me come to the Progressive Programming Facility (P.P.F.) yard in Lancaster where I denounced my gang ties and replaced them with positive ones. Upon my arrival to the P.P.F. yard I began to attend self-help classes that led me on the path of personal growth and self awareness. I have been on this path for the past seven years staying disciplinary free and I've had the privilege of helping facilitate self-help classes aimed at Spanish speaking inmates on the P.P.F. yard. I also joined Paws For Life (P.F.L.) program which rescues dogs from kill shelters by training them on basic obedience skills and commands plus we get to love them and heal them from their traumas. Now I have been entrusted with the duty of training service dog for veterans with P.T.S.D. Apart from training a service dog for five hours I am also enrolled in Feather River College. My desire for higher learning started in juvenile hall where I received my G.E.D. and now I'm on the road to receive my first A.A. degree in liberal arts and I hope to pursue a B.A. degree from Cal State L.A. I have held a job since my arrival to the P.P.F. yard (2014). I've worked as a barber for three years and now am currently assigned in the main kitchen working in the pots where I cook for the whole institution. I do not disagree with my sentence and take full responsibility for the murder of Johnathan Escobar, but I hope my prison record can help shed some light on the person I've become. Thank you for your time.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

James Tucker

In 1985, James Tucker and Stephanie Abbott conspired to rob Alonzo Tarver. While Ms. Abbott and Mr. Tarver were having sex, Mr. Tucker entered the room and struck Mr. Tarver in the head with a crowbar multiple times, killing him. On December 22, 1988, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Tucker to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Tucker exhibited a great deal of remorse and acknowledged the brutality of his crime. Mr. Tucker wrote, "Throughout the past twenty-five plus years, insight and maturity has allowed me to realize that [my victim] was just the first of many people who were affected and impacted by my reckless actions..." Prompted by these realizations, Mr. Tucker has sought to make amends by writing letters of remorse and changing his conduct in prison.

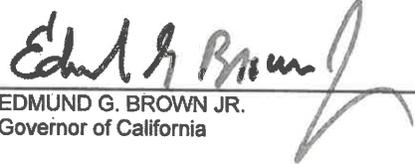
Mr. Tucker is now 63 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 33 years – over half of his life. During this time, Mr. Tucker has abstained from drugs and violence. Many correctional staff noticed Mr. Tucker's positive rehabilitation. A correctional officer praised Mr. Tucker for "constantly demonstrat[ing] a positive attitude and an above-average ability to work well with others." Another correctional officer wrote that Mr. Tucker "has always complied with my directives and would be an asset to any community upon his release." Another officer wrote, "Tucker's positive attitude and programming is commendable. Tucker should also be commended on his ability to show self-restraint. I have observed situations involving Tucker that could have turned potentially negative. Instead Tucker chose to exercise temperance and self-control in those situations. I strongly believe that Tucker will be an asset to any community upon his release, based upon my personal observation." In addition to Mr. Tucker's rehabilitative efforts in prison, I am moved by Mr. Tucker's significant health issues. Mr. Tucker is both visually and mobility impaired. He has undergone multiple surgeries that have taken a toll on his health. If released, Mr. Tucker hopes to live with his wife of over 25 years.

Mr. Tucker committed a very serious crime. However, over the last several decades, Mr. Tucker has shown remorse for his crime and has maintained positive rehabilitation which has been noticed by correctional staff. For all the foregoing reasons, I believe Mr. Tucker has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of James Tucker to a total of 33 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: JAMES EDWARD TUCKER, JR. Date of Birth: [redacted]/55 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: 480 Alta Road, San Diego, CA 92179

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Simple Assault (Juvenile)	1971/1972	Jackson, MS	Six month susp. prob.
Abusive Language/Disord, conduct	1978/1979	Jackson, MS	\$50-\$100 fine
1st Degree murder/robbery	August 3, 1985	LOS ANGELES	Life Without Parole

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

August 3, 1985, as I stood with my pants down to my ankles, receiving oral sex from a female on her knees, my co-worker, Mr. Alfonso Tarver (victim) stated to me that he had provided me with one of his special marijuana joints laced with PCP, as I was now experiencing ill-effects (without my consent-without my knowledge) (SEE ATTACHED SHEET

CONT. #2)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Applicant's August 3, 1985, crime occurred prior to June 6, 1990, under penal code subsection 1385, which previously permitted Life Without Possibility of Parole inmates to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) to determine suitability of parole, a statute amended by penal code subsection 1385.1 (SEE ATTACHED SHEET CONT. #3)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Respectfully, throughout my 30 plus years of incarceration, applicant achieved 27 plus years of disciplinary free behavior. No acts of violence against staff nor inmates; no possession of any weapons; no acts of (SEE ATTACHED SHEET #4)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Applicant did not...

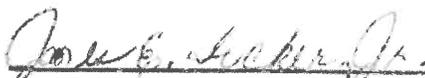
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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, JAMES EDWARD TUCKER, JR., declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

11/10/2015
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, JAMES EDWARD TUCKER, JR.

was convicted of the crime of First (1st) degree murder (187)—Robbery (211)

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of August 3, 1985

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one).

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: E-04822

James E. Tucker, Jr.

Applicant's Signature

11/10/2015

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Lori Dery (Head Deputy) District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from James Tucker, Jr.

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed

Lori Dery

Date

11/18/15

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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From the rear Mr. Tarver sexually-violated me, poking one of his fingers inside my rectum, stating that should speed-up your having a orgasm, so I can get my turn with her. Rage and anger filled me instantly; For I did not condone what Mr. Tarver did to me, nor did I give him consent, as I had been violated twice by Mr. Tarver within a matter of 5-to-10 minutes.

Realizing what Mr. Tarver had just done to me, I immediately stopped with what was going on with me and the female; pulled-up my pants, went directly to my car trunk and removed the tire-iron, wondering and hoping Mr. Tarver didn't have his handgun within reach.

Returning to the area I had departed a few minutes earlier, I observed Mr. Tarver lying on top of the female and did not see his handgun about him; at which point I began to hit him repeatedly with the tire iron, for what he had done to me moments earlier.

I thought I had justification. Remorsefully, I've come to realize justification or not, I did exhibit uncontrollable violence, a horrific act; multiple physical brutal assaults with a tire iron; committing an unlawful sinful act of murder; killing Mr. Tarver, whose life was not mine to take for any reason, which had nothing at all to do with robbery.

At no time did I remove, have possession, know the contents, nor share in, whatever monies Mr. Tarver's wallet contained. And although I did observe Mr. Tarver providing the female with some money, I could not see from a distance how much money he did give her.

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to deny LWOP inmates suitability hearing.

Coleman v. Brown (2013) 952 F. Supp. 2d 901, (a) issued an order that requires the state to implement an Elderly Parole Program so that prisoners who are 60 years of age or older and who have been incarcerated at least 25 years on their current sentence will be referred to the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) to determine suitability of parole.

(b) Under the existing Elderly Parole Program hearings, prisoners who are 60 years of age or older and who have been incarcerated 25 years of more on their current sentence serving either a determinate or indeterminate sentence, and who have not yet had an initial parole suitability hearing are referred by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to the BPH and scheduled for an Elderly Parole Program suitability hearing.

As of November 13, 2015, applicant will be 60 years of age and has been physically incarcerated 30 years on his current sentence; suffering permanent neuropathy (nerve) damage, uncontrollable slips, falls loss of balance, lack of coordination, leg weakness, associated with mobility impairment;

Virus infected Herpetic Keratitis, legal blindness, scarring of the right cornea severely damaged requiring corrective cornea transplant surgery, associated with vision impairment;

Perforated peptic ulcer surgery April 19, 2015, cautiously assigned to wheelchair while recovery still exists, associated with California's growing elderly prison population is costing billions in taxpayer dollars;

Given applicants present diminished physical condition, low risk of recidivism, no longer deemed a public safety risk, not posing an unreasonable risk of danger or risk for future violence, respectfully requests of the Honorable Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., to also consider "COMPASSIONATE MEDICAL RELEASE" for applicant.

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illegal drugs or alcohol; no positive random drugs testings.

I honestly attempted to remain disciplinary rules violation free. Yet, in several situations I faltered; receiving two rules violations within the past 14 years (2001 and 2009). While remaining disciplinary-infraction free since 2009 to the present (2015) has allowed me hope to prepare for a financial, residential, social re-entry plan which shall undoubtedly consist of challenges and adjustments.

Keeping balance not to be distracted from 2004-to-the present (2015) my focus primary objective was continuing with various facets of my "REHABILITATION-EFFORTS & PROPOSALS" being a way for me to amend and atone for some past wrongs.

Rehabilitation-efforts within CDCR has equipped me to righteously utilize effective choices with balance, calm, control decisions and a sense of positive purpose in any given situations or circumstances. And in all instances I would avoid illegal activities, crime, corruption which produces negative consequences; causation for one's integrity to be questioned and doubted.

Respectfully, if I am fortunate to have both sponsor(s) and supporter(s) on my behalf, in my physical absence explain and represent verbally each facet of my "Rehabilitation-Efforts & Proposals", I do wish I could please request of Governor Brown, who does have executive power to authorize and grant me a pardon, time-served, compassionate medical release, conditional release, to allow and permit both sponsor(s) and supporter(s) a closed-session face-to-face meeting. The Rehabilitation-Efforts & Proposals shall prove to serve a worthwhile purpose and be positively advantageous financially infinitely (hundreds-of-years) into the future for the State of California.

I seek no fame, glory, accolades, but respectfully request to remain "ANONYMOUS, INCOGNITO, BEHIND THE SCENES", personifying "SUCCESSFUL-REHABILITATION"; per Governor Brown's satisfaction, my sponsor(s) and supporter(s).

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jahn Vann

On January 12, 1979, Jahn Vann and his crime partner entered Daniel Nack's home intending to rob Mr. Nack. The robbers threatened the occupants at gunpoint, took money, and then tried to take Mr. Nack's wallet. During a struggle, Mr. Vann shot Mr. Nack in the face, killing him. The jury that heard the facts of Mr. Vann's crime concluded that he did not intentionally inflict great bodily injury on Mr. Nack during the attempted robbery. Subsequently, at sentencing the judge also referred to this crime as an "accidental killing." On February 25, 1980, the Ventura County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Vann to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Vann has been incarcerated for nearly 40 years and is now 68 years old. In his application for clemency, Mr. Vann states, "The depth of my remorse from the night I thought I heard Mr. Nack take his last breath continues to eat away at my soul. It was the all-consuming guilt that forced me to turn myself into the authorities." During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Vann again expressed his regret and vowed that he would never engage in violence again.

During nearly four decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Vann has demonstrated his commitment to being free of violence. He has never been disciplined for violent behavior and has avoided gangs. Mr. Vann earned his GED, completed a seminar in personal development, and took college courses. He finished vocational training in laundry, and for several years instructed other inmates on machine operations. Mr. Vann has primarily worked as a clerk for prison officials, and routinely received high work ratings. He has earned the respect of prison staff who see him on a regular basis. A supervisor wrote, "Vann has shown that he is willing to fill in wherever needed, is hard-working, diligent, a self-starter, and a competent clerk. He has always shown respect for and gotten along well with all staff and inmate workers alike." Another supervisor lauded his "exemplary attitude" and "good rapport with staff, custody, and his peers." Still another supervisor noted Mr. Vann's "amicable attitude towards staff and fellow inmates." Over the years, numerous other prison staff, including a correctional counselor, a college instructor, and a program administrator, have taken the time to document Mr. Vann's positive behavior, dependability, and work ethic.

Mr. Vann made a very serious decision to commit a home invasion robbery, but he has demonstrated through his conduct that he has turned away from criminal thinking and violence. I believe that Mr. Vann has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California; by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jahn Vann to a total of 40 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jahn L. Vann (C-13831) Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 50 Social Security Number: _____

Address: Solano State Prison, Level II Bldg 14-4-2-11

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<u>See attached page.</u>			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached page.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached page.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached page.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Jahn Lamon Vann, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Ventura with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jahn L. Vann
Applicant's Signature

April 11, 2018
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Ventura County: Please take notice that I, Jahn L. Vann (C-13831)

was convicted of the crime of Attempted robbery/murder

committed in Ventura County, California, on the date of Jan. 12, 1979

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

Pardon

Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: C-13831

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Jahn L. Vann

Applicant's Signature

April 11, 2018

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Linda Vivion, Clerical Supervisor, District Attorney of the County of Ventura

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Jahn L. Vann

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Linda Vivion

Date 5-7-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

1. Conviction Summary:

Offense(s)	Date of offense(s)	County of conviction	Sentence(s)
a. Disturbing the peace	unk	Ventura	25 or 50 dollar fine
b. Possession and possession for sale	unk	Ventura	dismissed
c. Murder/robbery special circumstances	1-79	Ventura	LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crimes for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I attempted to rob Mr. Nack and Mr. Cumplido and during the course of the robbery I murdered Mr. Nack.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting commutation of sentence because I am a 67 year old first term offender who has served 38 years.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

The depth of my remorse from the night I thought I heard Mr. Nack take his last breath continues to eat away at my soul. It was the all consuming guilt that forced me to turn myself into the authorities. Judge Lewis, my trial judge, stated "one might say that for an accidental killing, life without possibility of parole is severe, nevertheless, the people have spoken..." He said this because the jury found that I "did not intentionally inflict great bodily injury upon the person of Daniel Nack during the commission or attempted commission of the offense alleged in count II of the information."

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

I have not paid or given a gift to anyone to assist me in the preparation of this application.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Matthew Vargas

On May 25, 1997, Matthew Vargas and Mark Alvarez were driving around looking for Oscar Garcia, Armondo Torrez, and Henry Hernandez, following an earlier confrontation with them. When Mr. Vargas spotted the men walking down the street, he shot all three with a rifle. Mr. Torrez and Mr. Hernandez were injured, and Mr. Garcia died as a result of his injuries. On December 21, 1998 Mr. Vargas was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement. On December 17, 2014, the Fresno County Superior Court resentedenced Mr. Vargas to 25 years to life for murder, 14 years to life for two counts of attempted murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement and a 3-year enhancement for great bodily injury — a total term of 52 years to life. Mr. Vargas is parole eligible in 2021.

Mr. Vargas has now been incarcerated for over two decades. In his application for clemency, Mr. Vargas wrote that he began participating in criminal gang activity at the age of 12 because he looked up to his older brothers, who were active gang members. His application describes how at the time of the offense, Mr. Vargas was influenced by Mr. Alvarez, who was much older than Mr. Vargas, had a violent criminal history, and provided Mr. Vargas with the weapon used in the crime.

During more than two decades in prison, Mr. Vargas has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his GED and is currently enrolled in college courses. Mr. Vargas has participated in various self-help programs, including Breaking Barriers, Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Vargas has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him on a regular basis. Mr. Vargas has been commended for his work in the Enhanced Outpatient (EOP) Gold Coat Mentoring Program. In 2016, a staff psychologist praised Mr. Vargas for his work with the program, writing, "Inmate Vargas has demonstrated humility, patience, empathy, and self-awareness when assisting EOP inmate-patients. . . . This position requires stellar social skills, conflict resolutions skills, and frankly, a lot of finesses to succeed for any significant length of time, as Mr. Vargas has." The psychologist concluded, "Inmate Vargas has proven to be a valuable asset to his peers and staff, and can be credited with contributing to the continued success of the Enhanced Outpatient Program." In 2016, a social worker wrote, "While working with inmates in the EOP program, Mr. Vargas has demonstrated patience in interacting with those around him. He has shown the ability to be modest and respectful of the needs of others on a daily basis. Not only does he treat individuals with equality, but he also shows special skills when it comes to mentoring those EOP inmates that are part of the program." Also in 2016, a psychologist wrote, "It's my professional opinion, if given the opportunity to parole, Inmate Vargas would be an asset to his community as illustrated by his exceptional performance as a Gold Coat in the EOP program. He demonstrates great self-improvement, great social skills, role model behavior and great communication skills."

Mr. Vargas committed a very serious crime at the age of 17. Based on his conduct in prison, his dedication to self-improvement, and his commitment to helping other inmates, I believe that Mr. Vargas has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Matthew Vargas to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Matthew Vargas Date of Birth: ██████ 1979 Inmate ID: K-93931
 Address: Matthew Vargas, c/o Post-Conviction Justice Project
(Attn: Michael Brennan) 699 Exposition Blvd., LA, CA 90089 Facility: SATF-Corcoran

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
See Attached			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached submission for the circumstances of the crime for which Mr. Vargas is requesting a commutation of his sentence.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached submission for an explanation of Mr. Vargas's request for a commutation of his sentence.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached submission for a brief statement explaining why Mr. Vargas should be granted a commutation of his sentence.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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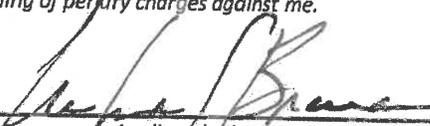
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I, Matthew Vargas, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Fresno with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

ON BEHALF OF MATTHEW VARGAS 10/24/17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Fresno County: Please take notice that I, Matthew Vargas,

was convicted of the crime of First Degree Murder and 2 counts of Attempted First Degree Murder,

committed in Fresno County, California, on the date of 03/24/1998.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

[Signature] ON BEHALF OF MATTHEW VARGAS 10/24/07
Applicant's Signature Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Lisa A. Smittcamp, District Attorney of the County of Fresno,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Matthew Vargas,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed [Signature]

Date November 3, 2017

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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FRESNO COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Via U.S. MAIL
October 25, 2017

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Office of the Governor
Attn: Legal Affairs
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Matthew Vargas (K-93931), Application for Commutation of Sentence

Dear Governor Brown:

Matthew Vargas, who has spent more than half of his life incarcerated, does not have the opportunity to go before the Board of Parole Hearings for several years for crimes he participated in when he was 17 years old, and under the influence of a much older, violent criminal. Mr. Vargas has an exceptional post-conviction record. His sentence should be commuted, making him eligible for earlier parole consideration.

