

**LIST OF PARDONS,  
COMMUTATIONS,  
REPRIEVES AND OTHER  
FORMS OF CLEMENCY**

**JANUARY 9, 1992 through JANUARY 13, 1993**

**TO THE GOVERNOR AND  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA**



**SENATE DOCUMENT NO. 2**

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

*Office of the Governor*

*Richmond 23219*

Lawrence Douglas Wilder  
Governor

January 13, 1993

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA

As required by Article V, Section 12, of the Constitution of Virginia, I submit herewith a statement setting forth the "particulars of every case of fine or penalty remitted, of reprieve or pardon granted, and of punishment commuted" with my reasons for remitting, granting, or commuting the same, from January 9, 1992 to January 13, 1993.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Douglas Wilder".

Lawrence Douglas Wilder  
Governor

**ABSOLUTE PARDON**

NONE GRANTED

**CONDITIONAL PARDON**

VELAZQUEZ, Alex Manuel

Crime:

One Count - Sale of Cocaine, Two Counts -  
Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute,  
and One Count - Simple Possession

Court:

Circuit Court City of Virginia Beach

Sentence Date:

August 2, 1989

Pardon Granted:

November 24, 1992

Based on the fact that Alex Manuel Velazquez had been diagnosed in late 1990 as positive for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and his condition had deteriorated to the point that his prognosis for recovery was questionable, his request for clemency was submitted to a review process which utilizes an Assessment Committee and the Parole Board. I created this process to review all requests for clemency which are based upon allegations of fatal illnesses.

Upon recommendation of the Assessment Committee and the Parole Board and in view of the facts that revealed that the medical condition of Alex Manuel Velazquez had deteriorated to the point where advising physicians could not assure that he would survive beyond a three month period; his prison record was exemplary; he was scheduled for discretionary parole relief on June 8, 1993; the Parole Board had voted to release him on that date; and the Parole Board had coordinated with the New York City Parole Board the potential release of Alex Manuel Velazquez to its jurisdiction if he were granted conditional clemency, the Governor granted Alex Manuel Velazquez a conditional pardon in the form of a Medical Furlough effective until his release by the Virginia Parole Board on June 8, 1993.

DILLARD, Patricia Mae

Crime: Forgery, Larceny, and Uttering  
Court: Circuit Court City of Petersburg  
Sentence Date: March 13, 1990

Crime: Forgery, Larceny, and Uttering  
Court: Circuit Court County of Chesterfield  
Sentence Date: April 13, 1990  
Pardon Granted: January 7, 1993

Based on the fact that Patricia Mae Dillard had been diagnosed as positive for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and her condition had deteriorated to the point that her prognosis for recovery was questionable, her request for clemency was submitted to a review process which utilizes an Assessment Committee and the Parole Board. I created this process to review all requests for clemency which are based upon allegations of fatal illnesses..

Upon recommendation of the Assessment Committee and the Parole Board and in view of the facts that revealed that the medical condition of Patricia Mae Dillard had deteriorated to the point where advising physicians could not assure that she would survive beyond a three month period; she had received favorable personal conduct evaluations; and she had successfully participated in educational and treatment programs, the Governor granted Patricia Mae Dillard a conditional pardon in the form of a Medical Furlough under the supervision of the Virginia Parole Board effective until she is released on discretionary or mandatory parole by the Virginia Parole Board.

**SIMPLE PARDON**

**NONE GRANTED**

## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

BASSETTE, Herbert Russell

a/k/a Herbert Russell Bassett

Crime: Capital Murder in the Commission of a Robbery  
Court: Circuit Court County of Henrico  
Sentence Date: November 19, 1980  
Commutation Granted: January 23, 1992

On August 22, 1980, Herbert Russell Bassette, was found guilty of the murder and robbery of Albert Lee Burwell, Jr. and the jury fixed his punishment at death. On November 19, 1980, Judge Robert M. Wallace accepted the jury's judgment and entered an order sentencing Herbert Russell Bassette to death.

