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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §638.075 (1994), the Board of Pardons is required to file a written report with the legislature summarizing actions it took during the previous year.

The Minnesota Board of Pardons is made up of the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General. The board is authorized to grant the following types of extraordinary relief to persons who have been convicted of crimes:

- pardon – an act of forgiveness which exempts the convicted person from the punishment imposed by the law.
- commutation – the substitution of a lesser type of punishment for the original sentence.
- pardon extraordinary – statutorily created relief granted after the applicant has served the sentence. When a pardon extraordinary is granted, the court issues an order to set aside the conviction and the person to whom the pardon extraordinary is granted is no longer required to report the conviction.

1995 ACTIVITIES

The information summarizing the past year's activities is provided in chart form. It includes the number of applications submitted, the number of applications returned because the applicant was not eligible and the number of pardons, commutations and pardons extraordinary granted. In addition, the chart provides more detailed information about the pardons extraordinary that were granted, includes the crime(s) for which the applicant was convicted, the year of the conviction and the age of the applicant at the time of the conviction.

During 1995, staff of the Board of Pardons sent out 137 applications for pardon extraordinary and 20 for pardon or commutation. When anyone calls to request an application, staff carefully explain the eligibility requirements and make every effort to

determine whether the interested individual is eligible before an application is sent. This careful screening appears to be accomplishing its purpose because the number of applications returned due to ineligibility remains very low.

Of the pardons extraordinary granted, four were for individuals who had applied earlier and were told by the board to reapply after several more years. Although the eligibility requirement for non-violent offenses is five years, the board did not grant a pardon extraordinary to anyone with less than seven years of law-abiding conduct since the completion of the sentence.

For additional information about the Board of Pardons, feel free to contact Jean Whitney, Secretary, at (612) 642-0284.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND ACTION TAKEN IN 1995

	<u>No. of Appl. Submitted</u>	<u>No. of Appl. Returned/ Not Eligible</u>	<u>No. Granted</u>
Pardons	0	0	0
Commutations	13	2	0
Pardons Extraordinary	38	4	22

PARDONS EXTRAORDINARY GRANTED IN 1995

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>CRIME(S)</u>	<u>YR. OF CONVICTION</u>	<u>AGE AT TIME OF CONVICTION</u>
1.	Simple Burglary	1978	25
	Receiving Stolen Property	1978	25
	Receiving Stolen Property	1981	27
2.	Theft by Swindle	1981	30
3.	Poss. Contr. Substance	1977	21

PARDONS EXTRAORDINARY GRANTED IN 1995

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>CRIME(S)</u>	<u>YR. OF CONVICTION</u>	<u>AGE AT TIME OF CONVICTION</u>
4.	Aggravated Forgery	1978	29
5.	Poss. Contr. Substance	1970	19
	Sale Contr. Substance (2 counts)	1971	20
	Poss. Contr. Substance	1974	23
6.	Criminal Negligence	1975	30
7.	Fleeing Police Officer	1986	21
8.	Rec./Concealing Stolen Prop.	1975	18
	Burglary	1978	21
	Unauth. Use of Motor Vehicle	1978	21
9.	Attempted Simple Robbery	1973	19
	Wrongfully Obtain Public Assist.	1977	24
10.	Aggrav. Robbery	1974	26
11.	Sale of Contr. Substance	1984	19
12.	Criminal Negligence	1954	23
13.	Unauth. Use of Motor Vehicle	1986	20
14.	Burglary	1968	25
15.	Theft by Swindle	1984	21
16.	Poss. of Contr. Substance	1980	22
17.	Welfare Fraud	1986	34
18.	Receiving Stolen Property	1984	24
19.	Domestic Assault	1987	27
	Financial Transaction Card Fraud	1988	27

PARDONS EXTRAORDINARY GRANTED IN 1995

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>CRIME(S)</u>	<u>YR. OF CONVICTION</u>	<u>AGE AT TIME OF CONVICTION</u>
20.	Sale of Contr. Substance	1982	24
21.	Burglary	1967	21
22.	Theft by Check	1981	25
	Theft by Check	1982	26