Mr. Vargas's intoxication and age made him particularly susceptible to the influence of his co-participant, Mark Alvarez, who encouraged Mr. Vargas to commit the crimes that led to his conviction – a shooting that claimed the life of one victim, and nearly claimed the lives of two others. Because he suffered from parental neglect, his only role models were his two older, gang-affiliated brothers. Consequently, Mr. Vargas's ability to develop positive relationships was crippled, and compounded by the pressures to join and have loyalty to a gang. He followed



his brothers' footsteps by joining the Fresno Bulldogs, but realized he did not want to be affiliated with the violent nature of being in a gang. He disaffiliated from the gang by the age of sixteen, which resulted in tension between him and the other gang members. After being beaten up by the three victims, active Fresno Bulldog members, Mr. Vargas retaliated by committing his life crime.

In 2014, Mr. Vargas was resentenced from an LWOP sentence to a parole-eligible sentence. (Ex. A, Tr. of State Prison Sentencing, *People v. Matthew Vargas* (Dec. 17, 2014) (No. CF97596321) at 42:4-53:14.) Mr. Vargas's enhancements, however, were stayed and he is not eligible for parole until 2021. The circumstances of Mr. Vargas's youth, the circumstances of his crime, and his extraordinary rehabilitation support commutation of his sentence so he will be immediately eligible for the Youth Offender Parole process.

During two decades of incarceration, Mr. Vargas has not received any serious disciplinary violations. (Ex. C, Decl. of Daniel J. Fulks in Supp. of Sentencing Mem. and Statement in Mitigation, *People v. Matthew Vargas* (Aug. 20, 2014) (No. CF97596321) at 87, ¶ 6.) He has the lowest possible Preliminary Classification Score (0), and he has the lowest possible score on the CDCR recidivism risk assessment (1- Low Risk). (*Id.* at 108-09, ¶¶ 31-33.) Mr. Vargas has been a positive, contributing member of his prison community, exhibiting leadership and initiative in a wide variety of programming. He has maintained a stable work history and received evaluations rating his work performance as "exceptional." (*Id.* at 107, ¶ 27.)

Mr. Vargas represents the neglected, teenaged defendant. He represents the easily lost, coerced kid that was influenced by his gang-affiliated brothers and friends. Yet, he also

represents the best that CDCR has to show for its efforts to rehabilitate broken individuals.

Matthew Vargas represents a successfully transformed man.

Mr. Vargas respectfully requests that the Governor commute his sentence to make him immediately eligible for the Youth Offender Parole process, which will allow him to demonstrate that he has successfully rehabilitated and no longer poses a danger to society. He has earned a chance to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings to make his case so they can determine whether he is ready to be released from prison.

I. CASE HISTORY

A. Family and Social Background

Mr. Vargas's childhood was filled with significant challenges and limited resources. His father never accepted him, and ultimately committed suicide when Mr. Vargas was just seven years old. (Ex. G, Probation Officer's Report, *People v. Matthew Vargas* (1998) (No. 84561-0) at 131.) Consequently, Mr. Vargas grew up in a single-parent household with many siblings. His mother was rarely in the home and was heavily intoxicated during the little time she stayed with her children. Without adequate parental supervision, Mr. Vargas's role models were his two older brothers.

Mr. Vargas's brothers were members of the Fresno Bulldogs gang and were often involved in dealing drugs, stealing, and hot-wiring cars. (Ex. D, Decl. of Aurora Swafford in Supp. of Sentencing Mem. and Statement in Mitigation, *People v. Matthew Vargas* (Aug. 15, 2014) (No. CF97596321) at ¶ 8.) The Vargas residence became a well-known "Bulldog house," where members frequently drank and participated in criminal acts. (*Id.* at ¶ 9.) It was not long

before Mr. Vargas joined the Bulldogs, just like his older brothers. He began to drink heavily with other members, which was the norm within the gang culture and his family. (*Id.* at ¶ 10.)

Mr. Vargas's childhood led him to a friendship with Mark Alvarez, a participant in the crime. Mr. Alvarez had a previous conviction for assault with a deadly weapon before ever meeting Mr. Vargas. (Ex. F, Probation Officer's Report, *People v. Mark Alvarez* (1999) (No. CF97596324) at 125.) Those who knew Mr. Alvarez described him as a "manipulative person who acted violently if he didn't get what he wanted." (Ex. E, Decl. of Jessica Jenkins in Supp. of Sentencing Mem. and Statement in Mitigation, *People v. Matthew Vargas* (Aug. 15, 2014) (No. CF97596321) at ¶ 4.) One on occasion, Mr. Alvarez held a knife to his pregnant girlfriend's throat during an argument about picking up milk from the grocery store. (*Id.*)

This challenging environment impacted Mr. Vargas, and played a role in his participation in the crime. Dr. Seymour, a clinical psychologist, concluded that:

Children, like Mr. Vargas, who are raised in this type of environment, are even more likely to display impulsive behavior, a poor capacity to assess risk, a higher capacity for interpersonal violence, a higher rate of a full range of delinquent behaviors, inadequate emotional development, and likely contact with the criminal justice system.

(Ex. B, Decl. of Dr. Harold L. Seymour in Supp. of Sentencing Mem. and Statement in Mitigation, *People v. Matthew Vargas* (Sept. 2, 2014) (No. CF97596321) at 72.)

Mr. Vargas was unable to remove himself from his family's home. He had not finished high school and could not support himself financially. His home was filled with criminal behavior. He had no other place to go. These environmental factors mitigate his culpability in the crime and support a commutation of his sentence.

D. Commitment Offenses

On May 25, 1997, when Mr. Vargas was 17 years old, he shot three individuals who had physically attacked him earlier that night. His retaliation resulted in the death of Oscar Garcia and the injuries to Armando Torrez and Henry Hernandez. The three victims, members of the Bulldogs, were the aggressors in the initial confrontation. Mr. Vargas was intoxicated and felt humiliated, resulting in him calling Mr. Alvarez. After speaking briefly on the phone, Mr. Alvarez brought a loaded gun to Mr. Vargas's residence. They continued to drink alcohol and smoke marijuana. Later, Mr. Alvarez drove Mr. Vargas around the community in hopes of finding the victims. After finding them, Mr. Alvarez illuminated the car's bright headlights toward them, but Mr. Vargas hesitated in shooting the victims. After encouragement from Mr. Alvarez, he shot at the three victims.

E. Conviction/Resentencing

After his conviction in 1998, Mr. Vargas was sentenced to LWOP, with sentence enhancements. As to Count One, murder, Mr. Vargas was sentenced to LWOP, with an additional 10-year enhancement for aggravated gun use. As to Counts Two and Three, premeditated attempted murder, Mr. Vargas was sentenced to life with the possibility of parole, with the aggravated term for the remaining enhancement terms to run concurrently. In 2014, Mr. Vargas was resentenced from a LWOP sentence to a parole-eligible sentence. The prosecution recommended a parole-eligible life sentence based on the acknowledgement that Mr. Vargas has made a significant effort to change. (Ex. A at 14:26-29:8.) During the re-sentencing hearing, the court considered three factors: (1) Mr. Vargas had an adult co-participant; (2) he did not have a felony with a significant potential for personal harm to victims; and (3) he was intoxicated at the

time of his commitment offense. (*Id.* at 42:4-53:14.) Mr. Vargas's enhancements however were stayed as to all Counts. Therefore, Mr. Vargas must serve 25 years to life plus an additional 10-year gun enhancement. Mr. Vargas respectfully requests that his sentence be commuted so he will be immediately eligible for the Youth Offender Parole process.

F. Exceptional Performance in Prison

Mr. Vargas has a remarkable prison record, and he has committed himself to rehabilitation from the very beginning of his incarceration. Although he was originally sentenced to LWOP, he wanted to be a programmer – an inmate that remains disciplinary free throughout his entire incarceration. Mr. Vargas has successfully achieved his goal during his two decades of incarceration. He has never received a serious disciplinary violation. (Ex. C at 102, ¶ 10.) According to Daniel J. Fulks, an expert in correctional matters, including California State Prisons, prison culture, and prison gangs, it is extremely rare for an inmate to remain disciplinary free for sixteen years. (*Id.* at ¶ 11) Due to his impeccable disciplinary record, Mr. Vargas's Preliminary Classification Score has been reduced to zero, the lowest Preliminary Classification Score possible. (*Id.* at 108-09, ¶ 31.) Additionally, Mr. Vargas maintains the lowest CDCR recidivism risk assessment score possible (1- Low Risk). (*Id.* at 109, ¶ 34.) Mr. Vargas renounced any gang affiliation 19 years ago, when he first arrived in CDCR. He has never been involved with any gang or disruptive group while in prison. (*Id.* at 103, ¶ 16).

Mr. Vargas has participated extensively in self-help programming, taken advantage of educational and vocational opportunities, and volunteered his time in various programs. He now understands what led to his involvement in his crime and has developed into an emotionally sound and stable person. He has worked hard to manage his substance abuse by voluntarily

participating in Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous 12-step programs. His participation in these programs began while he was serving an LWOP sentence, which strongly supports Mr. Vargas's commitment to rehabilitation. Additionally, Mr. Vargas has participated in mood and anger management training, which taught him how to maintain control of his impulses and how to respond to difficult situations as opposed to reacting to them (*See Ex. H*).

Not long after arriving in CDCR, Mr. Vargas earned his G.E.D., and continued to educate himself. He achieved the highest score possible (12.9) on the Adult Basic Education test. (Ex. C at 106, ¶ 23.) Additionally, Mr. Vargas's work history has been steady and exceptional. He consistently receives positive Work Supervisory Reports, including comments such as "good worker," "good attitude," and "gets along well with staff." (*Id.* at 107, ¶ 27.)

Mr. Vargas has also been a contributing member of the prison community. He volunteers for various programs, including the Education, Diversion, and Goals to Endeavor ("E.D.G.E.") program. This program's purpose is to reach at-risk youth and steer them away from drugs, violence, and gang involvement. (*Id.* at 105, ¶ 21.) Mr. Vargas has counseled more than 45 juveniles, and was praised by prison officials for his "unselfish participation, due diligence, and dedication to the program." (*Id.*) In addition to the E.D.G.E. program, Mr. Vargas served as a facilitator in the Alternative to Violence Program (*Id.* at 106-07, ¶ 25.)

Mr. Vargas has worked tirelessly to improve himself and to help other inmates turn their lives around. He has fully demonstrated his tremendous capacity to rehabilitate, his willingness to do the hard work to change his life's course, and that he poses no risk of danger to society.

II. MR. VARGAS'S ENHANCEMENTS SHOULD BE COMMUTED.

A. The Equities of Mr. Vargas's Case Strongly Support Commutation.

Mr. Vargas's participation in his crimes did not result from malice or inherent criminality. He grew up surrounded by and subjected to gang involvement, which influenced him to become a member of the gang. At the time of the life crime, he had disaffiliated from the gang, and as a result of his disaffiliation, had been beaten by three active members. Mr. Vargas had no support from his family to maintain his disaffiliation and have a positive, productive life. He was a teenager with no financial support and no place to live other than his childhood home, a well-known gang-affiliated residence.

In a stable, structured environment, Mr. Vargas has sought out pro-social peers and thrived. Despite his original LWOP sentence, he applied himself from the moment he arrived in CDCR, worked hard, contributed to his community, and invested in addressing the causative factors of his crimes.

B. Mr. Vargas's Young Age Supports His Request for Commutation.

1. The Principles Underlying the Constitutional Limits on Juvenile Sentencing Support Commutation.

The U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that youth are different from adults in constitutionally significant ways, and that "those differences counsel against irrevocably sentencing them to a lifetime in prison." *Miller v. Alabama*, 132 S. Ct. 2455, 2469 (2012), *Montgomery v. Louisiana*, 136 S. Ct. 718, 733 (2016). These differences include "immaturity, impetuosity, and failure to appreciate risks and consequences," "recklessness," "heightened capacity for change," and an inability to extricate oneself from a family or home environment "no matter how brutal or dysfunctional." *Miller*, 132 S. Ct. at 2469. California law recognized

the significance of these differences in Senate Bill 9. *See* Cal. Penal Code § 1170(d)(2) (allowing a person who was under 18 years old at the time of a crime and sentenced to LWOP to petition for resentencing).

Consideration of the *Miller* factors demonstrate that waiting until 2021 for parole consideration is not appropriate for Mr. Vargas. His crimes did not result from irreparable corruption. He was immature, intoxicated, and susceptible to negative peer influence, further diminishing his culpability for these crimes. Mr. Vargas's involvement with Mr. Alvarez – the moving force behind the crime – stemmed from his violent, gang-infested home environment. Mr. Vargas has demonstrated precisely the growth and rehabilitation that *Miller/Montgomery* contemplate for young persons.

IV. CONCLUSION

Mr. Vargas respectfully requests his sentence be commuted such that he is immediately eligible for a Youth Offender Parole Hearing. Commutation is warranted in this case. At the time of his crime, he was young and intoxicated. Mr. Vargas has served over half his life in prison, dedicating himself to personal growth, rehabilitation, and serving others. He deserves a meaningful opportunity to demonstrate to the parole board that he no longer poses any risk of danger to the community and to earn his release on parole.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Brennan
Supervising Attorney
Post-Conviction Justice Project

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Miguel Vigas

In April 2002, Regino Abundis, Juan Baragan, and Jose Morales went to a home to purchase drugs. 18-year-old Miguel Vigas and several armed crime partners attacked the men, bounding their eyes and hands with duct tape and taking their wallets. Mr. Vigas then shot Mr. Abundis in the chest, killing him. On May 20, 2004, the Stanislaus County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Vigas to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Vigas seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, Mr. Vigas wrote, "I was able to learn that drugs, easy money and anger is what led me to commit this crime leading me to harm my loved ones, killing Mr. Abundis and hurting his family and society in general. I have learned to think in a positive manner which has led me to become a better person."

During more than a decade in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Vigas has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has successfully participated in the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities, for many years. Notably, Mr. Vigas removed himself from all gang involvement and has never been disciplined for drug or alcohol use. Mr. Vigas has also taken advantage of multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Sensitivity, and Domestic Violence.

Mr. Vigas has been recognized by prison staff for his positive attitude and behavior. In 2017, a correctional work supervisor commended Mr. Vigas for his "exceptional behavior" and wrote, "Vigas exhibits leadership qualities and has displayed exceptional skills and knowledge. . . . In the event that Vigas is released back into society, I strongly believe that Vigas will abide by the law and be a model citizen." Mr. Vigas has a solid plan in place in the event of his release; he plans to live with family in Mexico and continue participating in Narcotics Anonymous.

Mr. Vigas committed a very serious crime. However, he has made significant strides to turn his life around and has demonstrated that he can become a contributing member to society. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Miguel Vigas to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Miguel Angel Vigas Zavala #V38945 Date of Birth: [redacted]/1983 Social Security Number: none
CSP-LAC P.O. Box 4430 / A3-204
Address: Lancaster, CA 93539-4430

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 187 SPC Circumstances	April 18, 2002	Stanislaus	Life Without Parole
EN FPC 182/211 MURDER & ROBBERY			Plus additional 25 years

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): On April 2002, I planned to rob Mr. Javier Abundes. I had him come over to my home. We began to struggle in the back of the house. I had a revolver in my hand and unfortunately I shot and killed Mr. Abundes.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): I feel that the Lawyer that the court appointed me did not provide adequate counsel in my case.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary): See Attached page.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2): I just received help in translating what I wrote to English.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

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I, Miguel Angel Vigas Zavala, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Stalifornia with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Miguel A. Vigas Zavala
Applicant's Signature

6/7/17
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Miguel Angel Vigas Zavala #V38945
Application for Commutation of sentence

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation:

I was 18 years old at the time of my offense. I have been incarcerated for 15 years. I have taken Alcoholic Anonymous, Narcotic Anonymous and Domestic Violence classes. It is through these classes that I was able to learn that drugs, easy money and anger is what led me to commit this crime leading me to harm my loved ones, killing Mr. Abundes and hurting his family and society in general. I have learned to think in a positive manner which has led me to become a better person.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Anthony Wafer

Between May and July 1998, Anthony Wafer committed 18 separate commercial robberies, in some cases inflicting injury on cashiers in order to steal money from the cash registers. On May 22, 1998, Mr. Wafer entered a gas station and struck the cashier, Wilson Kandanaarachige, on the head, then took his wallet and also money from the register. In January 1999, Mr. Kandanaarachige died of complications related to the head injury. On January 8, 2001, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Wafer to life without the possibility of parole for murder, 10 years for eight counts of robbery, plus one year and eight months for weapon enhancements.

Mr. Wafer has now been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Wafer wrote, "I'm not the same drug and alcohol addicted person at 51 ½ years old as I once was 19 years ago." Mr. Wafer admitted that "I started to using and abusing drugs and alcohol in a short period of time as a means of coping or running away from my responsibilities. So shortly thereafter, I started committing a string of local commercial robberies to support my drug habit." Mr. Wafer also reported, "I've been clean and free of drugs and alcohol for 17 ½ years now." During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Wafer said that his application for clemency seeks "mercy" because "I don't deserve anything because of the things that I've done."

Mr. Wafer is now 53 years old. Although he has been incarcerated for two decades with no possibility of parole, Mr. Wafer has shown a sincere desire to change his life. He has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Anger Management, Paving the Way, Men for Honor, Constructive Communication, and Veterans Embracing Troops. Mr. Wafer has served his prison community by acting as a facilitator for basic and advanced Alternatives to Violence, a rehabilitation program. He has contributed to the larger community by writing letters to military troops serving in combat zones, by making donations to survivors of crime, the American Red Cross, and the American Cancer Society, and by participating in fundraisers to support veteran's organizations. Due to his positive conduct and the relationships he has fostered amongst his peers, he was recently elected to serve as the Vice Chairman of the Men's Advisory Council.