It is axiomatic that the ultimate sentence of death must be applied solely to those who have been demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt to have committed the crimes for which they are charged. After a thorough review of the evidence, including evidence presented by counsel for Herbert Russell Bassette which was not before the jury when they rendered their verdict, the Governor could not in good conscience erase the presence of a reasonable doubt and fail to employ the powers vested in him as Governor to intervene. Therefore, in light of the foregoing the Governor granted Herbert Russell Bassette a commutation of sentence of death to life imprisonment without parole.

## REPRIEVES

STAMPER, Charles Sylvester

Crime: Three Counts - Capital Murder, Three Counts - Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, and One Count - Armed Robbery

Court: Circuit Court County of Henrico

Sentence Date: February 9, 1979

Reprieve Granted: October 22, 1992

On November 17, 1978, Charles Sylvester Stamper, was found guilty of three counts of capital murder, three counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and one count of armed robbery. The jury fixed his sentence at death by electrocution for each count of capital murder, one year in prison for each count of use firearm in the commission of a felony and life imprisonment for armed robbery. On February 9, 1979, Judge E. Ballard Baker entered judgment, confirming the jury's sentence.

On September 2, 1992, Judge Lee A Harris, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court of Henrico County, set the date of execution of Charles Sylvester Stamper for October 28, 1992.

Counsel for Charles Sylvester Stamper petitioned the Governor to commute the sentence entered by the court to life imprisonment on the grounds of mercy. In support of this request counsel assembled information and reports which evidenced that Charles Sylvester Stamper suffers from a spinal cord injury that was sustained after he was incarcerated for the crimes for which he was convicted. Counsel argued that the present physical condition of Charles Sylvester Stamper is such that he is severely incapacitated, no longer a threat to society, and for all intents and purposes is a paraplegic.

The evidence available to me on October 22, 1992 was neither clear nor conclusive; accordingly, I was unable at that time to reach a resolution as to the actual physical condition of Charles Sylvester Stamper. In order to allow time for the gathering of evidence sufficient to allow me to resolve this issue, I granted a reprieve in the form of a stay of execution and directed the Secretary of Public Safety, with the aid and cooperation of the Virginia Department of Corrections, to assemble all available evidence and prepare a report for me which specifically defined Charles Sylvester Stamper's physical condition. Until I revoke this stay or order other action to be taken, Charles Sylvester Stamper shall continue to remain incarcerated within the Department of Corrections.

Restoration of Civil Rights

ADKINS, Randall Lee

Crime: Leaving the Scene of an Accident in Which Persons Were Injured  
Court: Circuit Court City of Waynesboro  
Sentence Date: January 30, 1984  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

ALIFF, Thomas Ayers

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Pulaski  
Sentence Date: February 28, 1979  
Rights Restored: September 15, 1992

BANKS, Robert O'Neal

Crime: Unlawful Wounding  
Court: Circuit Court County of Fauquier  
Sentence Date: June 5, 1979  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

BEAM, Beecher Curt

Crime: Four Counts - Uttering a Forged Instrument and One Count - Forgery  
Court: Circuit Court City of Martinsville  
Sentence Date: March 14, 1967

Crime: Four Counts - Forgery  
Court: Circuit Court County of Henry  
Sentence Date: April 11, 1967  
Rights Restored: September 28, 1992

BILLINGSLEY, Ronald Charles

Crime: Two Counts - Maiming  
Court: Circuit Court County of Orange  
Sentence Date: November 22, 1971  
Rights Restored: February 20, 1992

BUDD, Eugene Roy a/k/a BUDD, Roy

Crime: Two Counts - Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Southampton  
Sentence Date: October 6, 1977  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

CAMPBELL, Winston Dale

Crime: Five Counts - Breaking and Entering with Intent to Commit  
Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Rockbridge  
Sentence Date: October 7, 1971  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

CARTER, James Allen

Crime: Grand Larceny (Automobile)  
Court: Circuit Court County of Giles  
Sentence Date: March 17, 1969  
Rights Restored: September 28, 1992

CASTLE, Carol Elizabeth Chaplin a/k/a CHAPLIN, Carol Elizabeth

Crime: Attempting to Deliver a Controlled Substance to an Inmate  
Court: Circuit Court County of Bland  
Sentence Date: January 9, 1981  
Rights Restored: February 20, 1992

COWARD, Clarence William, Sr.

