



The Board of Pardons 2013 Report to the Legislature

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Background

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §638.075, the Minnesota Board of Pardons is required to file a written report with the legislature by February 15 of each year, summarizing the actions taken by the Board during the previous year. Under the law, the Commissioner of Corrections is responsible for administering the day-to-day activities of the Minnesota Board of Pardons through his or her designated staff.

The Board is granted the power under Article V, Section 7, of the Minnesota Constitution and Minn. Stat. Chapter 638, to grant the following types of extraordinary relief to persons who have been convicted of crimes:

- *Pardon* – an act of forgiveness that exempts the convicted person from the punishment imposed by law.
- *Commutation* – the substitution of a lesser or different type of punishment for that imposed in the original sentence.
- *Pardon Extraordinary* – a statutorily-created relief granted to applicants who have served their sentence. When a pardon extraordinary is granted, the court is directed to issue an order setting aside the conviction and the applicant is no longer required to report the conviction, except in specified circumstances. The original conviction and the pardon extraordinary are recorded on the applicant’s criminal record.

Applications Reviewed and Board Decisions

There were 125 applications requested for pardons extraordinary or pardon/commutation in 2013. Of the 125 applications distributed, 60 were returned. The following tables display the Board’s decisions on the 60 applications and specific information for each application granted:

Applications Reviewed and Outcome

| Type of Relief Requested | Number of Applications Considered | Decision of Board |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Pardon/Commutation | 7 | Denied: 7 |
| Pardon Extraordinary | 32 | Granted: 10 Denied: 19 Applicants that failed to appear: 2 Deferred until applicant can appear: 1 |
| Pardons Extraordinary with Request to Waive Waiting Period | 16 | Granted: 1 Denied: 15 |
| Request for Leave to Reapply | 5 | Denied: 5 |

Pardons Extraordinary Granted in 2013

| Applicant Name | Crime | Age at Time of Offense | Date of Conviction |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ellis, Ray | Aggravated Forgery | 35 | 5/17/1977 |
| Helmick, Christopher | Aggravated Robbery(2 cts) | 20 | 7/22/1992 |
| Kranz, Nathan | Burglary, 3 rd Deg. | 18 | 3/16/1998 |
| | Check Forgery (GM) | 18 | 3/16/1998 |
| Lewis, Ronald | Unlawful Poss. Narcotics | 23 | 5/3/1988 |
| | Burglary, 3 rd Deg. | 25 | 6/26/1990 |
| | Theft | 22 | 11/1/1989 |
| Misner, Carol | Theft from Person | 20 | 08/04/1986 |
| | Poss. Tear Gas by Felon | 21 | 03/16/1988 |
| | Possession of Cocaine | 23 | 09/26/1989 |
| | Prostitution | 19 | 05/01/1986 |
| Raines, Jeanna | Misd. Check Forgery | 25 | 08/09/1996 |
| | Wrongful Obtain Assistance | 24 | 08/21/1995 |
| Rich, Raymond | Poss. of Pistol in Vehicle | 20 | 3/14/1983 |
| | Burglary | 20 | 3/14/1983 |
| Ryberg, Robert | Burglary | 19 | 04/14/1964 |
| Teter, Dale | Burglary, 2 nd Deg. (2 cts) | 21 | 5/12/1987 |
| | Burglary, 2 nd Deg. | 21 | 5/12/1987 |
| | Burglary, 2 nd Deg. | 21 | 07/20/1987 |
| | Burglary, 3 rd Deg. (3cts) | 21 | 10/26/1986 |
| Wandemacher, Richard | Poss. of Cocaine w/Intent/ | 29 | 05/12/1986 |