Mr. Wafer has also earned the respect of the prison staff who supervise his work. A correctional officer recently wrote a commendation to "acknowledge and document the exceptional conduct and work performance of inmate Wafer." He concluded by stating, "this laudatory chrono is fully justified by inmate Wafer's behavior, work performance, and interpersonal interactions with staff and other inmates as directly observed by this writer." Another supervisor wrote, "Wafer is a competent and efficient worker who performs all his duties with diligence. His willingness to assist both staff and all co-workers so that everyone exceeds at their job demonstrates his exceptional maturity and sense of responsibility."

Mr. Wafer committed serious crimes, but it is clear that he has endeavored to achieve rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Wafer has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Anthony Wafer to a total of 23 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Anthony D. Wafer Date of Birth: 1965 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: CSP- Los Angeles County, P.O. Box 4430, Lancaster, CA 93539

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<u>MURDER/ROBBERY</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>Los Angeles</u>	<u>LWOP</u>

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

IN 1997, I HAD SOME EXTENSIVE FAMILY AND WORK RELATED EVENTS WHICH HAD OCCURRED IN MY LIFE, AND AT THAT TIME, I WASN'T MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY, OR FINANCIALLY CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF THOSE THINGS. FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS OF AN OVERWHELMING MAGNITUDE HAD TAKEN A TOLL ON MY LIFE, COUPLED WITH ASSOCIATING WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE, AND I STARTED TO USING AND ABUSING DRUGS (SEE ATTACHED PAGE)

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I'M NOT THE SAME DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTED PERSON TODAY AT 51 1/2 YEARS OLD, AS I ONCE WAS 19 YEARS AGO. I'VE BEEN CLEAN AND FREE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL FOR MORE THAN 17 1/2 YEARS NOW, OF MY OWN CHOICE! BACK IN 1997 I WOULD NOT HAVE TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOST OR ALL OF THE THINGS I USED TO DO. BUT TODAY, AND ON-WARD IN LIFE, AS WITH THE YEARS (SEE ATTACHED PAGE)

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO SAY; BY DEFINITION ALONE OF THE WORD 'SHOULD', I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE GRANTED DUE TO SOME OBLIGATION, OR DUTY, HENCE THE QUESTION ABOVE OF "WHY YOU 'SHOULD' BE GRANTED A PARDON OR COMMUTATION"? BUT AS A CHRISTIAN, AND A STRONG MAN OF FAITH, (SEE ATTACHED PAGE)

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Anthony D. Wafer, was convicted of the crime of Murder / Robbery, committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 12/1/2000.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
 Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: T-06457.

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Anthony D. Wafer Applicant's Signature Date 4/3/17

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Barbara Wuff AD, District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Anthony D. Wafer,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed Barbara Wuff

Date 4/20/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

II.

1 And alcohol in a very short period as a means of coping, and or running
2 from my responsibilities. So shortly thereafter, I started committing a
3 series of local commercial robberies to support my habit of drug use, which
4 lead to me eventually destroying my life, my family, and the people of
5 my community. These actions also lead to me being responsible for the
6 events and circumstances which lead to the death of Mr. Wilson K.
7 (KANDANARACHIGE) in 1998...

III.

10 that has gone by, I take full responsibility for every thought, word, action,
11 or deed in life that comes from myself. I weigh my thoughts - "to think about
12 what I'm thinking about" before my thoughts result into action. I weigh my
13 words to be sure that my words are in line with right thinking before I speak.
14 And I truly weigh my actions and deeds to be sure that, in them, I'm
15 adding to my own life, adding to the life of my wife, children, and family,
16 as well as, to the growth, prosperity, and well-being of my neighbors and
17 community. My aim in life today is to be an asset, and to give back in
18 anyway I can to those that has been affected by my wrongful actions, i.e.,
19 my family and community, and this change of being an asset, and
20 giving back has already begun in this present community in which I
21 currently reside. (See attached documents)

IV.

24 I also do have hope of expectation, or probability of this request being granted,
25 in which would certainly have a real impact on my life, and of those in my
26 community. This is my first time of ever being in some real trouble, and
27 I take full responsibility for the crimes that I committed, and were convicted
28 of, and at the same time, I truly realize the horrible impact of my crimes, and



1 the lives that I destroyed because of my poor decisions. I've come to once
2 again realize and know that all life is precious, and that it is my responsibility
3 to care for mankind, which is our greatest asset for the restoration of
4 humanity, and the healing and rebuilding of our communities... Thank you
5 for your time and consideration of this application and request for
6 commutation.

8 Date: April 11, 2017

12 Respectfully submitted,

14 Anthony D. Wafer
Anthony Darnell Wafer, Applicant



1 PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

2 (CCP §§1013(a), 2015.5; 28 U.S.C. §1746)

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4 I, Anthony D. Wafer, hereby declare that I am over the age of 18, I am the
5 petitioner in the above-entitled cause of action, and my legal mailing address CSP/LAC – A 2-
6 228, P.O. BOX ⁴⁴³⁶~~8457~~, Lancaster, CA 93539-8457.

7 On April 3, 2017, I delegated to prison officials the task of mailing, via
8 the institution's internal mail system (*Houston v. Lack*, 487 US 266 [101 L.Ed.2d 245; 108
9 S.Ct. 2379] (1988)), the below entitled legal document(s):

10 Notice of Intent to Apply For
11 Executive Clemency

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15 by placing said documents in a properly addressed and sealed envelope, with postage fully pre-
16 paid, in the United States Mail, deposited in the manner provided by CSP/LAC, and addressed
17 as follows:

18 District Attorney Office
19 210 W. Temple St. #18000
20 Los Angeles, CA 90012-3210
21 Attent: Jackie Lacey, D.A.

22 I further declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the
23 best of my knowledge. Executed this 3rd day of April 2017 at California State
24 Prison – Los Angeles County.

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DECLARANT Anthony D. Wafer

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10 Application For EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

11 * Copy of Notice of Intent to Apply For
12 EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY w/PROOF OF SERVICE by MAIL

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15 by placing said documents in a properly addressed and sealed envelope, with postage fully pre-
16 paid, in the United States Mail, deposited in the manner provided by CSP/LAC, and addressed
17 as follows:

18 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, STATE CAPITOL
19 ATTN: LEGAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY
20 SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

21
22 I further declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the
23 best of my knowledge. Executed this 11th day of April 2017 at California State
24 Prison - Los Angeles County.

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27 Anthony D. Waf
DECLARANT Anthony D. WAFER
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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ronald Wagner

On September 21, 1989, Ronald Wagner, Allen Carberry, and Gilbert Robles strangled Kenneth Masters and Jim Hestler to death. Afterwards, they buried the bodies in the desert. On August 8, 1992, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Wagner to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Wagner was 21 years old when he committed his crime and has since been incarcerated for nearly thirty years. During his lengthy incarceration, Mr. Wagner has only been disciplined twice. He has avoided violence and gangs and maintained his sobriety for many years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Wagner expressed that he has made a wholesale change, writing, "My warped ways of thinking are behind me. I am a man that will not re-offend. . . . I have taken advantage of the college programing nearing my associate in arts degree and I do intend on furthering my education to the fullest. I will be a positive member of society. I am just asking for a second chance. I will not need a third chance."

In prison, Mr. Wagner has been steadfast in his work assignments and has committed to making educational improvements. Mr. Wagner has consistently received above average to exceptional work ratings, has completed a vocation in computer literacy, and is working towards his associate's degree. Mr. Wagner has spent substantial time tutoring other inmates, and in 2018, an academic instructor reported that Mr. Wagner "has demonstrated a high degree of both ability and responsibility in the performance of his duties." In 2016, another academic instructor reported that Mr. Wagner "has consistently performed his duties at a level of excellence that is rarely seen among workers, both in and outside of prison. During the short time that he has been assigned to [adult education classes], his proficiency at clerical duties and his ability to relate well to others, both staff and students, have been an important part of the success of the program."

Mr. Wagner asked in his commutation application "for another chance to be a positive and productive citizen of the community." While there is no question as to the serious and violent nature of Mr. Wagner's crimes, I believe that he has demonstrated his dedication to his rehabilitation. For all the foregoing reasons, I believe that Mr. Wagner has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ronald Wagner to a total of 29 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th day of December, 2018.




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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: RONALD JOSEPH WAGNER Date of Birth: [REDACTED] / 67 Inmate ID: 1945886
Address: P.O. Box 2199, D4-2170, BLYTHE, CA 92224 Facility: IRONWOOD STATE MANSION

1. Conviction Summary: P.C. 190.

List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of Conviction(s):	Sentences(s):

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I CAME HOME FINDING GILBERT ROBLES, AND ALAN CARBERLY IN THE HOUSE, WHICH WAS ODD. KENNETH MASTERS AND JAMES HESTLER WERE IN THE OTHER ROOM DEAD. IN MY WARPED WAY OF THINKING I AGREED TO HELP THEM DRIVE KENNETH AND JAMES TO THE DESERT AND BURY THEM. I WAS ALSO TO RETURN HOME AND ACT LIKE THAT THEY NEVER (CONT.)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

TO ASK FOR ANOTHER CHANCE TO BE A POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN OF THE COMMUNITY. MY MISTAKE I LIVE WITH EVERY DAY. I AM NOT THAT KID ANYMORE. I CAN BE A PRODUCTIVE TAX PAYER INSTEAD OF A TAX BURDEN ON CALIFORNIA. LET ME EARN MY FREEDOM THROUGH MY

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

MY WARPED WAYS OF THINKING ARE BEHIND ME. I AM A MAN THAT WILL NOT RE-OFFEND. I AM A POSITIVE PRODUCT OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION. I HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE COLLEGE PROGRAM NEARING MY ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE AND I DO INTEND ON

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, RONALD JOSEPH WAGNER, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)

California that I have served the District Attorney of LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Ronald J Wagner
Applicant's Signature

8/31/2017
Date

* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

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RETURNED HOME. I COULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH THEIR PLAN FOR ME TO HIDE THE CRIME. I KNOW I LET KENNETH AND JIM DOWN. I WAS THEN CHARGED FOR THEIR MURDERS TWO AND A HALF MONTHS LATER.

CONTINUED FROM #3.

REHABILITATIVE EFFORTS. I HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH THESE PAST YEARS AND I WILL NOT BE ANY OF THE NEGATIVE STATISTICS.

CONTINUED FROM #4.

FURTHERING MY EDUCATION TO THE FULLEST. I WILL BE A POSITIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY. I AM JUST ASKING FOR A SECOND CHANCE. I WILL NOT NEED A THIRD CHANCE. MY RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. THE ONE TIME I DID NOT DO I HAVE TO SPEND MY LIFE INSIDE. THE REVIEW OF MY CASE WILL INDEED SHOW THAT I DID NOT KILL ANYONE. I AM ASKING FOR THE CHANCE TO BE DISAPPOINTED AT MY CHOICE, TO BE ANGRY AT GRIDLOCK, TO COMPLAIN ABOUT HIGH RENT, TO BE A RESPONSIBLE HUMAN BEING. I'VE SPENT THE LAST 38 YEARS TRYING TO GET BACK TO BEING THE BROTHER, THE SON, THE FRIEND WE ARE SUPPOSE TO BE. I CAN BE AND I AM THE LAW ABIDING CITIZEN THAT WILL BE A POSITIVE AND PRODUCT PART OF ANY COMMUNITY.

Ronald J. Wagner 8/31/2017
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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Demetrius Walton

On December 19, 2001, Demetrius Walton, Rayshawn Sessions, and Damian Owens entered Russell Wilson's apartment, planning on robbing Mr. Wilson of drugs, money, and jewelry. During the course of the robbery, Mr. Sessions shot Mr. Wilson, killing him. All three men grabbed valuables as they left the apartment. On March 13, 2003, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Walton to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Walton has now been incarcerated for 17 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Walton stressed the change he has experienced since coming to prison. He stated in his application "[A]t the time I committed this crime, I was a young, immature kid. But since then, I have learned and have grown as a person and I can be an asset to my community if given the privilege."

Although Mr. Walton is serving a sentence with no possibility of parole, he has dedicated himself to turning his life around. He has been disciplined for misconduct only twice in almost two decades of incarceration. He earned his GED and two A.A. degrees. Mr. Walton has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alternatives to Violence, Victim Offender Education Group, Celebrate Recovery, and Alcoholics Anonymous. He has also facilitated several self-help groups, including Victim Sensitivity and Life Skills. Mr. Walton resided on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard, for several years.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Walton has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see him on a regular basis. In 2013, Mr. Walton's Men for Honor sponsor stated, "His contributions in time and management of this academic peer to peer activity group helped hundreds of other inmates find direction, gain self-help and participate in a positive activity that was larger than themselves. His leadership is unique and appreciated and is exactly the type of attitude that makes the [honor yard] the unique success that it has been." In 2012, another sponsor stated "Inmate Walton mentored 17 inmates in earning their Associate of Arts degrees and 13 inmates in earning their GEDs. Inmate Walton is a positive member of this program and is to be commended for his efforts in helping to educate his fellow inmates."

Many people sentenced to life without the possibility of parole give up hope and lose themselves in drugs, gangs, and violence. Faced with that same sentence, Mr. Walton exhibited a commitment to rehabilitating himself and others. I acknowledge that this crime was devastating to Mr. Wilson's family members, who have opposed clemency in this case. However, after serious consideration, I believe Mr. Walton has transformed his life in prison. For this reason, I believe that Mr. Walton has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Demetrius Walton to a total of 23 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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Demetrius Walton T82421

P.O. Box 4000

CSP - Solano

Vacaville, CA. 95696

June 13, 2018

Governor Edmond G. Brown Jr.

State Capitol Suite 1173

Sacramento, CA. 95814

Re: Letter to support the granting of my Commutation of Sentence

Dear Governor Brown,

My name is Demetrius Walton and I hired Tracy Lum to draft and file a Commutation of Sentence on my behalf. I'm writing my own support letter so please add this letter to the Clemency Commutation of Sentence that she filed for me.

On December 19, 2001, Rayshawn Session, Damien Owens, Shalimar Wiley and I went to the home of Russel Wilson to commit a robbery. After being there for two hours, Session tried to hit Wilson with a gun and it accidentally ^{fired} one round, fatally hitting Wilson in the chest. After Session shot Wilson, I asked Session why did he do that. His response was an order for me to take Wilson's rings. I didn't comply, instead I turned to leave the scene and grabbed a Sony playstation game console and left the residence. I was convicted of

felony-murder and sentenced to life without parole plus one year.

I am requesting a Commutation of Sentence because I have been excluded from many recent laws that would apply to me but unfortunately my sentence of life without parole keep me ineligible from reaping the benefits of these laws.

Laws such as Senate Bill 261, in which you signed into law in 2015. This Bill follows scientific evidence on brain development in youths. Senate Bill 261 grants youth offender parole hearings to those who were under 23 years of age at the time of their offense.

I was 22 years of age at the time of my offense and this Bill recognizes the lack of maturity and lessened culpability of youthful offenders along with their special capacity for change. But, because I was convicted of special circumstance murder under the felony-murder rule as an aider and abettor, this Bill exclude persons such as myself regardless of my youthful age at the time of my offense.

Assembly Bill 1308 "would require the Board of Parole Hearings to conduct youth offender parole hearings for offenders sentenced to state prison who committed those specified crimes when they were 25 years of age or younger." This Bill follows the most recent scientific evidence on brain development in youths and again, I have been excluded for no other reason other than the fact that I was sentenced to life without parole.

Prior to Senate Bill 261 and Assembly Bill 1308, Senate Bill 9;

which granted juveniles convicted of special circumstance murder and sentenced to life without parole, an opportunity to have a court reduce the life without parole sentence. In all three of these Bills the underlying science concludes that youths brains are not fully developed until sometime after their early 20's.

Miller v. Alabama (2012) 567 U.S. has accepted this very science and has held, "None of what it said about children — about their distinctive and transitory mental traits and environmental vulnerabilities — is crime specific. Those features are evident in the same way and to the same degree, when a botched robbery turns into a killing." In my situation a botched robbery turned into an accidental killing, and because of that, I am denied all of the protections and benefits others in my peer group were afforded. In my situation my youthfulness has been denied due to specific crimes, a killing that I did not personally commit.

I am also requesting a commutation of sentence because of the California Supreme Court's unanimous decision in People v. Banks (2015) 61 Cal. 4th 788, announced July 9, 2015, which held that "the individual culpability of a defendant who did not himself kill, attempt to kill or intend that a killing take place, or that lethal force will be employed, is not the same as the defendant who actually does kill." Therefore, making a defendant, who does not kill nor participate in the actual murder in a felony-murder, ineligible for a sentence of life without parole. The Banks case changed California's felony-murder law for aider and abettors.

This commutation of sentence is the only avenue I have to one day being released from prison because prior to the Banks

decision, I had already filed a writ of habeas corpus in the Federal Courts and the only way I am allowed to file a second or successive habeas petition is to first file an Application to File a Successive Petition in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, in which they are rarely granted.

My Application to File a Successive Petition was denied on January 23, 2017, which means the Courts never reached the merits of the Banks issue in my case. So, although I am ineligible for a sentence of life without parole, according to Banks, I am blocked from litigating my case in the Federal Courts. This Commutation of Sentence is all I have left in working towards release because I have exhausted all of my remedies through litigation and I am regularly excluded through legislation.

Governor Brown, I believe my Commutation of Sentence should be granted because I have no prior criminal record as an adult nor juvenile. And, in light of recent legislation such as Senate Bill 9 and Assembly Bill 1308, which each separately address the varying degrees of lessened culpability inherent in youths and minors.

Assembly Bill 1308 establishes a framework for considering the traits of youthfulness and the potential for growth in those who committed crimes while under the age of 25. Senate Bill 9 specifically make mention of the juvenile being convicted of felony-murder under aiding and abetting provisions.

The legislature recently passed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 48 (SCR 48) which criticizes the aiding and abetting principles of the

felony-murder rule; stating that "It is fundamentally unfair and in violation of basic principles of individual criminal culpability to hold one felon liable for the unforeseen results of another felon's actions, especially when such conduct was not agreed upon; and criminal liability and sentencing should comport with individual culpability, thereby making conviction under a felony-murder theory inconsistent with basic principles of law and equity." SCR 48 further states "the felony-murder doctrine is unnecessary and in many cases unjust in that it violates the basic premise of individual moral culpability upon which our criminal law is based."