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Rockbridge  
Sentence Date: September 6, 1957

Crime: Embezzlement  
Court: Circuit Court County of Rockbridge  
Sentence Date: February 17, 1958  
Rights Restored: March 24, 1992

DODSON, James Dearmont a/k/a DODSON, Junior D.

Crime: Two Counts - Uttering with Intent to Defraud  
Court: Circuit Court City of Winchester  
Sentence Date: July 26, 1971  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

DOTSON, Steve Marlin

Crime: Buying or Receiving Stolen Goods  
Court: Circuit Court County of Buchanan  
Sentence Date: March 13, 1986  
Rights Restored: September 28, 1992



EDWARDS, Mary Lee

Crime: Feloniously and Unlawfully cause Bodily Injury to Vernell Goodwin with Intent to Maim, Disfigure, Disable or Kill  
Court: Circuit Court City of Richmond  
Sentence Date: June 4, 1975  
Rights Restored: July 7, 1992

EDWARDS, Wade Leon

Crime: Breaking and Entering  
Court: Circuit Court County of Carroll  
Sentence Date: September 15, 1975  
Rights Restored: September 15, 1992

ELLIS, Thomas Wilborn

Crime: Receiving Stolen Goods  
Court: Circuit Court City of Richmond  
Sentence Date: December 29, 1964

Crime: Two Counts - Statutory Burglary  
Court: Circuit Court County of Chesterfield  
Sentence Date: November 27, 1967  
Rights Restored: September 15, 1992

GOODMAN, Elaine Logan

Crime: Two Counts - Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court City of Richmond  
Sentence Date: November 26, 1984  
Rights Restored: January 5, 1993

GREEN, Richard Cecil

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Dickenson  
Sentence Date: June 22, 1983  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

GREGORY, Jimmy Roy

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court City of Roanoke  
Sentence Date: March 3, 1981  
Rights Restored: September 15, 1992

GUILLIAMS, Charles David

Crime: Violation of Title 26, U.S.C. Sections 5601(a)(1) and  
5179(a), 5601(a)(7), 5604(a)(1)  
Court: U. S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia,  
Roanoke Division  
Sentence Date: October 29, 1976  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

HACKNEY, Jean Gough a/k/a SHULTS, Margaret Jean

Crime: Forge a Certificate of Title  
Court: Circuit Court County of Roanoke  
Sentence Date: January 10, 1983  
Rights Restored: February 20, 1992

HAGA, William Harry, Jr.

Crime: Operate a Motor Vehicle after having been Adjudged an  
Habitual Offender  
Court: Circuit Court County of Smyth  
Sentence Date: September 16, 1985  
Rights Restored: February 20, 1992

HERRELL, Charles David

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Frederick  
Sentence Date: July 17, 1972  
Rights Restored: September 15, 1992

HICKS, Floyd Cecil, Jr.

Crime: Operating a Motor Vehicle Over the Public Highways After  
Being Declared an Habitual Offender  
Court: Circuit Court County of Culpeper  
Sentence Date: May 31, 1983  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

HUGHES, Emory Lee, Jr.

Crime: Two Counts - Grand Larceny by Receiving Stolen Goods  
Court: Circuit Court County of Henrico  
Sentence Date: January 5, 1977  
Rights Restored: January 5, 1993

JOHNSON, Roger Lee

Crime: Hit and Run - (Personal Injury)  
Court: Circuit Court County of Bedford  
Sentence Date: August 18, 1982  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

LANDOLT, Kevin Eugene

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Fairfax  
Sentence Date: May 22, 1981  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

LANE, Joan Elizabeth a/k/a MORRIS, Joan Elizabeth

Crime: Forgery  
Court: Circuit Court City of Richmond  
Sentence Date: October 7, 1977  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

LEADMAN, Jerrell Stanton, Jr. a/k/a LEADMAN, Jerrell Staunton, Jr.

