

**2022 LEGISLATIVE REPORT  
MINNESOTA BOARD OF PARDONS**

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### **Background**

The Minnesota Board of Pardons (Board) is required to file a written report with the legislature by February 15 of each year, reporting the number of pardon/commutation and pardon extraordinary applications received and those granted by the Board. Minn. Stat. § 638.075.

The Board is made up of Minnesota’s Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Attorney General. Under Article V, Section 7 of the Minnesota Constitution and Minn. Stat. Chapter 638, the Board may grant the following types of 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 sentences. 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.
- **Reprieve** – a temporary suspension or postponement of a criminal sentence or part thereof. Unlike a commutation, a reprieve does not alter or reduce the sentence imposed by the court, but merely suspends its execution for a period of time.

Pardons, commutations, or reprieves may be granted to persons who are currently serving active Minnesota sentences. Pardons extraordinary may be granted to persons who committed Minnesota crimes, have fully served their sentences, and have waited the applicable waiting periods after discharge from their sentences before applying for relief.

### **2022 Meetings**

The Board met on June 27, 2022, December 19, 2022, and December 20, 2022.

### **APPLICATIONS PROCESSED AND ACTION TAKEN IN 2022**

Type of Application	Applications Processed	Number Granted
Pardon/Commutation	89 (1 withdrawn) (11 ineligible) (1 continued to spring 2023)	3
Pardon Extraordinary	79 (2 withdrawn) (17 ineligible) (3 continued to spring 2023)	40

Type of Application	Applications Processed	Number Granted
Reprieve	1	1

### PARDONS/COMMUTATIONS GRANTED IN 2022

Applicant Name	Offense(s)	Age at Time of Offense	Year of Conviction	Relief Granted
Meszaros, Marlin	First-degree possession of methamphetamine	40	2014	Commutation
Nunn, Jerome	Attempted first-degree murder	19	1995	Commutation
Gates, Coley	Aiding and abetting first-degree murder	19	1999	Commutation

### PARDONS EXTRAORDINARY GRANTED IN 2022

Applicant Name	Offense(s)	Age at Time of Offense	Year of Conviction
Aho, Eric	First-degree driving while impaired	26	2010
Ali, Abdullahi	Wrongfully obtaining public assistance	21	2011
Becker, Julie	Third-degree possession of a controlled substance	24	1997
Berg, Shawn	Theft	18	1996
	Interference with a 911 call	23	1999
	Worthless check	23	2000
	Theft	28	2004
Bush, James	Domestic assault	43	2007
Cutler, Melanie*	Theft	19	2005
Daley, Bryon	Violating an order for protection	21	1994
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	Theft	23	1999
DeMike, Anthony	Disorderly conduct	37	2003
	Fifth-degree assault	38	2004
Dillon, Craig	Second-degree burglary	18	2003
Donaldson, Timothy	First-degree burglary	21	2011
Dowell, Pamela	Disorderly conduct	34	1996

\* Conditional pardon granted.

Garcia-Gonzalez, Jesus	Second-degree burglary Fifth-degree assault Fourth-degree damage to property	20	2005
Grinnell, Antoney	Third-degree sale of narcotics	22	2004
Harvey, Charles	First-degree aggravated robbery First-degree burglary Simple robbery Possession of stolen property	20	2006
Hauge, Shawn	Third-degree burglary	18	1990
Johanson, Chad	Third-degree burglary	23	2003
Johnson, Jeremiah	Third-degree burglary	27	2004
Johnson, J'Juan	First-degree possession of cocaine First-degree sale of cocaine Fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle Child endangerment	21	2007
King, Cory	Driving under the influence	27	1995
	Aggravated driving while impaired	30	1999
	Fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle	30	1999
Lindholt, Brian	Aiding and abetting second-degree burglary	18	1996
	Disorderly conduct	21	1999
McCrorry, Paul	Second-degree assault	28	1989
	Third-degree burglary	29	1991
	Third-degree sale of a controlled substance	34	1996
McNelis, Adam	Second-degree possession of a controlled substance	18	1996
Neumann, Brandon	Second-degree assault	18	1999
Omisore Davidson, Adetoun <sup>†</sup>	Wrongfully obtaining public assistance	32	1998
	Forgery	32	1998
Parker, Brian	Theft	26	1973
Post, Dale	Simple arson	21	1972
Purnell Jr., Rory	Second-degree sale of a controlled substance	21	2001
Register, James	Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle	23	1985
Reichow, Chad	Possession of a stolen firearm	18	1993
	Theft of a motor vehicle	19	1993
Robinson, Lawrence	Theft – wrongfully obtaining worker's compensation benefits	30	1996
Slater Sr., DeAndre	First-degree sale of cocaine	19	1993
	Wrongfully obtaining public assistance	24	2000

<sup>†</sup> Conditional pardon granted.

Sloane, Aimee	Underage drinking and driving	20	2011
	Fifth-degree possession of a controlled substance	22	2013
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Smith Henry, Crystal	Disorderly conduct	32	1999
	Third-degree sale of a controlled substance	35	2002
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	Disorderly conduct	40	2006
Sothiphakhak, Thisaphone	Fifth-degree controlled substance crime	22	1998
Speichinger, Steven	Fourth-degree possession of a controlled substance	19	1992
Thomas, Charles	Fifth-degree possession of a controlled substance	35	2002
Vazquez Suau, Liliana	Theft	18	2004
Ward, Nicola	Identify theft	31	2009
Weibye, Edward	Third-degree burglary	18	1992
	Second-degree arson (two counts)	20	1995
	Theft	22	1996
	Trespass	24	1998
	Domestic assault	27	2001
	Pawning property of another	32	2007
Zang, Michael	Felony theft	22	1974

### REPRIEVE GRANTED IN 2022

Applicant Name	Offense(s)	Age at Time of Offense	Year of Conviction
Dickerson Jr., Carlos <sup>‡</sup>	Second-degree unintentional murder	14	2020

<sup>‡</sup> Conditional reprieve granted. The applicant's certification as an adult was temporarily suspended until his eighteenth birthday, such that the Commissioner of Corrections may transfer him to the secure juvenile facility at the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Red Wing until that time. The reprieve was subject to certain conditions and, once it expires, the applicant's adult certification will automatically be reinstated and the applicant will be returned to an adult facility to complete the remainder of his sentence.