In no other situation is the law so overly harsh and extreme as to punish a person far beyond their individual culpability and for this is why I believe you should grant my application for a Commutation of Sentence.

Lastly, I believe you should grant my application for Commutation of Sentence because during my imprisonment I have grown and matured in many ways over the 16 years that I've been incarcerated. Although I have two rules violations, both for being in possession of a cell phone, I've learned from those mistakes and I believe that my accomplishments and my ability to finally have hope will be enough to out-weigh those infractions; and the granting of this Commutation of Sentence will provide further incentive for me to continue on the right track.

During my imprisonment I've earned a GED, two Associate in Arts Degrees (one in Arts and Humanities, and the other in Social and Behavioral Science), I've worked as a clerk as well as a tutor, in which I mentored seventeen inmates in earning their GED and

thirteen inmates in earning their Associate in Arts degrees. I've participated in the Dantes Subject Standardized Testing, which are accredited exams that are good for course credit towards a four-year Bachelor's degree. I've been the chairman of an Inmate Leisure Time Activity Group (ILTAG) called Men for Honor, in which during my tenure helped raise over \$6000 through fund-raisers for outside charities such as Children's hospitals and Continuing the Dream: children of Incarcerated Parents. I've completed Fatherhood Focus, which is a parenting class, as well as a restorative justice program called Victim Offender Education Group, which helped me fully understand and take responsibility for my crime, the impact of my crime; how my crime affected the community as well as how my crime affects Mr. Wilson's family, my family and others I have never met. This class has also taught me to see my crime from the victims point of view. I've also completed the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) which helped me learn effective ways of dealing with conflict. And, I've also co-facilitated a course called Houses of Healing, which focus on emotional awareness and the development of empathy as well as provide the opportunity for us prisoners to face and heal some of the core issues that got us into prison.

In conclusion Governor Brown, I believe my commutation of sentence should be granted considering my limited role in the death of Mr. Wilson. I do not minimize my actions in this crime. At the time I committed this crime, I was a young immature kid. But since then I have learned and I have grown as a person, and I can be an asset to my community if given the privilege of a

Second chance. The granting of my Commutation of Sentence will facilitate future rehabilitation, an incentive to maintain a discipline free prison misconduct record, the completion of various Vocational Training Courses, and it will give my family and I hope.

Allow me the opportunity to make my case before the Board of Parole Hearings by granting my Commutation of Sentence because I can and will be a productive member of Society. Thank you.

Sincerely

D. Walton



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Demetrius Clayton Walton Date of Birth: 1/10/1979 Social Security Number: 560-55-5755

Address: CSP-Solano, D-22-24, P.O. Box 4000, Vacaville, CA 95696

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
1st Degree Murder	December 19, 2001	Riverside	LWOP
1st Degree Robbery and burglary	same as above		

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Attached.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I would like to gain the opportunity to appear before the parole board and prove my rehabilitation in the hope of obtaining release on parole so that I can become a productive member of society and a father to my children.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See attached.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

Tracy Lum, 46 S. Del Puerto Ave., Ste. B, Patterson, CA 95363 - \$5,500

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Demetrius Clayton Walton, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Riverside with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature

5-16-18

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Riverside County: Please take notice that I, Demetrius Clayton Walton,
was convicted of the crime of 1st degree murder with robbery-burglary special circumstance,
committed in Riverside County, California, on the date of December 19, 2001.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):

- Pardon
- Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: T-82421.



Applicant's Signature

5-16-18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of Riverside,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Demetrius Walton,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

2. Circumstances of the offense:

On December 18, 2001, Damien Owens, Rayshawn Sessions, Shalimar Wiley and Demetrius were at Demetrius' house. Sessions asked Owens if he knew where he could get some money. Owens suggested that they rob Russell Wilson. Demetrius listened to the whole conversation and did not protest, but instead nodded his head in agreement. Later that evening, the four drove to Desert Hot Springs to Mr. Wilson's apartment. When they arrived at the apartment Owens told Sessions and Wiley to wait in the car while he and Demetrius went into the apartment to see who was there.

Owens knocked on the door. Sophia Lindsey answered the door, gave Owens a hug and let them into the apartment. Demetrius sat in the living room. Owens asked where Mr. Wilson and his girlfriend, Faye Ransom were. They were told that they were in the bedroom. Later in the evening, Demetrius asked to use the bathroom and Ms. Lindsey led him to the bathroom through the bedroom where Ms. Ransom and Mr. Wilson were. Ms. Ransom was watching TV and Mr. Wilson was covered with a blanket sleeping. Demetrius used the restroom and returned to the living room.

Sessions came to the door and asked for Owens. Owens went outside to talk to Sessions while Demetrius remained in the apartment. Owens returned after a short period of time and they continued to talk with the other women who were in the apartment. Later, Sessions came and knocked on the door a second time. Owens went outside to talk to him for few minutes while Demetrius remained in the apartment. When Owens returned Sessions came into the apartment with him.

At that time, Ms. Ransom came out of the bedroom and said she was tired of people coming in out of the apartment, so she locked the door and returned to the bedroom. Owens went to the kitchen and got a trash bag and Sessions followed Ms. Ransom into the bedroom. Demetrius entered the bedroom shortly after that and saw Sessions holding Ms. Ransom by the hair with one hand and pointing a gun at her head with the other. Sessions demanded to know where the money and the drugs were. Ms. Ransom was crying and said she did not have any drugs or money. Mr. Wilson was still sleeping and Sessions reached over and pulled the blanket off Mr. Wilson and put it over Ms. Ransom's head. Mr. Wilson started to roll over and Sessions shot him in the chest. Demetrius asked Sessions why did he did that, that's murder. Sessions wanted him to take the rings off Mr. Wilson's fingers, but Demetrius said "fuck that" and took a Play Station instead. Demetrius believes Sessions took Mr. Wilson's rings and Owens took a DVD player. They ran out of the apartment, got into the car and drove off. After driving about two blocks, they stopped and Sessions got rid of the gun. (Court of Appeal Opinion, pp. 3-5 (Exhibit A).) Probation Officer's Report, pp. 3-8 (Exhibit B).)

Demetrius takes full responsibility for his crime and realizes that he should have protested when the idea to rob Mr. Wilson was first mentioned. He believes if he had done this, the murder could have easily been prevented. He also has genuine remorse, having written an

apology letter to Anna Marie Vargas, the daughter of Russell Wilson. (Apology Letters (Exhibit C).) He has also written an apology letter to his family. (Ibid.)

Demetrius has no other criminal history. (Exhibit B, p. 9.)

4. Reasons Clemency should be granted:

Youth Offender Factors:

Under California law, a youth offender is a person who commits a crime before the age of 26. (Pen. Code § 3051, subd. (b).) "Scientific evidence on adolescence and young adult development and neuroscience shows that certain areas of the brain, particularly those affecting judgment and decision-making, do not develop until the early-to mid-20s." (Senate Committee on Public Safety Hearing on AB 1308, June 27, 2017, p. 3 (Exhibit D).) "Research has shown that the prefrontal cortex doesn't have nearly the functional capacity at age 18 as it does at 25." (Exhibit D, p. 3.) "The prefrontal cortex is responsible for a variety of important functions of the brain including: attention, complex planning, decision making, impulse control, logical thinking, organized thinking, personality development, risk management, and short-term memory." (Exhibit D p. 3.) "These functions are highly relevant to criminal behavior and culpability." (Exhibit D p. 3) Regarding youth offenders, the Legislature has found that "only a relatively small proportion of adolescents" who engage in illegal activity "develop entrenched patterns of problem behavior," and that "developments in psychology and brain science continue to show fundamental differences between juvenile and adult minds," including "parts of the brain involved in behavior control." The Legislature recognizes that youthfulness both lessens a juvenile's moral culpability and enhances the prospect that, as a youth matures into an adult and neurological development occurs, these individuals can become contributing members of society. (Senate Bill 260, p. 3 (Exhibit E.)

The United States Supreme Court has identified "three significant gaps between juveniles and adults." (*Miller v. Alabama* (2012) 567 U.S. 460, 471.) "First, children have a lack of maturity and an underdeveloped sense of responsibility, leading to recklessness, impulsivity, and heedless risk-taking." (*Ibid.* quoting *Roper v. Simmons* (2005) 543 U.S. 551, 569 (Roper) (Internal quotation marks omitted).) "Second, children are more vulnerable . . . to negative influences and outside pressures, including from their family and peers; they have limited control over their own environment and lack the ability to extricate themselves from horrific, crime-producing settings." (*Ibid.* quoting *Roper, supra*, 543 U.S. at p. 569 (Internal quotation marks omitted).) "And third, a child's character is not as well formed as an adult's; his traits are less fixed and his actions less likely to be evidence of irretrievable depravity." (*Ibid.* quoting *Roper, supra*, 543 U.S. at p. 570 (Internal quotation marks omitted).)

Mr. Governor, I ask that you keep the above factors in mind as you consider whether to afford Demetrius, who was **22 years old** when he committed this crime, an opportunity to prove his rehabilitation and possibly obtain release from prison.

Demetrius' father was in prison for much of Demetrius' childhood. While incarcerated, his father instilled the need to be a man to protect his mother and sisters. When his father was out of prison, he was distant with Demetrius and was physically abusive to his mother. He did not work, but was highly demanding of his children, and when they did not live up to his high standards, he would become physically abusive toward them. As a result, Demetrius began getting into fights with kids at school that picked on his sisters. He would feel helpless and like he had failed his mother when his father would abuse her.

As Demetrius grew older, he was self-conscious about talking, afraid that people would think he was dumb. He began to listen to rap music and watch how the "tough guys" wore their clothes, walked and talked. He mimicked what he saw and heard from these sources, so people would think he was a tough guy and not mess with him.

When Demetrius' mother got married to a man, not his father, Demetrius became defiant toward his mother and her husband. He started acting out at school and at home, by not doing his homework or chores and acting like he wanted to run away because such behavior got his father's attention. From ages 10 to 16, Demetrius got into a lot of fights and into a lot of trouble with his parents and at school.

Demetrius began to play football and excelled. As one of the best players, he was popular and included in all his classmates' social activities. He still felt out of place and different from other people, so he did not talk or express his opinion much for fear of being criticized.

Although Demetrius was a gifted athlete, school work did not come so easily for him. In his sophomore year, he went to continuation school to make up units to catch up to where he needed to be to be eligible to play football. The high school only accepted a fraction of the credits Demetrius had earned at continuation school, so he was not allowed to play on the football team, despite having the talent to be a starting running back. He became discouraged and quite school. Demetrius now understands that this was a big mistake, and if he had it to do over, he would have gone to another high school, played football, earned his diploma and gone to college.

From age 18 to 21, Demetrius learned to make rap music and spent much of his time in the studio. His involvement in rap music brought him into contact with gang members and eventually with Damien Owens.

With the help from many self-help courses, Demetrius has learned that he had developed the tough-guy façade based on the flawed concept of what "being a man" meant that he had learned from his father. He now knows that being a man is having responsibility, accountability and knowledge of self, being respectful and considerate of others, having morals, manners and ethics and leading by example and exhibiting those characteristics.

He has also learned that his fear of others opinions played a significant role in him not voicing his opposition to the plan to rob Mr. Wilson. He went along with the plan rather than oppose it because he did not want to look like a coward to his peers. Demetrius has improved his education by getting his GED and two college degrees. He has also turned to God and joined

church to get spiritually grounded. These things have opened his eyes, heart and mind to a whole new way of thinking, behaving and living.

Demetrius overcame his fear of speaking his opinion by facilitating one of the self-help courses. Becoming a facilitator helped him to come out of his shell and to realize that his opinions can be a help and encouragement to others. Demetrius now realizes that he had the power to speak up against the plan to commit a robbery and had he done so, Mr. Wilson would still be alive, and Demetrius would be supporting his children. It is his hope that he might have an opportunity to still be a father to his children.

Rehabilitation and Behavior In Prison:

During his 17 years in prison, Demetrius has rehabilitated himself through self-help, education and volunteer work. While at CSP – Los Angeles, from 2010 to 2014, Demetrius programmed in the Progressive Programming Facility, which requires strict adherence to prison rules and participation in rehabilitative programs such as Parenting Classes, Self-Help Groups and Inmate Activity Groups. Prior to that from 2003 until 2010, Demetrius was a participant in the Facility A Honor Program, which required mandatory random drug testing. (Rehabilitation (Exhibit F).)

The following is a summary of his rehabilitative endeavors:

Self-Help:

2016 – Celebrate Recovery Inside: guide #1 Stepping Out of Denial Into God's Grace
2016 – Celebrate Recovery Inside: guide #2 Taking an Honest Spiritual Inventory
2015 – Alternative to Violence Project: Basic Workshop
2013 – Victim Offender Education Group: Victim Sensitivity
2013 – Victim Offender Education Group: 22-week Restorative Justice Program
2013 – Creative Writing Class
2013 – Alcoholic Anonymous
2013 – Men for Honor: Lifer Class
2013 – Men for Honor: Life Skills Workshop
2013 – Men for Honor: New choices, Different Directions
2013 – Paving the way Foundation: Relationship Building Workshops
2012 – Helping Everyone Attain Real Transformation (HEART): House of Healing
2012 – Alcoholic Anonymous
2012 – Paving The Way: Constructive Communication, Anger management, Relationship Building and Conflict Resolution
2012 – Men for Honor: Peer-to-Peer Spanish course
2010-2011 – Men For Honor: Film Studies Class
2010 – The Catalyst Foundation: Creating a Healing Society Self-Help Program
2004 – Friends on the Outside: Parenting Program

Education:

- 2013 – Associates in Arts in Social and Behavioral Science, Coastline Community College
- 2013 – Associates in Arts in Arts and Humanities, Coastline Community College
- 2012 – Dantes Subject Standardized Test system, a program designed to lead to an accredited Bachelor's level college degree at no cost to CDCR
- 2006 – Earned GED

Volunteer:

- 2013 –Chairman, Men for Honor: Duties included fund raising, scheduling classes, helping to create class curriculum and peer mentoring.
- 2013 – Facilitator, Men for Honor Lifers Class
- 2013 – Facilitator, Men for Honor Life Skills Workshop
- 2013 – Co- Facilitator, Houses of Healing
- 2013 – Participated in crocheting 100 beanie caps for newborn babies
- 2013 – Facilitated charitable donation in the amount of \$2,910.28 for On A Mission
- 2012 – Chairman, Men for Honor. Duties included fund raising, scheduling classes, helping to create class curriculum and peer mentoring.
- 2005-2012 – Tutored other inmate in Helping Everyone Attain Real Transformation/G.E.D. Education Program (HEART/GED)
- 2012 – Facilitated charitable donation in the amount of \$75.00 for Families of the Incarcerated
- 2012 – Facilitator, Men for Honor Lifers Class
- 2012 – Facilitator, Men for Honor Creative Writing Class
- 2012 – Facilitated charitable donation in the amount of \$75.00 for Continuing the Dream
- 2012 – Founded and Facilitated Dantes Subject Standardized Test system, a program designed to lead to an accredited Bachelor's level college degree at no cost to CDCR
- 2005-2012 – Coastline Community College Coordinator's Assistant
- 2010-2012 – Volunteer Education Program Coordinator's Assistant
- 2010 – Tutor in the Achieving College Education (ACE) Program
- 2009 – Friends on the Outside: Fatherhood Focus Class
(See Exhibit E.)

Utilizing what he has learned from these rehabilitative programs, Demetrius has gained tremendous insight into his past character flaws and defects, and has worked extensively to address and overcome each of these issues. (Then & Now Charts (Exhibit G).)

Relapse Prevention Plans:

Demetrius has also developed an extensive relapse prevention plan, identifying his triggers and warning signs for relapse, and his support network. (Relapse Prevention Plan (Exhibit H).)

Parole Plans:

Demetrius also has detailed parole plans which include being accepted into a 12-24 month residential treatment program to assist with his transition back into society. (Parole Plans (Exhibit I).) His fiancé, children, mother, relative and friends all support his release from prison and will help him transition back into society. (Support Letters (Exhibit J).)

Community Support:

A petition supporting Demetrius' clemency petition has been started on Change.org. As of the date this clemency petition is being submitted, 1,918 people have signed the petition in support of Demetrius. (Change.org Petition (Exhibit K).)

Disciplinary History:

Demetrius has not committed an act of violence, nor used drugs or alcohol during his 17 years of incarceration. Throughout his entire incarceration, he has only been disciplined twice, once in 2012 for possession of a cell phone and tobacco and once in 2013 for possession of a cell phone. Demetrius takes full responsibility for these rules violations and had exemplary behavior ever since. (Disciplinary Reports (Exhibit L).) Demetrius takes full responsibility for his actions and has gained insight into how to avoid such misconduct in the future. (Scenarios (Exhibit M).)

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jeffrey Ward

On June 24, 2006, Jeffrey Ward and Raymond Walker got into a confrontation with a group at a park. Afterwards, Mr. Ward and Mr. Walker got into their car and drove toward Serge Zubenko, who was sitting in his car. One shot was fired into Mr. Zubenko's car, killing him. On November 14, 2008, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ward to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Ward is now 32 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 13 years. In that time, he has made strides toward turning his life around. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "Today I am a wholly different person than the 19 year old kid who was arrested and convicted of murder. I now operate my life based on a completely different set of morals and ideals." He continued, "I've learned a lot about myself and life during this process of rehabilitation. . . . I now know that I can be part of the solution, even while in prison, and I hope to one day regain my freedom to have an even bigger impact on positive change and healing the community."

Since his incarceration, Mr. Ward has earned his GED and is currently pursuing an A.A. degree. Mr. Ward has completed vocational training in computer literacy, and has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Getting Out by Going In, and Victim Impact. One of Mr. Ward's teachers commended him for exhibiting a positive turnaround. In 2017, a sponsor of his Getting Out by Going In group wrote, "Mr. Ward seems to exhibit a genuine compassion for his fellow inmates in the group and is supportive of their rehabilitative efforts to change how they think. He comes prepared to facilitate the weekly meetings and engages members of the group in ways that encourage integrity and self-introspection. From my experience, Mr. Ward also keeps his word, follows up on necessities to keep the group going, and communicates effectively and respectfully with both staff and inmates." Another sponsor wrote, "Mr. Ward seems to be determined to understand himself, and to encourage others to understand their lives in a way that empower them in their directions to behave differently."