Crime: Two Counts - Statutory Burglary and One Count - Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Warren  
Sentence Date: January 15, 1981  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

LITTLE, Billy Franklin

Crime: Unlawfully, Feloniously and Maliciously Throwing a Missile  
at an Automobile  
Court: Circuit Court County of Rockbridge  
Sentence Date: September 25, 1974  
Rights Restored: February 20, 1992

MacINTYRE, Stuart Ellsworth

Crime: Hit and Run - (Personal Injury)  
Court: Circuit Court City of Virginia Beach  
Sentence Date: June 2, 1971  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

MAHLER, George Lewis

Crime: Three Counts - Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Southampton  
Sentence Date: October 6, 1977  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

MATHIS, Stanley Lynn

Crime: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle  
Court: Circuit Court City of Norfolk  
Sentence Date: September 10, 1965  
Rights Restored: September 15, 1992

McBRIDE, Larry Dwayne

Crime: Uttering Forged Check  
Court: Circuit Court City of Martinsville  
Sentence Date: May 16, 1980

Crime: Forgery  
Court: Circuit Court City of Martinsville  
Sentence Date: May 16, 1980  
Rights Restored: September 15, 1992

McDANIEL, Lloyd Eugene

Crime: Statutory Burglary  
Court: Circuit Court County of Smyth  
Sentence Date: March 8, 1966

Crime: Statutory Burglary and Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Washington  
Sentence Date: April 4, 1966  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

MEEKS, Ernest Wayne, Sr. a/k/a MEEKS, Earnest Wayne

Crime: Unauthorized Use of an Automobile  
Court: Circuit Court City of Martinsville  
Sentence Date: May 8, 1957

Crime: Burglary and Petit Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court City of Martinsville  
Sentence Date: July 25, 1963  
Rights Restored: March 24, 1992

MORRISON, Roosevelt

Crime: Malicious Wounding with Intent to Maim, Disfigure, Disable and Kill  
Court: Circuit Court County of Pittsylvania  
Sentence Date: July 16, 1971  
Rights Restored: February 19, 1992

NESTER, Harold Dewayne

Crime: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle  
Court: Circuit Court County of Pulaski  
Sentence Date: September 19, 1977  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

PATRICK, Ronnie Gayle

Crime: Operating a Motor Vehicle Upon the Highways of Virginia  
After Having Been Adjudged an Habitual Offender  
Court: Circuit Court County of Nelson  
Sentence Date: July 17, 1986  
Rights Restored: December 21, 1992

PENNY, Thomas Lambeth

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Augusta  
Sentence Date: December 17, 1963  
Rights Restored: September 15, 1992

PRICE, Michael Sean

Crime: Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses  
Court: Circuit Court County of Fairfax  
Sentence Date: June 17, 1977

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court City of Alexandria  
Sentence Date: March 31, 1977  
Rights Restored: December 21, 1992

RICKS, Cynthia Marie

Crime: Welfare Fraud  
Court: Circuit Court County of Greenville  
Sentence Date: December 13, 1984  
Rights Restored: February 20, 1992

RIKER, Linda Jean a/k/a FLAHERTY, Linda Jean

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Warren  
Sentence Date: September 13, 1979  
Rights Restored: March 24, 1992

ROSS, Rickey Lee

Crime: Count 1 - Malicious Wounding & Count 2 - Statutory Burglary  
Court: Circuit Court City of Norfolk  
Sentence Date: December 9, 1980  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

SAMES, Richard Henry, Jr.

Crime: Shooting into an Occupied Dwelling  
Court: Circuit Court City of Roanoke  
Sentence Date: July 23, 1980  
Rights Restored: December 21, 1992

SIMMONS, Marina Claire a/k/a SCHWABACHER, Marina Claire

Crime: Three Counts - Forgery  
Court: Circuit Court County of Montgomery  
Sentence Date: January 28, 1985  
Rights Restored: March 24, 1992

SMITH, Jerry Wayne

Crime: Statutory Rape  
Court: Circuit Court County of Smyth  
Sentence Date: May 8, 1962  
Rights Restored: March 24, 1992

SMITH, Kevin Owen a/k/a SMITH, K. O.