Despite having a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Ward has made efforts to better himself and help those around him. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Ward has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jeffrey Ward to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Jeffrey Deane Ward Date of Birth: [redacted] /86 Inmate ID: G-40743

Address: 5150 O'Byrnes Ferry Road Facility: Sierra Conservation Center

1. Conviction Summary: 1st degree murder/Special circumstance ie; Shooting from a motor vehichel...as an aider and abettor.

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: above offense is my one and only adult conviction

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): On June 24th, 2006 I decided to leave my place of residents on a search for a party. I was driving my car, and there was three other people with me; Tyree Belese, Raymond E. Walker, and Chantel Edal. I was highly intoxicated which furthered my bad decision making that night,

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): I am requesting a commutation of my Life Without Parole sentence; commuted to a 25 year to life sentence. I'm requesting this because I was 19 years old when the killing of Zerge Zubenko occurred, and I recieved a LWOP sentence as an aider and abettor. This is also my first

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I, Jeffrey Deane Ward, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Sacramento with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Jeffrey Deane Ward
Applicant's Signature

7/1/18
Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE CONTINUED

#2(cont.) and against my better judgement I allowed Raymond E. Walker into my car armed with a gun. We adventually arrived at a park, next to some houses which had a little gathering of people. In slang terms it was a late night "hang out". There were around fifteen people present that night. I was leaning against my car talking to a girl when a fight broke out between 5 or 6 guys. We were in a high police area so I told everyone whom I was with "I'm outta here", we all got into my car and as I was driving away, Raymond E. Walker shot one shot into a parked car killing Serge Zubenko who was sitting inside the car.

#3(cont.) and only adult conviction. My appeals are exhausted and really this is my last hope at maybe one day regaining my physical freedom. It is not my intension to try and relitigate my case, however I do think it is important to note that the actual shooter recieved a 12 year sentence for Manslaughter. I however, am only begging for mercy and the chance to prove myself suitable in front of the BPH.

#4(cont.) I was a confused kid starving for attepction and acceptance, and I would go to great lengths to achieve this. I know now that my mind set, and low selfesteem was caused by my father leaving when I was 7 or 8 years old, and my mother being absent due to drug addicition. Back then I associated love with fear and intimidation, and placed the upmost value on what I thought others thought of me. Simply put I was lost. I now live a life where my moral code is based on love, but accompanied with care and affection; Real Love. I now realize that it is never okay to victimize anyone, and all my actions have real affects on people and my environment.

My self-esteem now comes from within, I no longer care what others think of me which allows me to live in my truth.

APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATIONS OF SENTENCE CONT.

#4(cont.) The man I've grown into is a giver, not a taker. I know life dose'nt owe me anything, it is me who owes life, and now I live life with such a purpose.

During my incarceration I have educated myself, earning my G.E.D. and I'm very close to earning my AA degree. I have participated in numerous self-help groups, and facilitate many as well. I've learned a lot about myself and life during this process of rehabilitation. (Please review my c-file).

While incarcerated at High Desert State Prison, B-yard, I established G.O.G.I (GettingOutByGoingIn.org) as the prominate self-help group on that yard. I personally trained 10 facilitators who then mentored hundreds of men and continue to this day. I have now been involed in G.O.G.I for almost 4 years, I'm a certified G.O.G.I coach, and have now started the first G.O.G.I group here at S.C.C.

My ultimate goal is to one day earn my freedom and become a youth counselor where I can make a differnce in the lives of troubled youth. I want to guide the youth in a direction where they understand their true value, thus breaking the cycle of victimization.

I've started this process by writting letters for Prison Letters 4 Our Struggling Youth. An organization that takes prisoners' inspiring letters and reads them to struggling youth all over the state/country. I now know that I can be part of the solution, even while in prison, and I hope to one day regain my freedom to have an even bigger impact on positive change and healing the communitiy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Thomas Warren

On May 8, 1998, Dennis Reese and Thomas Warren lured John Fitusi to the side of the highway in Los Angeles County. Mr. Reese approached Mr. Fitusi's vehicle and fired multiple shots at him, killing him. Authorities later concluded Mr. Reese killed Mr. Fitusi over a financial dispute between the two men. On October 27, 1999, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Warren to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus two years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Warren has now been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Warren described how his need for acceptance led to a "self-destructive anti-social lifestyle" and the "brutal, callous" murder of Mr. Fitusi. Mr. Warren described how he has transformed over the last two decades in prison. He wrote, "It has been a long and difficult process to change from the angry, insecure and in many ways ignorant young man I was upon coming to prison into the adult, married man I am today. My transformation did not come easily or quickly; it has taken many years of painful psychological insight and step-by-step emotional and spiritual maturing to become the healthy, honorable person I am now." Mr. Warren wrote, "I am now someone who can and will contribute to society in a positive way."

During more than two decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Warren has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has been disciplined only three times for misconduct and never for any violence. Mr. Warren has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Insight, Arts in Corrections, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, and Criminals & Gangmembers Anonymous. Mr. Warren is currently taking college classes and assisting inmates with disabilities as an ADA worker.

Mr. Warren is an accomplished writer and participated in the Playwrights Project and the Insight-Out News at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility. In 2017, an instructor in the Playwrights Project commended Mr. Warren for his participation in the project, writing that he "voiced opinions with respect, revised his writing in response to feedback, and told an engaging story with empathetic characters using nonviolent strategies for problem solving." In 2016, a sponsor for the Insight-Out News praised Mr. Warren for his work on the newsletter, noting, "His contributions have been greatly appreciated and necessary to the growth of the group." The sponsor commended Mr. Warren on his help conceptualizing and finalizing articles and wrote, "He has assisted in the editing process and has started helping other writers to 'learn the ropes' of good writing. He continues to be a supporting pillar in the foundation of Insight-Out News." In 2003, an advanced writing class facilitator commended Mr. Warren on his submissions for a short story contest. The facilitator noted that Mr. Warren's writings "demonstrate a disciplined application and close attention to technique, and the story he submitted for the contest won second prize."

Since committing this very serious crime, Mr. Warren has transformed his life, turning away from violence and dedicating himself to self-improvement. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Warren has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Thomas Warren to a total of 23 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Thomas Warren Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/69 Inmate ID: P-60052

Address: 480 Alta Road San Diego, CA, 92179 Facility: RJDCF (Donovan) E-25-203-1L

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s)	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
187(a)	05/08/98	Los Angeles	LWOP
182(a)(1)	05/08/98	Los Angeles	25 to life

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Mr. John Fitusi was murdered in a brutal, callus act while on an errand for his best friend, Dennis Reese. This horrible crime, that led to his (John's) tragic demise, took place on May, 8th, 1998. The prosecution said, on or about May, 7th, 1998, defendant Reese and defendant Warren drove to Highway 14 in santa Clarita valley to meet victim Fitusi and

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

It has been a long and difficult process to change from the angry, insecure and in many ways ignorant young man I was upon coming to prison into the adult married man I am today. My transformation did not come easily or quickly; it has taken many years of painful psychological insight and step-by-step emotional and spiritual maturing to become the healthy, honorable person

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Over the many years of my incarceration I have gained the insight to understand how my childhood's tragic experiences shaped my personality. As a troubled, scared and everpresent angry youth my emotional neediness, and desire to be accepted, by my peers was never quite

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

N/A

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, Thomas Paul Warren declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon.
(Name of County*)

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

Date

6/18/18

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Thomas Paul Warren,

was convicted of the crime of 1st degree murder / conspiracy to commit a crime,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of 05/08/98.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Applicant's Signature

6/18/18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, _____, District Attorney of the County of _____,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from _____,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon.

Signed _____

Date _____

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE
CONTINUATION OF QUESTIONS

FROM: Thomas Warren
TO: Governor Jerry Brown

Sir,
Here are my question's continuations. Thank you.

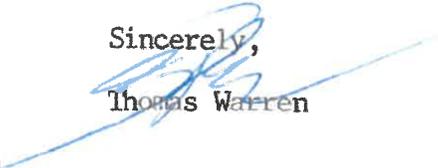
2. Reese shot victim Fitusi in his white rental car.

3. I am now. I am requesting commutation because I have put in many years of difficult work and I am now someone who can and will contribute to society in a positive way. My continued incarceration is an unjustified expense that no longer serves the public interest.

4. achieved, this led me to a self-destructive anti-social lifestyle that ultimately brought pain and greivous suffering to my community and upon my own family and friends. Now, as a middle-aged Christian man who is seeking to make amends, I can look back at the troubled youth I was with shame and regret, but also with compassion and understanding. It has been a difficult path to become the very different man I am today. I do not ask you to commute the sentence of the young man I was, but to restore to my wife and family, as well as church the man I am today.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read my application and for your compassionate consideration of my plea.

Sincerely,


Thomas Warren

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Charles Lewis Weyant

In February 1981, Charles Weyant and Paul Carrillo were heavily intoxicated and came up with a plan to call a taxi, knock out the driver, and use the taxi for the night without paying. They called a taxi driven by Stanley Pace. Around midnight, Mr. Weyant and Mr. Carrillo struck Mr. Pace multiple times in the head with a 2x4 with nails, killing him. On September 7, 1990, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Weyant to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Weyant is now 62 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 37 years. He seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his application, he wrote, "I'm requesting commutation in the hope that I may one day be able to go before a parole board to show that I am not the same person that committed this horrible crime." He continued, "Long before I ever heard of the possibility of commutation of sentences, I have been living my life like I would in the community, if I was ever released – always striving back to give to the community, and in doing so, better myself."

During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Weyant has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has only been disciplined for misconduct four times in nearly four decades, and has avoided gangs, drugs, and violence. Mr. Weyant earned his GED, is currently taking college classes, and has completed many vocational training programs. He has participated in self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Sensitivity, and Houses of Healing.

Mr. Weyant has resided on the Progressive Programming Facility for several years and is a founding member of the Progressive Arts Program at Lancaster. A sponsor for the arts program wrote that Mr. Weyant "has demonstrated a willingness to make amends for the harm he has caused through his contributions to [himself] and outside communities. He has displayed characteristics that are consistent with the rehabilitative efforts of the Progressive Programming Facility. He has been a positive role model to his peers and his leadership is commended." If he were to be released from prison, Mr. Weyant plans to enter transitional housing, and he will also receive support from his brother and sister.

Although Mr. Weyant was given a sentence that gave him no hope of release, he has remained dedicated to and focused on his rehabilitation throughout his incarceration. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Weyant has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Charles Lewis Weyant to a total of 37 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State

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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Charles Louis Weyant Date of Birth: [redacted] /56 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Address: CA Los Angeles County, P.O. Box 4430, TAB5-243L, Lancaster, CA 93539-4430

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC §§187, 190.2(a), 190.2(a)(1);	2/10/81	Riverside	Life Without
190.2(a)(14), 190.2(a)(18);			Possibility of Parole
211, 487.3			(PCSS 211,487.3 ran

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On the night of February 10, 1981, I and Paul Ramon Carrillo beat Stanley Albert Pace to death, and took his money and his vehicle.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I have an indeterminate sentence and I'm requesting commutation in the hope that I may one day be able to go before a parole board to show that I am not the same person that committed this horrible crime.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

I have been incarcerated with an indeterminate sentence for 36 years. In that time I have tried to better myself and give back to society. In 1982 I was sent to San Quentin Prison. There, I got my GED, took meditation classes, and I was in "EDP", a computer programming class. Then in 1985 I was sent to Tehachapi State Prison.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, Charles Louis Weyant declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Riverside with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Charles Louis Weyant 3/22/17
Applicant's Signature Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

Application for Executive Clemency (cont'd)

1. concurrent.

4. - While there I worked on the retrofit crew. We installed air lines and electrical busses for the Facility a and B [PIA] Furniture Factory, then worked as a maintenance man for Facility A Textiles Factory. Then in 1995 I was sent to California State Prison-Los Angeles County in Lancaster.

While here, I have worked in several jobs, such as Yard Crew, Housing Unit Porter, Distribution Worker at the Main Kitchen, and the Arts-In-Corrections program. I have been involved/participated in many self-help groups such as The Catalyst Foundation's Creating A Healing Society Program (which addresses the issue of trauma and its impact upon oneself and the community), Narcotics Anonymous, Houses of Healing Program, and will soon complete a Victim's Sensitivity class. I have been involved with many art prison art programs since 2001 (Arts-In-Corrections, Artists Serving Humanity, Prison-Art Program, Healing Through Arts, Progressive Art Program), and have donated my paintings to many organizations who help the community and have raised thousands of dollars for them by auctioning off my art.

Some of these organizations have included - but not limited to The Catalyst Foundation - that for years put on an Art & Gourmet Show (they would use the proceeds to help fund their many programs), the Grace Resource Center, the Domestic Violence Council, Antelope Valley Childrens Center, Blue and Gold Star Mothers, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' Annual Benefit Art Fair, and the U.S. Special Olympics. I have, along with others in the Progressive Art Program, recently assisted in the production of theatrical set pieces and props for an Arts-In-Corrections project held at another facility, receiving credits from the Los Angeles Community College for work done for the event.

In closing, I would like to say that long before I ever heard of the possibility of commutation of sentences, I have been living my life like I would in the community, if I was ever released - always striving to give back to the community, and in so doing, better myself.

Charles Louis Weyant
cdcr# C-43638

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

James White

In 1980, James White approached Harvey Booth, Sr. and shot him, killing him. On February 24, 1981, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. White to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus eight years for murder, assault with intent to commit murder, and a firearm enhancement.

Mr. White is now 73 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly four decades. During that time, he has never been disciplined for any misconduct – a remarkable accomplishment. Mr. White has participated in many self-help programs including Victims Awareness and Breaking Barriers, and has been active in veterans groups for many years. He is a hospice volunteer, participates in fundraisers for charity, volunteers as a literacy tutor, and mentors youthful offenders.

Mr. White earned an A.A. degree and a business management certificate from Palo Verde College, and has been instrumental in establishing college and tutoring programs at Ironwood State Prison. Many members of the correctional and education staff have commended him for his efforts. One instructor praised Mr. White's dedication to self-help and education programs and wrote, "[I]f I have ever seen a candidate who I personally believe would be one who would not only succeed but who would become an asset to any community he was released into it is White. I would have absolutely no qualms of having [him] as my neighbor." Another instructor wrote, "Mr. White's efforts to promote rehabilitation go above and beyond the norm in generating position change within the community here at ISP, and I believe, if he were to be released, that effect would extend to the community outside these walls as well." A correctional officer praised Mr. White's positive behavior and wrote, "He is highly motivated, and a self-starter, and leads inmates into a more productive life. I consider White a role model for all the inmates located in this housing unit."

Additionally, Mr. White's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. White. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. White has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of James White to a total of 38 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



Office of the Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

Please TYPE or PRINT in blue or black ink.

I.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name White, Jr.		FIRST Name James		MIDDLE Name Andrew	
Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1944	Place of Birth New York, NY	Social Security Number [REDACTED]	Prison Number C-27182		

Current Residence

Address Ironwood State Prison, P.O. Box 2229		Apartment, Lot, Suite, Space, etc.	
City Blythe	State California	Zip code 92226	

Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)

- Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01
 Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome
 Commutation of current sentence
 Pardon based upon innocence
 Compassionate Release
 Other

Why are you requesting clemency?

Please see the attached clemency petition.

Conviction Information

Commitment Offense Murder, First Degree, and Assault with a Deadly Weapon			
Date of offense April 2, 1980; July 31, 1979	Date of conviction January 26, 1981	Arresting agency Los Angeles Police Department	County of conviction Los Angeles
Superior court case number A 021706	Your trial attorney's name and address Norman M. Turner P.O. Box 642; Defuniak Springs, FL 32435	Sentence Life w/o parole	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any? n/a
Did you appeal your case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, appellate case number and status of case 39785, matter appealed from affirmed on July 22, 1982			

Prior Convictions: List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Armed Bank Robbery	1973	Hamilton County, Ohio	Three years

Current Attorney Information

Are you currently represented by an attorney? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number.

First and last name:
Charles E. Patterson, Morrison & Foerster LLP

Telephone number:
213.892.5553

Address:
555 W. 5th Street, Suite 3500; Los Angeles, CA 90013

Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2

Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application? Yes No

If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number.

First and last name:

Telephone number:

Address:

II.
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY
Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

COMPASSIONATE RELEASE	
Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition.	
Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:	
Your current physician's name:	
Physician's address:	
Physician's telephone number:	
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
What was the result?	

PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION	
Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.	
Give a brief account of your offense.	
Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.	
Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)	
When were you discharged from probation or parole?	
Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.	
Why you are requesting a pardon?	

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE

Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.

Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.

Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?

Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?

COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME

Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.

Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.

Was this evidence presented at trial?

Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

Please see the attached clemency petition.

Have you sought relief from the courts?

No.

**III
NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county of
Los Angeles
(Name of county) with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.

James Andrew White
(Applicant's signature) 11/1/10
(Date)

**IV
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

James Andrew White
(Applicant's signature) 11/1/10
(Date signed)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

~~This Notice is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 4804~~

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County of Conviction _____ County: _____

Please take notice that I, James Andrew White, Jr., was
convicted of the crime of Murder, § 187; Assault with a Deadly Weapon, § 245(a),
committed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California,
convicted on January 26, 1981 and sentenced to Life without the possibility of parole
Date of conviction Sentence

I will submit an application to the Governor of the State of California requesting a

- Pardon based upon rehabilitation Commutation of current sentence Pardon based upon innocence
 Compassionate release Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome

Other
If other, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN

James Andrew White, Jr.
Full Name of Applicant - TYPED or PRINTED

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Ironwood State Prison, P.O. Box 2229
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Blythe, CA 92226
Applicant's City, State, Zip Code

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Applicant's Signature

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State of California

County of _____ } SS.