Crime: Obtaining Certain Property by False Pretenses with Intent to Defraud  
Court: Circuit Court City of Fredericksburg  
Sentence Date: April 24, 1978  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

SMITH, Ricky Duane

Crime: Statutory Burglary  
Court: Circuit Court County of Warren  
Sentence Date: May 15, 1980  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

SOWERS, Louis Gale

Crime: Arson  
Court: Circuit Court County of Montgomery  
Sentence Date: October 1, 1963  
Rights Restored: September 15, 1992

STEPHENSON, Michael Keith

Crime: Breaking and Entering  
Court: Circuit Court County of Isle of Wight  
Sentence Date: January 18, 1984  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

TALBOT, Tracy Eugene

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court City of Martinsville  
Sentence Date: August 3, 1970  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

TAYLOR, Alphonzo, Sr.

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court City of Richmond  
Sentence Date: October 17, 1974  
Rights Restored: February 19, 1992

THEBARGE, Louis Joseph, Jr.

Crime: Attempt to Commit Robbery  
Court: Circuit Court City of Norfolk  
Sentence Date: April 25, 1963

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court City of Norfolk  
Sentence Date: April 25, 1963  
Rights Restored: September 28, 1992

TRENT, Gerald Crawford

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Buchanan  
Sentence Date: October 18, 1962  
Rights Restored: September 28, 1992

TYLER, Douglas Leroy, Jr.

Crime: Operating a Motor Vehicle after having been found to be an  
Habitual Offender  
Court: Circuit Court City of Richmond  
Sentence Date: February 3, 1977

Crime: Operate Motor Vehicle after being Declared Habitual Offender  
Court: Circuit Court County of Chesterfield  
Sentence Date: September 4, 1979

Crime: Operating a Vehicle after being Declared an Habitual Offender  
Court: Circuit Court City of Colonial Heights  
Sentence Date: April 13, 1981  
Rights Restored: February 20, 1992

VINSH, Charles Thomas

Crime: Breaking and Entering with Intent to Commit Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Prince George  
Sentence Date: October 26, 1972

Crime: Breaking and Entering with Intent to Commit Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Dinwiddie  
Sentence Date: May 24, 1976  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

WALTERS, Harry Lloyd

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court City of Danville  
Sentence Date: March 26, 1968  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

WATTS, Thad, Jr. a/k/a WATTS, Thad Junior

Crime: Violating the Internal Revenue Laws Relating to Distilled  
Spirits, 26 U.S.C. 5205(a)(2) and 5604(a)(1)  
Court: U. S. District Court for the Middle District of North  
Carolina, Winston-Salem Division  
Sentence Date: February 6, 1979  
Rights Restored: September 15, 1992

WHITE, Billy Reed

Crime: Illegal Manufacture of Alcohol Beverages  
Court: Circuit Court County of Henry  
Sentence Date: December 16, 1982  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992



WHITE, Carroll William

Crime: Illegal Manufacture of Alcoholic Beverages  
Court: Circuit Court County of Henry  
Sentence Date: December 16, 1982  
Rights Restored: June 12, 1992

WHITE, Jimmy Lewis

Crime: Illegal Manufacture of Alcohol Beverages  
Court: Circuit Court County of Henry  
Sentence Date: December 16, 1982  
Rights Restored: March 24, 1992

WILLARD, Max B.

Crime: Conspiracy and Income Tax Fraud  
Court: U.S. District Court Western District of Virginia,  
Roanoke Division  
Sentence Date: May 29, 1987  
Rights Restored: January 5, 1993

WILSON, Ronald Blaine

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court County of Roanoke  
Sentence Date: February 16, 1978  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

WISEMAN, Edward Thomas a/k/a WISEMAN, Eddie

Crime: Rape  
Court: Circuit Court County of Augusta  
Sentence Date: September 9, 1949  
Rights Restored: January 5, 1993

WOOD, Roy Allen

Crime: Felonious Assault  
Court: Circuit Court County of Page  
Sentence Date: April 11, 1972  
Rights Restored: January 23, 1992

WOODRUFF, Harvey Claude, Jr.

Crime: Unlawful Wounding  
Court: Circuit Court City of Suffolk  
Sentence Date: August 22, 1985  
Rights Restored: May 5, 1992

ZAGADE, Zahidali Abdul Sattar

Crime: Grand Larceny

Court: Circuit Court County of Fairfax

Sentence Date: March 15, 1982

Rights Restored: December 21, 1992