I, _____ District Attorney of the County of _____
of _____, State of California, do hereby
acknowledge receipt of notice from _____ that
Name of Applicant
he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a Traditional Pardon.

[Signed] _____
District Attorney of the County of _____

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Taewon Wilson to a total of 24 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Taewon Yun Wilson Date of Birth: ██████ 1974 Inmate ID: K-12245

Address: 44750 60th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93536 Facility: CSP Lancaster LA County

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
187 (A)	02-06-1994	Los Angeles	LWOP

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Please see attached

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Taewon Yon Wilson, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)

have served the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.


Applicant's Signature

7-15-18
Date

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Taewon Yun Wilson,

was convicted of the crime of First degree murder (187)A,

committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of Feb. 6th 1994.

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Applicant's Signature

7-15-18

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Steve Fredrick, District Attorney of the County of Cal,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Taewon Wilson,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

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Signed

Date 8-29-18

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**Name: Taewon Yun Wilson****DOB: [REDACTED]-1974****Inmate ID: K-12245****Address: 44750 60th Street West, Lancaster CA 93536 Facility: CSP-Lancaster Los Angeles County****4. Provide a brief statement explain why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):**

When I was convicted of my crime and was sentenced to LWOP, I accepted the sentence because I agreed that I should be punished for my participation in this crime. In lieu of my sentence I promised myself and my family that while I was incarcerated I would work on becoming a better person and involve myself in positive programs to change. I also believe that in becoming a better individual, I owe this to the victim, Mrs. Delphina Gittens and her family. In my 20 young years of life before this night, I had never been in trouble with the law. I was not in any gang growing up nor while incarcerated, I had no prior convictions as a youth or as an adult, and I have one write up in 24 years of incarceration.

From 1996-2013 I was housed at Corcoran where I enrolled and participated in every class and program that was available to me in a level IV facility. I completed conflict resolution, AA and NA. From 1996-1997 I worked as a clothing room clerk. From 1997-1998 I received my GED and was a teacher's aide. From 1998 to 2013 I was the clothing room tailor and lead man. In 2013 I transferred to level III Lancaster A-Yard due to law changes that allowed LWOP's to be in a lower level facility. While in Lancaster I have been able to enroll and participate in Conflict Resolution, Parenting Class, and I received my GED again on 2014; due to no record in my file. I was able to sign up for and enroll in the Alternative to Violence Program where I finished the basic course, the advanced course, and I am now a facilitator for AVP. I am currently enrolled in Antelope Valley College and Coast Line Community College. I am working towards receiving multiple AA degrees in Social Studies/Humanities and Business/Computer Science, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. I am also currently enrolled in American Sign Language. My goal is to continue my education and earn my bachelor's degree in communications. If I am given the chance to go in front of the parole board and I am granted my freedom I plan on giving back to the community as much as possible, helping my family, and making amends every day to honor and remember Delphina Gittens.

With gratitude and hope, thank you for taking the time to read my application,

Taewon Yun Wilson K-12245

Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Linda Woo

On March 29, 2006, Linda Woo, who was suffering from major depression, attempted suicide and tried to kill her children by placing them in a vehicle and lighting a portable grill. Ms. Woo then closed all the car doors and windows and got into the car with her children. When authorities found Ms. Woo and her children, she and her son were suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. Ms. Woo's daughter died as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning. On November 24, 2009, the San Francisco County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Woo to 25 years to life for murder.

Ms. Woo has now been incarcerated for almost 13 years. She seeks a commutation based on her rehabilitation. In her application, she wrote, "I am profoundly sorry for my actions and I go forward in life trying every day to be the best possible person I can be. . . . Over these last 12 years I have gained great insight into myself and – working closely with mental health professionals – have also been able to address the sources of my depression." Ms. Woo continued, "I have been able to learn a great deal here and have established meaningful relationships, acquired much needed insight into myself, and discovered a joy in helping others meet their goals."

Ms. Woo has demonstrated her commitment to her rehabilitation over the last 13 years. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct. Ms. Woo is currently enrolled in the Last Mile computer coding program. She has participated in various self-help programs, including Relapse Prevention, Leadership, Relationships, and Restorative Justice/Victim Impact. Ms. Woo also served as a facilitator for Alternatives to Violence and Anger Transformation. She has lived in an honor dorm since 2014.

Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Woo has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with her on a regular basis. In 2018, a correctional officer described Ms. Woo as an "exemplary person" and commended her for her work on suicide prevention, writing, "She pays close attention to those affected and often goes out of her way to share her experience and offer support to those in need." Ms. Woo has volunteered as a grief and relationships counselor for the Compassionate Companions Program since 2014. The program's sponsor wrote, "Ms. Woo is competent, reliable, hardworking, and motivated at all times to go above and beyond." In 2015, the Prado Adult School principal recognized Ms. Woo for her "extraordinary" work tutoring her peers and wrote, "She has demonstrated an extraordinary work ethic and above average initiative, integrity, dependability, and good judgment, consistently earning an exceptional rating on her performance evaluations." Ms. Woo also volunteered as a literacy tutor.

Ms. Woo's family, including her son, who survived this crime, are supportive of her release. Ms. Woo's son wrote, "For all my life I have wanted her back in my life." He continued, "I sincerely hope you will give me and my mother a chance to be a family again." Ms. Woo's ex-husband also wrote in support of clemency, stating, "Giving Linda an opportunity to be released while she is still relatively young seems to me to be the right thing. She has paid a significant price for her actions; and maintaining her incarceration does not appear to serve anyone's interest."

While Ms. Woo committed a heartbreaking and tragic crime, she has focused on her rehabilitation and worked to address the factors that led her to commit this act. Therefore, I believe that Ms. Woo has earned an earlier opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Linda Woo to a total of 13 years to life.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Linda Katherine Woo Date of Birth: [REDACTED] / 66 Inmate ID: WA-2417

Address: 16756 Chino-Corona Road, Corona, CA 92880 Facility: California Institute for Women

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
First degree murder	March 26, 2006	San Francisco	25 years to life
Attempted murder	March 26, 2006	San Francisco	life in prison (concurrent)

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): SEE ATTACHED MEMO

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My sisters, Debbie Woo and Cynthia Woo, paid \$10,000 to Riordan & Horgan, 523 Octavia Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

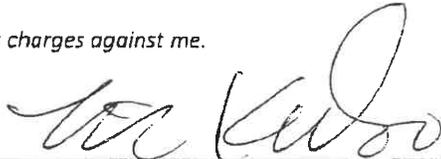
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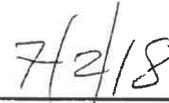
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I, Linda Woo, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of San Francisco with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.



Applicant's Signature



Date

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INTRODUCTION

This case arises out of a tragedy of stunningly painful dimensions. For most of her life, Linda Woo lived a productive, admirable, and happy life. Born in 1966 into a stable and supportive family, a graduate of two of California's leading public educational institutions – Lowell High School in San Francisco and the University of California at Berkeley – Linda pursued a successful career as a rate analyst at PG&E, married her college sweetheart, and bore two children to whom she was a loving and devoted mother.

Yet, when her marriage deteriorated and a love affair fell apart, she fell into a long and increasingly severe clinical depression that led to her attempt to take her own life. From the vantage point of her illness, she became convinced that her children would not be able to face life without their mother, and that the only solution that made sense was to take them with her. She took them into the vehicle in which she intended to asphyxiate herself by carbon monoxide poisoning, in her garage. By the time friends found the three, Linda's three year old daughter, Olive, was dead. Linda and her four and a half year old son, Carter, were rushed to the hospital and survived. Linda was convicted of first-degree murder of Olive, and attempted murder of Carter, and sentenced to a term of 25 years to life with the possibility of parole.

For the remainder of her life, Linda must live with the reality that she caused the death of her own daughter and nearly killed her son. No matter how hard she has striven to understand the sources of her mental illness (powerfully described in expert testimony at her murder trial), and to better herself and contribute to the betterment of others, her daily life will always be burdened by profound sorrow. As her ex-husband, Gavin [REDACTED], Olive's father, writes of Linda, "[s]he must live the rest of her days knowing what she did to Olive, to Carter, to me, and to all that know those two children."

Yet, despite his awful loss, Gavin [REDACTED] supports, as does his family, Linda's application for a grant of clemency. Gavin recognizes Carter's need for his mother, writing that "Linda's release would provide a possibility to process what has happened to him in a way that wouldn't be possible with her continued incarceration. He has spent the majority of his life without seeing his mother, and changing this may be beneficial." Gavin concludes by stating that – given that Linda "is doing everything the State could want from an inmate, and more," maintaining Linda's "incarceration does not appear to serve anyone's interest. ... For that reason I am asking you to grant Linda's petition for commutation of sentence."

Gavin's request for clemency is echoed by his son Carter, who writes of his mother: "I get so much joy from what she writes to me, and hope that someday we can speak face to face... I sincerely hope you will give me and my mother a chance to be a family again." Linda's psychological recuperation is fully documented in this application, as is her truly remarkable record of in-prison achievement and rehabilitation. She seeks only to now be made parole eligible, in order that the Board of Prison Hearings may consider and determine if and when she is suitable to rejoin society.

THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE

Linda Woo and Gavin [REDACTED], her husband and father to their two children, separated in June 2005. Not long after, Gavin observed a gathering depression in Linda and became increasingly worried about her mental state. In early March 2006 Linda told Gavin that she was depressed and suicidal. Gavin tried to help by reaching out to Linda's sisters and friends, asking them to call more often and keep her company during a difficult and lonely time. He also contacted Linda's therapist to see what, if anything, could be done, and on the therapist's advice he and a friend went to Linda's house on March 20, 2006, to ask her to voluntarily check herself

into a mental hospital. Linda refused, stating it was not necessary. Later that week, when Gavin saw Linda, he thought she looked worse than ever, like a “zombie,” “lifeless,” and “not there.”

Linda had been having an on-again, off-again affair with Eric Embry since 2000. When Gavin moved out in June 2005, Eric and Linda had just recently rekindled their relationship. At this point Linda was already experiencing depression. Eric was not happy, and the relationship was tumultuous. He kept trying to break up with Linda, but she would not let him. She asked him not to abandon her. She also told him that she wanted to kill herself. Eric was very concerned and said he would call Gavin and Linda’s sister, but Linda responded that she was not serious and told him not to call them. On March 23, 2006, Linda emailed Eric about suicide and called him close to 30 times. She asked him to be there with her so she would not want to die. On Sunday, March 26, Eric saw Linda and upon seeing her acting ‘fine,’ he became mad at her. They fought and argued and Eric told Linda that she was not serious about killing herself.

On March 29, as he was leaving for work, Eric discovered that his car was missing from its parking spot and that Linda’s car was in its place. He got a ride from a coworker and went to Linda’s house to check on things. At around 7:00 a.m. he saw Linda and her two small children inside her garage, in his car. He tried to wake Linda, but she did not respond. Her son Carter, however, began to stir, which prompted Eric to leave. He left the garage and told his coworker that Linda and her kids were sleeping in his car, and went to work. He did not call anybody else.

By the early afternoon, someone from the children’s nursery called Gavin to report that Linda and the children had not shown up, even though it was her day to work there. Gavin was working in San Jose, so he called long-time friends Thomas Kauth and his wife, Lisa Velarde, and they immediately drove to the house, arriving at about 1:00 pm. They found Linda and the children, saw the hibachi barbecue grill on the front passenger seat, a suicide note on the

dashboard and called 911. They tried CPR on Linda's daughter, Olive, but they could tell that she was already dead. They wrapped her son, Carter, in blankets to warm him up. On the way to the hospital a paramedic asked Linda if she had tried to kill herself and her children, and she responded that she had.

In a letter she left for Gavin [REDACTED], Linda wrote: "I am sorry for your pain and your suffering, and also for my mother's and everyone else's.... I cannot let [the children] go through the pain of losing me and then struggling to live a normal life knowing their mother killed herself and left them. It's too much for them ... I love my children more than anything... I know you and everyone will think I am a monster. I am robbing them of their lives, yes, but I am also saving them from so much sorrow and grief."

According to Dr. Gilbert Villela, Linda's treating psychiatrist at San Francisco General Hospital after her suicide attempt, Linda was one of the most severely depressed patients he had ever encountered in his clinical experience. During her hospital stay, Linda was also treated and evaluated by emergency room physician Dr. Eric Isaac, who similarly testified that she was one of the most profoundly depressed people he had cared for. Linda was treated with an antidepressant and her condition improved over time.

At trial, seven of Linda's friends testified about their happy-go-lucky, energetic, outgoing and fun friend, Linda Woo, and how over the course of the year or more preceding the incident, she had begun to appear tired and depressed. Each described a Linda who was joyless, or lonely, or uncharacteristically tearful and needing of help. A total of six mental health experts testified, three retained by the defense, two appointed by the court, and one hired by the prosecution. With the exception of Dr. David Kan, the prosecution's expert, all agreed that Linda suffered from

Major Depressive Disorder of a severe type. Dr. Kan diagnosed her as having “Depressive Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified.”

LINDA WOO’S RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT AND REHABILITATION

“Linda is deeply remorseful for the tragic mistakes she has made, and fully grappling with the devastating circumstances that led to the crime for which she is incarcerated. ... I recognize her incredible intellect, her passion for making amends and building a better life and world, have made her one of the most exceptional students, teachers, mentors and human beings I have ever met.”

Bryonn Bain, Associate Professor and Director,
UCLA Prison Education Program

Linda Woo’s prison C-File is replete with dozens of laudatory chronological reports praising her level of contribution and care for fellow inmates through her participation in roughly two dozen programs. What follows is a selection of those reports.

The Last Mile Coding and Software Engineering program is a highly selective program (a 3-part application process) which aims to prepare its graduates for employment in the technology sector. According to Katherine McMurray, the classroom facilitator for the program at California Institute for Women (CIW), Linda finished at the top of her class for the “Track 1” portion and is currently enrolled in Track 2. “Furthermore, because of her unparalleled content knowledge and advanced programming skills, Ms. Woo has just been hired as 1 of 3 top students to be employed as the first ever incarcerated female software engineers in history.” As a result of a joint venture with the California Prison Industry Authority, Linda Woo “will be joining the tech industry before release,” earning \$15.46 per hour, “while meaningfully contributing to a savings account and building an up to date portfolio to help her hit the ground running and find a job quickly after release.” Despite these achievements, Ms. McMurray reserves her highest admiration for Linda’s “inherent ability to connect with and aid others ... She goes out of her way to aid her peers through one on one instruction, small group teaching, and whole class

lectures. She contributes sustainable, positive impact for those in our program as well as the entire prison, earning the respect and admiration of peers and staff. Linda Woo is brilliant, gracious, humble, practical, optimistic, patient, analytical – completely well-rounded. In my years as an educator of hundreds of youth and adults, I have never encountered a more capable and gracious student. I have witnessed Linda Woo’s positive contribution to her community. She has the attitude, personal and professional experience, opportunity, and acumen to successfully transition and continue having positive impact upon release. I, as well as The Last Mile team, fully support her, during her incarceration and beyond.” (Exhibit A: Letter of Katherine McMurray, The Last Mile Program)

UCLA associate professor and Director of the UCLA Prison Education Program, Bryonn Bain met Linda Woo in the fall of 2015. He writes that “Linda stood out immediately as a woman who was not only highly educated, but also caring and compassionate enough to tutor countless other women in need of academic support and mentorship. It was clear early on that she was among the most sought-after teachers and mentors at the facility, and my work with her over the years that followed would reveal to me exactly why.” Bain describes Linda’s role as a founding member of the CIW Think Tank – a leadership organization of incarcerated women which guided the establishment of the Prison Education Program, which he directs: “Linda helped to develop and then participated as a student in the first college credit-bearing UCLA pilot course in a correctional facility, ‘Narratives of Change,’ in which she earned the highest marks through a combination of critical analysis, insightful writing and collaborative work. This led to Linda’s involvement in coordinating a Creative Writing Workshop which adapted the L. Frank Baum classic, “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” which was staged at the Los Angeles Theater Center and at the 2017 inaugural national conference at UCLA – Beyond the Bars LA.

Bain describes as “consistently extraordinary,” Linda’s “instrumental role in the yearlong research and development of a memorandum for the Los Angeles Mayor’s Office of Reentry, in collaboration with the International Human Rights Law Clinic at the UCLA School of Law.” The law students and law professors who came to CIW to meet with Linda and the clinic participants were “astounded – to the point of embarrassment at times, of how much further she delved into the assignments and tasks she took on in an effort to enhance the quality of life and opportunities for the successful community reentry of her peers ... With little expectation that she might personally benefit from the work, Ms. Woo surveyed incarcerated women about their needs, researched and compiled data regarding the resources available and lacking in Los Angeles for returning citizens, and produced sophisticated multi-variable analysis and charts above and beyond any expectations – and surpassing the abilities of many law students and even faculty.” Bain sees Linda’s “drive to improve the lives of others” as being the result of “insight she has gleaned through years of critical introspection. The psychological depth she has reached by way of self-reflection and personal inventory of her actions are evidence of tremendous individual effort to reconcile her traumatic past with present actions that lead to a redemptive future ... With her rigorous introspection, service to others, and remarkable intellect, Linda has demonstrated not only her preparedness to rejoin society, but also offered a glimpse into what amazing work she might yet do, if given the opportunity.” (Exhibit B: Letter of Bryonn Bain, UCLA)

The *Alternatives to Violence Project* (AVP) is a non-profit organization “offering experiential workshops in nonviolent conflict resolution and communication skills, currently offered in 26 of California’s 33 prisons.” Linda Woo first became involved with AVP in 2014, and “has positively impacted the program through her work, dedication, and leadership skills.

First, as a participant in the 60 hours of workshop training, and later she completed an additional 60 hours of apprenticeship to become a certified AVP facilitator. “Based on her skill as a facilitator” she was chosen to be trained as a Team Coordinator, a responsibility which – in addition to its “sophisticated” managerial/administrative duties – includes mentoring other facilitators. “In pursuit of this goal, Linda completed an extended mentorship period in which she was trained by three additional individuals ... Furthermore, Linda has repeatedly shown herself willing and able to use her AVP skills outside of the workshop space, turning possible situations of conflict into positive discussions that has served to strengthen the AVP community at CIW.” According to Milena Tyler von Wrangel, who serves on the Steering Committee of AVP California, there are only three individuals who have been selected to be Team Coordinators at CIW, at present. (Exhibit C: Letter of Milena Tyler von Wrangel, AVP/CA)

Rita Chairez is the co-facilitator of the Victim Offender Education Group (VOEG) and a survivor of violence. She writes that Linda, when she applied to the program, was interested in investigating and understanding the root causes of her crime, and that “her need to have a sense of commitment, accountability and responsibility was evident when she was interviewed for the VOEG group.” Most memorable was the “Goodbye Letter she wrote to someone she didn’t have the opportunity to say goodbye to. “As she was reading her letter her accountability was very present and she was feeling every word she was sharing.” Nor did she shy away from going deeper when invited to by the facilitators’ questions, or questions posed by other women, which made it possible for Linda “to understand the pain and grief she caused her victims and all the people around her in a respectful and responsible way ... If given the opportunity to be part of a community once again, she will be part of the solution because that’s the way she will give back some of what she has taken from her community.” (Exhibit D: Letter of Rita Chairez, VOEG)

Linda has also been an active participant in a program called Compassionate Companions, since its inception in 2014. Compassionate Companions is a hospice group which provides “comforting support for qualified inmates experiencing loss, grief, pain ... due to chronic illness.” For this she was trained by Hines Hospice. According to Jennifer Olivares, a staff sponsor of the program at CIW, Linda Woo’s “own experience with loss and grief made her an exceptional asset to this program and, in turn, this program helped Ms. Woo to heal and grow in ways that may not have been possible without the group.” Ms. Olivares also notes that she worked with Linda Woo when she was a Chaffey College Staff Sponsor where Linda was a tutor, stating that “Ms. Woo’s ability to communicate and articulate are key in aiding students who have difficulty grasping the curriculum. Ms. Woo demonstrated extraordinary skills and creativity in tutoring. She was able to work with other tutors cohesively to ensure the students received the most help.” (Exhibit E: Letter of Jennifer Olivares, CDCR)

Ben Rodriguez is an educator and liaison between the CIW and various college programs, who has worked with Linda Woo for over 3 years. He describes her as “one of the most stable, prudent and consistently reliable workers I have seen among prison inmates. Inmate Woo seems to find deep satisfaction in helping her peers and her supervisors complete difficult tasks. She is highly skilled, a master problem solver, and patient ... I give her my highest recommendation for your consideration.” (Exhibit F: Letter of Ben Rodriguez, CDCR)

And finally, Correctional Officer Linda Vasquez, who has known Linda for “several years,” attests to her character as an “exemplary person” who was an “integral part of the team that created Suicide Prevention Week at CIW and a large contributor to its success. She pays close attention to those affected and often goes out of her way to share her experience and offer support to those in need.” (Exhibit G: Letter of Linda Vasquez, C.O., CDCR)

LINDA WOO'S FAMILY

Carter [REDACTED], Linda's son, writes simply and movingly about his longing for his mother. His letter is quoted here in full:

"My name is [REDACTED] and I am Linda Woo's son. I have lived without my mom for as long as I can remember. She has been in prison since before I started in elementary school. I don't really know what to say here, but just that I hope you consider my opinion. For all my life I have wanted her back in my life; I have never found it within myself to blame her for what she did to myself or my sister. As a result, the blame she must feel on her own shoulders is immense; in my letters from her and the few calls we have shared I have felt nothing but sorrow and regret from her. She must be as remorseful as I am distraught at what I still don't fully understand.

Whenever I talk to her, I don't hear someone who would kill another person. If that is what my mom once was, I don't think it is anymore. I have heard that she is doing everything she can in prison to better herself, by exercising and taking classes, and to help others, by leading classes, and helping people who are at the end of life. I don't see why it would be necessary to subject excess pain and suffering to those who have experienced enough already.

I don't know what I would gain by my mother's release; I cannot, having never truly known her. Everyone has told me that she was an exceptional mom to me and Olive. This love that I received from her then, I may not remember it, but it is part of me. I have only pictures and letters now. I get so much joy from what she writes to me, and hope that someday we can speak face to face. I have no memories of anything like that. I just want to know that all the letters mean something; that they can mean something substantial and that their author I can soon meet.

Thank you for reading this, and I sincerely hope you will give me and my mother a chance to be a family again."

Sincerely, Carter ██████████ (Exhibit H: Letter of Carter ██████████)

Steve Woo, Linda's brother, stepped in and – along with his parents while they were still living – assumed shared custody of Carter with his father, Gavin ██████████. As Carter has grown older, Steve has played an increasingly prominent role in his life.

Steve writes of his sister: “Linda has always been one of the most generous, creative, intelligent, kind, and unpretentious people I know. I believe this is why she has been able to have such a positive and compassionate impact on so many people while incarcerated. However, the one person in the world who most needs to feel Linda's love and compassion has been unable to for the past 12 years.”

Steve writes of the “perpetual dark cloud” that has hung over his family since March 29, 2006, and of his own journey, from seeing Carter in the Emergency Room and Linda behind a glass window at SF General Hospital, thinking then that he could not “imagine how Linda and Carter could ever have a strong mother-son relationship again.” Yet, despite not remembering his mother, “Carter has always become emotional when talking about his mother and his sister Olive. It's been heartbreaking to see him long for his mother all these years, knowing that she is in prison for harming him.” Steve also describes Carter's eagerness to speak with Linda when she calls, and their conversations about “normal things” like college applications and cross-country races. Steve now believes that “[t]he seeds of reconciliation have been planted, and I'm very hopeful that their relationship can strengthen if Linda is granted an early release.”

“I have seen Carter grow up from a cute little 5 year old boy to an intelligent 17 year old on the brink of adulthood and preparing to attend college, while his mother, hundreds of miles away, has made the best of her life in prison by immersing herself in teaching and mentoring programs for other inmates, and working on social research projects with academic specialists

and professors. Seeing my nephew and my sister cope so positively under their individual circumstances has made me proud of both of them.”

Steve recognizes that there will be “an awkwardness and a period of re-adjustment for everyone ... But Carter is still young and has many more milestones to achieve ... He’s already gone through most of his childhood without a mother to share some of the most important moments in his life, but could benefit so much if he got to know his mother and the person she is.” Writing as a parent who has “raised Carter and wishes only the very best and happiest life for him, I am hoping that he can be reunited with his mother soon so their relationship can heal and grow.” (Exhibit I: Letter of Steve Woo)

Cynthia ‘Cindy’ Woo, Linda’s sister, writes about the losses their family has suffered in just the last year, of both of her parents. These losses “took another emotional toll on Carter and our family and I mourn the fact that my parents in their last years cried often and never lived to see their daughter released. My heart breaks that these same thoughts could be Carter’s fears.” In addition to the pride Cindy takes in her sister’s present achievements, she also remembers her as “the generous sister ... who learned the guitar just to entertain the children at daycare on her volunteer days, and who made the most amazing Halloween costumes.” Cindy writes that she has “sensed [Linda’s] sadness because she can’t be there for Carter during his most vulnerable years,” but knows that “Linda is trying to stay optimistic as she works hard each day to earn the chance to be with her son again.” “For Carter, in such a short lifetime there have been too many tears, too many family members taken. Carter needs more than just hope he will be with his mother again – he desperately needs her right now.” Although living in Seattle, Cindy and her husband stand ready to welcome Linda into their home and offer a position in their small optometry practice. (Exhibit J: Letter of Cynthia Woo)

Debbie Woo is Linda's sister. She writes of how she watched Carter in the early years following the separation from his mother, "struggling with his emotions and impulses, not understanding why his mother and sister were gone." Now, she and Carter are able to talk more openly, and Debbie tells Carter stories about his mother. She says that Carter "is brave and doesn't share so much, but quite sensitive and tearful when we talk like this. It surprises me and I get tearful myself ... I believe that this boy, my nephew, deserves and needs to have his mother back in his life and to experience the unconditional love that he's craved. He deserves that happiness and security after so many years of pain." Debbie writes that Linda has "worked hard to understand how things devolved with her depression, and she's worked with therapists while in prison to understand her mental illness and to establish a regimen of treatment. She is healthy and has been managing her depression effectively and is ready to return to her life here in the Bay Area."

Debbie tells of how, when their grandmother lost both her hearing and her sight and was moved to an assisted living facility in Mill Valley, Linda – who was in her 20s – was the only one of more than 15 grandchildren who visited her regularly and sat by her bedside. She also describes how Linda was the only family member who came to the airport at 1 a.m. when Debbie and her husband were bringing their adopted daughter home from China. Linda showed up with a new baby car seat and was thrilled to greet her new niece.

Debbie offers financial support and notes that their family home in San Francisco is available to Linda, as well as Debbie's own home in Mill Valley. (Exhibit K: Letter of Debbie Woo)

GAVIN ██████████ AND THE ██████████ FAMILY

“There is a space in society for kindness.”

-Gavin ██████████

In his letter, after recognizing all the people who were hurt by Linda’s actions, most of all Olive and Carter, Gavin turns his attention to Linda, acknowledging that her worst punishment is that she must live with what she did: “In addition to all the other lives that Linda has hurt, her needless and senseless act was also directed upon herself. She must live the rest of her days knowing what she did to Olive, to Carter, to me, and to all that know those two children.” Gavin states that Linda needed to be removed from society as punishment and “to take whatever steps she needed in order to heal herself.” From the perspective of societal punishment, he believes “she has paid a sufficient price.” As for healing and rehabilitation, he writes that based upon what he has heard about Linda’s activities, “I get the impression that she has been working hard to make the best of her time there. There is a place in society for kindness. Giving Linda an opportunity to be released while she is still relatively young seems to me to be the right thing. She has paid a significant price for her actions; and maintaining her incarceration does not appear to serve anyone’s interest.”

Gavin concludes his letter by considering what it would mean for Carter to have his mother returned to him, saying that “Linda’s release would provide a possibility to process what has happened to him in a way that wouldn’t be possible with her continued incarceration. He has spent the majority of his life without seeing his mother, and changing this may be beneficial ...

(Exhibit L: Letter of Gavin ██████████)

Anne ██████████, Olive’s grandmother, also supports Linda’s application for clemency. She writes that Linda suffered from depression in the year preceding her crime, and that she “has

helped her fellow inmates to obtain their GEDs. Please give her the opportunity to contribute to society, and she will be a positive impact at whatever she chooses to do and be no threat to society or the family.” Ann adds that Linda was “very solicitous” of her deceased husband and of her, stating that they were always included in social events and trips. “Linda was truly a lovely person and a wonderful unique and fun daughter in law. Linda and I frequently talk on the phone and have meaningful conversations. I always look forward to her next call.” (Exhibit M: Letter of Ann [REDACTED])

Gavin [REDACTED] sister, Deirdre, begins by saying, about her tightly knit family, that “Linda was regarded as a blood relative in our large Irish family. She was adored by my parents and of her own volition, with or without my brother Gavin, would take both children to visit with them as frequently as possible. This continued to be the case after she and my brother separated. When planning family vacations her first thought was always to include them.”

About Carter, Deirdre writes that “[a]s complex as the situation is he can clearly see how much his mother was loved and continues to be loved by both families. In other words he knows that she is a good person. The family support notwithstanding there has been a large void in Carter’s life. I believe he needs to have his mother in his life in order to heal.” Deirdre concludes by saying that she is “wholly convinced that Linda will never be a danger to anyone in the future and respectfully request that you commute her sentence.” (Exhibit N: Letter of Deirdre [REDACTED])

Gavin’s brother, Declan [REDACTED] and Declan’s wife Kajsa [REDACTED]; also attest to Linda’s good character, their abiding affection for her, their belief that what happened was the result of illness, and give their pledge to support Linda in every way they can when she is released. Declan writes of the “huge hole” left in their family when Gavin and Linda separated, and how they “didn’t want to lose Linda and I know Linda didn’t want to lose the [REDACTED] Family. I

remember before the crime always telling my friends about my wonderful sister-in-law. I believe when released Linda would perform a positive role for Carter and society at large.” (Exhibit O: Letter of Declan [REDACTED], and Exhibit P: Letter of Kajsa [REDACTED])

LINDA WOO’S FRIENDS

“I think the world would be a better place if there were more people like Linda in it. In a holiday card she sent a year ago she wrote: ‘Prison is what you make of it. There are good people here and lots of learning opportunities.’ To me this is evidence of a determination and resilience that are remarkable.”
-Minnie Ingersoll

Lisa Velarde has known Linda for 25 years, and it was Lisa, with her husband Thomas Kauth, who found Linda, Olive and Carter in the car on March 29, 2006. She writes of having sometimes wondered, prior to 2006, if Linda’s propensity for staying busy “was a way to avoid thinking about things. But in the last couple of years, I have seen a very different Linda.” This newer Linda is “a totally open, self-reflective, and deeply thoughtful person who is truly atoning for her crime. The last time I visited her, I found her extremely familiar with her inner mental landscape. I was a little jealous of how self-actualized she was, to be honest, as though the mystery of her motivations and behavior was now revealed to her and she was completely aware of every one of her personality strengths and weaknesses, allowing her to make healthy, informed decisions going forward in life.” (Exhibit Q: Letter of Lisa Velarde)

Lisa’s husband, Thomas Kauth, has known Linda since elementary school, and remembers her as “the smartest, the funniest, and the most athletic girl in class.” Linda is “my oldest friend and one who I care for deeply. ... And though I’m sure her life has not turned out the way she’d planned, she has not given in to despair.” Thomas echoes the words of many of Linda’s mentors when he – a software developer – “can tell she has the instincts, temperament, the logic skills and the attention to detail to be a great programmer.” Far from being a threat to

anyone, Linda, if released, would be the “responsible, hardworking, honest person that I’ve known for so many years.” (Exhibit R: Letter of Thomas Kauth)

Minnie Ingersoll is an enormously successful person. She was “an early product manager at Google before becoming COO of Code for America and founder of Shift, a \$150M online marketplace for buying and selling used cars.” However, but for successful intervention, she may not have lived to mark these achievements, marry, or have children. When in college, she writes, “I woke up every morning wishing I could kill myself. I dropped out of college. But then I went on medication and I got a second chance.”

Minnie met Linda when they both were members of a soccer team. Minnie admired the “fun, wise-cracking mother of two,” and they would room together when traveling to tournaments. From Minnie’s perspective, Linda received the treatment that she needed once she was arrested and hospitalized, “and of course it is an understatement to say that she regretted what she had done. I truly believe that Linda’s story could be anyone’s, just as it could have been mine. As a person who has first-hand experience with suicidal depression, it pains me to no end to see how poorly understood this illness is in society, and how our laws have not evolved to incorporate what mental health experts plainly know regarding the mental state of severely depressed individuals.” She believes that “Linda’s son, Carter, deserves to know the real Linda. None of this was his fault. The woman I knew and know would do everything for her children.” (Exhibit S: Letter of Minnie Ingersoll)

Richard Looker, who has known Linda for 25 years, has seen his friendship with Linda deepen during her period of incarceration. Richard has also “struggled with depression and contemplated suicide” so Linda’s “state of mind was not an abstraction” for him: “I could fully understand how she could arrive in a state where rational thought can get pushed aside because

of emotional pain. Many of our early letters dealt with this topic, and I think my understanding and experience with depression allowed us to become better friends ...” Richard is struck by what he sees as Linda’s “relentless drive to better herself and find ways to help her fellow inmates” and often wonders if he would be able to do the same if he were in her circumstance.

Richard quotes from a letter from Linda, describing how she is helping her friend to prepare for being released by acting as her personal trainer. Perhaps most important of all, Richard recognizes that Linda has struggled with depression while incarcerated, but that she has not “withdrawn within herself. She tried to help other people in lots of ways despite her own pain. I know from firsthand experience that this is very difficult to do when battling depression ... In this as in many other respects, Linda is a remarkable woman.”

Finally, like Minnie Ingersoll and others, Richard sincerely believes that Linda is remorseful and that “[s]ociety needs more people like her.” (Exhibit T: Letter of Richard Looker)

LINDA WOO IN HER OWN WORDS

Dear Governor Brown,

In 2006, in the midst of a severe depression, I wanted to kill myself. I could not, however, because I had two beautiful children and I could not put them through the pain of losing their mother. I believed that this would ruin their lives forever, as they could not possibly survive without me. As my depression grew worse, it suddenly dawned on me that I could spare them this terrible loss by taking them with me. I made the horrible decision to kill my children, and myself.

I have spent the last 12 years living with the consequences of my actions. The death of my three-year-old daughter, Olive, has left a gaping hole in my heart that will never be filled. I will miss her for the rest of my life. I have deep regret and remorse for all the pain that I have

caused everyone, especially her father and her brother, grandparents, all her family and friends and the entire community. I am truly humbled by their forgiveness of me, and their gracious offers of support for me. The taking of anyone's life is a shocking crime that shakes the core of society as a whole. But when that life is a small child, it is even more disturbing. I am profoundly sorry for my actions and I go forward in life trying every day to be the best possible person that I can be.

I am requesting this commutation because, at the age of four and a half my son, Carter, had his mother ripped from his life. He woke up in the hospital with no explanation. In his eyes, I abandoned him. I was not allowed any contact with him until he was ten, and by then I was a complete stranger to him. I was allowed to write him short, monitored letters, and have continued to do so ever since.

Late last year at my mother's funeral, Carter learned that I had been talking to my mother on the phone. He approached his father and asked whether people spoke to me on the phone, and asked if he could also. Since then I have called Carter once a month and we have begun to build a relationship. Carter tells me that he has no memory of me or Olive, but that he wished he did. During these phone calls, which have been a blessing to us, we have both cried.

Carter is now 17 and a senior in high school. He has begun the process of applying to colleges. I am grateful to his father, my brother Steve, and my parents for raising him to be an outstanding young man whom I am so proud of. Still, I believe that Carter deserves, wants, and needs his mother in his life during these crucial years, as he continues to develop emotionally and cognitively.

Over these last 12 years I have gained real insight into myself and – working closely with mental health professionals – have also been able to address the sources of my depression. Of

equal importance, I have developed the coping skills necessary to managing my feelings. I do not believe prison is a horrible place – I have been able to learn a great deal here and have established meaningful relationships, acquired much needed insight into myself, and discovered a joy in helping others meet their goals.

I ask for this commutation for Carter’s sake. I love him so much; he was an innocent victim whose life was upended by my actions. I know that he holds a great deal of pain inside of him as a result of my crime, and has many unanswered questions; I want to support him emotionally and in all his endeavors, answer all his questions, love him, and be a mother to him.

Yours truly,

Linda Woo

(Exhibit U: Letter from Linda Woo to Governor Brown)

CONCLUSION

“There are spaces of sorrow only God can touch”
-Helen Prejean

For all the reasons stated above, Linda Woo requests that Governor Brown commute her sentence to a term of 13 years to life.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Nicky Woodall

In October 1987, two drug dealers offered 20-year-old Nicky Woodall money to kill Michael Hoy, a drug dealer they were feuding with. On October 30, 1987, Mr. Woodall struck Mr. Hoy repeatedly in the head with a wrench, killing him. A couple of days later, Mr. Woodall enlisted the help of others to dispose of the body by dumping it in an aqueduct. On March 9, 1988, the Kern County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Woodall to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 1-year deadly weapon enhancement.

Mr. Woodall has now been incarcerated 31 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Woodall wrote that he began participating in criminal activity as a result of his dysfunctional childhood. He wrote that he "simply did not have the coping skills to make pro-social choices," and that his poor decision making was exacerbated by his chronic drug use. He reported that he committed the crime when he had been up for several days on a drug binge. Mr. Woodall has refrained from substance abuse for over 20 years and has worked to address his addiction in prison.

During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Woodall has been dedicated to transforming his life. He was last disciplined for misconduct 20 years ago. He earned his GED, a career readiness certificate in paralegal studies, and completed vocational training in office services. Mr. Woodall has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Getting Out by Going In, Anger Management, and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Woodall has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him on a regular basis. Mr. Woodall has been praised by the prison chaplain for being "spiritually mature, mentally and emotionally grounded in reality, and an example of someone who is truly rehabilitated." In 2008, a correctional lieutenant wrote of Mr. Woodall, "Through many years I have dealt with Woodall in the capacity of captain's clerk. . . . In a prison setting, where integrity and ethics are regularly compromised, Woodall stands apart." Also in 2008, a correctional counselor who worked with Mr. Woodall while a captain's clerk wrote, "Having worked closely with Woodall over the years, I find him to be very mature, goal-oriented, and an example of what rehabilitation is and should be." Another correctional counselor wrote in 2008, "Woodall's demonstrated character and work ethic is rare in the workplace, and has proven invaluable many times. He remains cordial and professional, always ready to assist in any way needed." A facility captain praised Mr. Woodall in 2008, writing, "Woodall has consistently impressed me with his clerical skills, exceptional work product, and professional attitude. He has remained a valuable tool in the normal operations of the facility program office, always demonstrating an aptitude for solutions to any difficult task he confronts. In my fourteen plus years in the department, he is by far the best clerk I have ever encountered."

Impressively, 95 employees at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility, including correctional counselors, officers, lieutenants, sergeants, and facility captains, signed a letter supporting Mr. Woodall's clemency application in 2007.

Mr. Woodall committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself through his hard work and commitment to his rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Woodall has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Nicky Woodall to a total of 31 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of December, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. **If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Nicky William Woodall Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1967 Inmate ID: D-82572

Address: P.O. Box 8500, Coalinga, CA 93210 Facility: Pleasant Valley State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
See Exhibit 1- Probation Officer Report			

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Addendum to the application for commutation of sentence statement of facts
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3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See Addendum to the application for commutation of sentence - Pages 1-2

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

See Addendum to the application for commutation of sentence -Pages 2-9 and
supporting documents from Exhibits 1, 2, and 3.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

David J. Ramirez, Esquire 7545 Irvine Center Dr., Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92618
\$3,000 paid to Attorney David J. Ramirez

STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Nicky William Woodall, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)
have served the District Attorney of the County of Kern with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Nicky Woodall

Applicant's Signature

6/27/14

Date

*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Kern County: Please take notice that I, Nick William Woodall,

was convicted of the crime of PC 187 1st Deg. w/, PC 190.2 Spec. Circum, PC 12022(b) use of DW,

committed in Kern County, California, on the date of 10/30/1987

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
LEGAL AFFAIRS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California.

Nick Woodall

6/28/17

Applicant's Signature

Date

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.

I, Mark Patton, Chief Deputy, District Attorney of the County of Kern,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from Nick William Woodall,

that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a commutation of sentence.

Signed

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Date

7/3/17

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

ADDENDUM TO THE APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

INTRODUCTION

TO THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN JR. AND THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF KERN COUNTY:

Pursuant to Penal Code section 4800 and Article V, Section 8, of the California Constitution, Petitioner Nicky William Woodall is asking the Honorable Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to **commute** his sentence of *Life without the possibility of parole plus one year to an indeterminate sentence of 25 years to life with the possibility of parole*. Mr. Woodall was first arrested in April of 1983 at the age of 16 for Grand Theft. He was again arrested at the age of 17 for Receiving Stolen Property and Possession of Alcohol. Each arrest resulted in placement in Juvenile Forestry Camp. Mr. Woodall's adult criminal history includes arrests/convictions for Petty Theft and his controlling case.¹ Mr. Woodall was received into the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) on April 12, 1988, subsequent to his conviction for Murder in the 1st Degree, PC 187 with Special Circumstances (financial gain), PC 190.2 and Use of a Deadly Weapon, PC 12022 (b).²

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Petitioner, Nicky William Woodall, was found guilty by jury on March 9, 1988, to first degree murder with special circumstances and use of a deadly weapon. On October 30, 1987, Mr. Woodall hit Michael Hoy multiple times with a torque wrench resulting in his death.³ The taking of Michael Hoy's life was for financial gain. Mr.

¹ Exhibit 1-Portion of POR.

² Id. Legal Status Summary Sheet.

³ Id. CDCR Evaluation.

Woodall feels deep remorse for his reckless and heinous conduct. He accepts full responsibility for his actions and the senseless murder of Michael Hoy and the lifelong suffering his family and friends must have endured. In July of 2007 the Bakersfield Californian newspaper published a letter that Nick had written expressing his sorrow and shame.⁴ Mr. Woodall has matured significantly throughout his 29 years of incarceration. His ability to understand the motivations behind the murder of Michael Hoy has evolved through the therapeutic programs and rehabilitation options offered by CDCR. Mr. Woodall grew up in a highly dysfunctional environment and he simply did not have the coping skills to make pro-social choices. His poor decision making was exacerbated by his chronic drug use. Mr. Woodall was unable to understand and appreciate the consequences of his actions. On the day of his controlling offense, Mr. Woodall had not slept for several days and he was on an eleven day methamphetamine binge. Regardless of his state of mind, he committed an unspeakable act and he deserved to be punished to the fullest extent of the law at that time.

INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIOR

Mr. Woodall's incarceration should be viewed in two distinct segments. The first segment covers the period when he was first received into CDCR in April of 1988 throughout November of 1995. The second segment relates to Mr. Woodall's rehabilitation and programming from December of 1995 to present day. Mr. Woodall received approximately nine Rules Violations Reports (RVR), the first 7 years in prison.⁵ He had difficulty adjusting to prison life. The majority of his RVR(s) were a direct result of his past inability to deal with his anger and impulsivity issues. For years he

⁴ Id. July 2007 Bakersfield Californian Newspaper Article

⁵ Id. CDCR Memorandum

rationalized that his negative behavior was necessary if he wanted to survive prison life. He saw himself as the victim and blamed others for the negative choices he made both in the free community and in prison. Fortunately, Nicky's warped mindset would change in 1995 when he gave himself to his savior, Jesus Christ. Mr. Woodall has demonstrated a commitment to rehabilitation through his participation in various self-help programs over the years. Such rehabilitation efforts include: acting as the designated Christian Leader within Facility III-A, for the purposes of conducting regularly scheduled Christian leadership meetings; facilitating multiple Bible Studies Courses; Conducting "Undeniable Truths Seminar" which is comprised of Biblical principles and part of an on going evangelical ministry within Facility III-A; Advanced Anger Management; Coping Skills Training; Group Therapy for Coping Skills and Strategies; Anger Management; Alcoholic Anonymous; Care Giver Training; Writing the "Soldier's Call" Christian Newsletter.⁶

CAUSATIVE FACTORS

For many years Mr. Woodall refused to accept the fact that he was powerless over drugs. Unfortunately, it took his life crime to force him to come to terms with his addiction. Years of therapy, prayer, and self-help programs have given Nicky significant insight into the motivations that led him to commit his crime. He has detailed his criminal causative factors in a four page essay entitled, INSIGHT.⁷ Below are some of the underlying reasons why he committed his life crime.

Low Self Esteem: Nicky had a sense of inferiority from being demeaned and having a poor self image.

⁶ Exhibit 2-Certificates/Chronos

⁷ Id. Insight Essay.

Unhealthy Desire for Attention/Acceptance: Nicky surrounded himself with criminals and negative peer groups and family members.

Resolving Conflicts with Violence: Learned behavior from family and social peers.

Warped Beliefs: Distorted principles developed from family and negative experiences and behaviors.

Selfish and Self-Centered Thinking: Nicky developed a sense of entitlement from family and all the negative things that happened to him.

Inability to Deal with Life Stressors: Nicky never asked for help when he was confused or scared. He always tried to do things on his own.

Extreme Short Term Thinking: Nicky had no purpose or future goals. He was unable to envision a future in his life past the immediate weeks and months.

Impulsivity: Nicky Lacked discipline/control in managing urges.

Poor Choices and Poor Decision Making Skills: Nicky often was overwhelmed by emotions and impulsivity; he did not know how to identify, assess, or choose the best alternative.

Lack of Emotional Control and Other Negative Feelings: Pervasive, negative self-talk and emotions overpowered Nicky's rational thoughts.

Coping Strategies: One of the primary reasons Mr. Woodall has been able to avoid issues with his fellow inmates is he has developed an effective strategy to diffuse potentially volatile situations. His primary strategy has been using and applying Biblical principles and exemplifying God's love. When he encounters a difficult situation he now evaluates the matter and finds an affirmative option(s) to resolve the conflict in a peaceful

way. He understands he must remain calm and focus on a positive solution. Such strategies include: listening to another point of view, excusing himself and walking away to assess the situation, utilizing the S.T.A.R. technique which stands for Stop, Think, Assess, and React. With these techniques Nicky will be able to make calm reasonable choices.

POSITIVE FAMILY & SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Despite his nearly thirty years of incarceration Nicky, has maintained strong ties with his family through visits, letters, and authorized phone calls. He has also befriended dozens of Correctional Officers and free staff members who either endorse his request to have his sentence commuted to life with the possibility of parole or have written letters/chronos affirming his positive changes and long term growth. Such letters/chronos include:

Support Letters/Chronos from Staff:

Correctional Officers: (Correctional Sergeant B. Cooke, et al.) Approximately Ninety-Five Correctional Officers have signed a form letter in which they all opine that Nicky's behavior is consistent with that of a rehabilitated individual. They base their recommendations on their years of experience encountering inmate populations and the fact that they have had the opportunity to observe Mr. Woodall over an extended period of time in their official capacity. ⁸

Wife: (Lynette Woodall) Mrs. Woodall has been married to Nicky for over twenty-three years. She believes that Nicky has developed a true sense of humility and a

⁸ Exhibit 3-CO Signature Support Letter

full realization of the consequences of his actions. She has personally observed his change and she believes he has been rehabilitated.⁹

Inmate: (Leif Taylor) As an inmate within CDCR, Leif has known Nicky for over twenty years. He credits Nicky with having a positive impact on his life and helping him spread the word of God.¹⁰

Former Inmate: (Matthew Feldmeth) Mr. Feldmeth and Nicky taught Bible Study in prison. Matthew writes how Nicky counsels others and how he is constantly serving the Lord. He considers Nicky one of the kindest persons he knows.

Former Lifer: (Jeffrey Inglett) Mr. Inglett was celled with Nick periodically for approximately ten years. Nick's guidance and fellowship planted the seed for Jeffrey's rehabilitation.¹¹

NOTABLE QUOTES

Protestant Chaplain E. Crain 03/25/06

I have known inmate Woodall as a fellow brother in Christ, for several years, in which we have enjoyed fellowship, studied the Bible, and engaged in many discussions concerning such. He is a well read, honest, and trustworthy person who has been instrumental in creating and coordinating different Chapel programs, Bible Studies, as well as counseling other inmates with spiritual/life issues.¹²

Facility Captain G. Rangel 05/09/07

Over the years, I have worked closely with inmate Woodall in my capacity as CCII and Facility Captain. He is very respectful and courteous, always conducting

⁹ Id. Support Letters.

¹⁰ Id.

¹¹ Id.

¹² Exhibit 2-Certificates/Chronos

himself in the most professional manner. Inmate Woodall regularly goes above and beyond the call of duty, not merely doing what is required of him but, taking every opportunity to do the best job possible. ¹³

Facility Sergeant B. Cooke 03/28/05

I have known inmate Woodall for many years, in my capacity as Facility III-A Sergeant, several of which he has been assigned as the Facility III-A Captain's Clerk. I have had the opportunity to work closely with him, observing his behavior over an extended period of time. Based on this I can attest to his strong work ethic, high level of integrity and trustworthiness. ¹⁴

Correctional Lieutenant S. Grandy 06/12/07

Woodall has been a great help to me and the overall operations of Facility III-A. In a prison setting where honesty and integrity are regularly compromised, Woodall stands apart as an example of what rehabilitation is and should be. Based on this information, it is my pleasure to document such and commend Woodall for his professionalism and demonstrated character. ¹⁵

Correctional Officer J. Montemayor 04/25/13

I have observed inmate Woodall over an extended period of time during the course of my duties. Inmate Woodall has consistently demonstrated to me that he has the ability to work with others and deal with others in a mature and meaningful manner. Inmate Woodall is polite with all staff, courteous, obeys all orders and follow instructions

¹³ Id.-Certificates/Chronos

¹⁴ Id.

¹⁵ Id.

given to him. If inmate Woodall is to be given a parole date, in my opinion, he would be able to successfully re-integrate into society. ¹⁶

Pastors/Chaplains Tom & Dottie Hooper 09/06/16

Although we have never met Nick in person, we feel we know him through letters he has written, and by his honest and sincere answers to the questions asked in our 12-Step lessons. We believe Nick has honestly repented of his crime, and that he has sincerely changed his life, and is ready for parole and re-entry into society. ¹⁷

EDUCATION

Mr. Woodall has upgraded educationally by earning his General Equivalency Diplomas on 03/13/1989. He also earned his Paralegal degree from Blackstone Career Institute on 06/22/2004 and was recognized for successful completion of Vocational Office Services. ¹⁸ In terms of his work assignments, Nicky has consistently earned above average to exceptional ratings from his supervisors. ¹⁹

YOUTHFUL CHARACTERISTICS

Without question one can opine that at the age of twenty Nicky was an impulsive drug addict whose life was unmanageable. Nicky clearly lacked the coping skills to make pro-social choices. He was unable to appreciate the consequences of his actions. His susceptibility to negative peer influences and rash behavior was undeniable. However, recent scientific evidence has shown that young adult development and neuroscience shows that certain areas of the brain, specifically, those affecting judgment and decision-making, do not fully develop until the early to mid twenties. Numerous

¹⁶ Id.

¹⁷ Exhibit 3-Support Letters

¹⁸ Exhibit 2-Certificates/Chronos

¹⁹ Id.

studies have confirmed that the process of brain development continues well beyond the age of eighteen. This research has been relied upon by judges and lawmakers.²⁰ Mr. Woodall is well aware he does not qualify for Senate Bill 261 consideration.²¹ However, his age (20) at the time of his life crime should be a relevant factor when considering his commutation request.

Nicky is no longer the same person he was when he committed his life crime. His ability to understand the motivations behind his crime has evolved through the therapeutic process offered by CDCR. His programming and Christian lifestyle has allowed him to identify his past defects of character and the causative factors of his criminality. This was only done through hard work and his unwavering commitment to self analysis. He has written a detailed Relapsed Prevention Plan²² which has enabled him to manage stressors in prison and will assist him in the free community. His rehabilitation has enabled him to have the coping skills to flourish in prison and, God willing, perhaps someday in the free community.

CONCLUSION

Nicky Woodall, by and through his counsel, respectfully request that the **Honorable Governor Jerry Brown commute his sentence of life without the possibility of parole to an indeterminate sentence of 25 years to life with the possibility of parole** because Nicky Woodall is a rehabilitated inmate. For over twenty-two years he has shown himself to be an exemplary inmate. He has not incurred a RVR

²⁰ Roper v. Simmons, 543 U.S. 551, 569 (2005); Miller v. Alabama, 567 U.S. (2012); People v. Caballero, 55 Cal. 4th 262 (Cal. 2012).

²¹ P.C. § 4801(c) requires that when considering the suitability of a qualified youth offender for parole, the hearing panel must give "great weight" to the diminished culpability of juveniles as compared to adults, the hallmark features of youth, and any subsequent growth and increased maturity of the inmate.

²² Exhibit 2-Relapse Plan

in over twenty-two years. He continues to better himself through institutional programs, his religious services and self therapy. His commitment to Jesus Christ is unwavering and has enabled him to have the coping skills and pro-social mentality to make the right choices.

Respectfully Submitted,



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VERIFICATION

I, NICKY WILLIAM WOODALL, state:

I am the petitioner in this action. I have read the foregoing Application for Commutation Of Sentence and the facts stated therein are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this matter was executed on 6/28/17, 2017, in California.


Petitioner Nicky W. Woodall