

**OFFICE OF  
GOVERNOR JAMES S. GILMORE, III**

**List of Pardons,  
Commutations, Reprieves  
and Other Forms of Clemency**

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



**SENATE DOCUMENT NO. 2**

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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

*Office of the Governor*

James S. Gilmore, III  
Governor

February 21, 2001

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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, or reprieve or pardon granted and of punishment commuted" with my reason for remitting, granting, or commuting the same from February 17, 2000 to February 21, 2001.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James S. Gilmore, III".

James S. Gilmore, III  
Governor of Virginia



## ABSOLUTE PARDON

### WASHINGTON, Earl

Crime(s)                      Rape and Murder  
Court:                              Circuit Court, County of Culpeper  
Sentence:                        March 20, 1984  
Pardon Date:                    October 2, 2000

In May of 1983, in Fauquier County, Earl Washington was arrested for breaking and entering the home of a 73-year-old woman, stealing a gun and money from her, and brutally beating her. As a result of those crimes, Washington pled guilty to statutory burglary and malicious wounding, and he was sentenced to a 30-year prison term (two consecutive 15-year prison terms) for those offenses.

While Washington was in custody for those criminal offenses, he was questioned about the rape and murder of Mrs. Rebecca Williams a year earlier in Culpeper County. Washington confessed to raping and murdering Rebecca Williams in her apartment on June 4, 1982.

Based on Washington's confession and other corroborating evidence, Washington was tried and convicted of the capital murder and rape of Rebecca Williams and sentenced to death.

Ten years later, Governor L. Douglas Wilder reviewed new DNA tests of samples taken from the victim and Washington. The DNA results were inconclusive but did not exonerate Washington. In light of that new information, Governor Wilder commuted Washington's death sentence to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

On June 1, 2000, Governor James S. Gilmore, III directed the Virginia Division of Forensic Science to perform further DNA tests on evidence taken from the apartment of Mrs. Williams and her body. The purpose of these tests was to apply the most technologically-advanced scientific methods to the evidence available. The Virginia Division of Forensic Science proceeded to perform DNA tests on all known and available evidence. Some evidence taken from the crime scene in 1983 had deteriorated and was not susceptible to DNA testing. According to results of the new DNA tests of available evidence, Washington was excluded from semen taken from Mrs. Williams's body and other DNA evidence in the room was confirmed to belong to yet another person, and not Earl Washington. Earl Washington's DNA could not be located elsewhere in the apartment.

This additional DNA evidence did not prove the identity of the murderer. As such, Earl Washington could not be exonerated or "cleared" of this murder. However, the Governor concluded that a jury afforded the benefit of the DNA evidence and analysis available today would have reached a different verdict regarding the guilt of Earl Washington, based on reasonable doubt. Therefore the Governor granted Earl Washington an absolute pardon.

## MEDICAL PARDON

### CARROLL, James P.

Crime(s):            Petit Larceny  
                          Unlawful Wounding (revocation of suspended sentence)  
Court:                Circuit Court, City of Roanoke  
Sentence Date:       September 23, 1997  
Pardon Granted:      November 3, 2000

On September 28, 2000, Betty J. Carroll submitted a request for Executive Clemency on behalf of her son, James P. Carroll, because he had been diagnosed with end stage cirrhosis of the liver. His request was submitted to the Medical Clemency Assessment Committee, which reviews all requests for clemency based on allegations of fatal illness.

The medical clemency was granted because it was determined that James P. Carroll's condition had deteriorated to the point where advising physicians could not assure that he would survive beyond the requisite three-month period.

## MEDICAL PARDON

### HOLLIDAY, Ronald B.

Crime: Robbery  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Richmond  
Sentence Date: December 9, 1998  
Pardon Granted: October 23, 2000

On August 10, 2000, Janice V. Holliday submitted a request for Executive Clemency on behalf of her husband, Ronald B. Holliday, because he had been diagnosed with incurable colon cancer. His request was then submitted to the Medical Clemency Assessment Committee, which reviews all requests for clemency based on allegations of fatal illness.

The medical clemency was granted because it was determined that Ronald B. Holliday's condition had deteriorated to the point where advising physicians could not assure that he would survive beyond the requisite three-month period.

## MEDICAL PARDON

### ROSS, Howard L.

Crime(s): Distribution of Cocaine (Two Counts)  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Nelson  
Sentence Date: May 27, 1997  
Pardon Granted: November 28, 2000

On October 4, 2000, Gordon W. Poindexter, Jr., an attorney representing the Howard Ross' family, submitted a request for Executive Clemency on behalf of Howard Lewis Ross because he had been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma – large cell type. His request was then submitted to the Medical Clemency Assessment Committee, which reviews all requests for clemency based on allegations of fatal illness.

The medical clemency was granted because it was determined that Howard L. Ross' condition had deteriorated to the point where advising physicians could not assure that he would survive beyond the requisite three-month period.



## MEDICAL PARDON

### ALYASHA, Mikal

Crime(s):            Possession and Sale of Cocaine  
                         Habitual Traffic Offense  
Court:                Circuit Court, County of Prince William  
Sentence Date:      January 11, 1996  
Pardon Granted:    February 7, 2001

On September 20, 2000, Mrs. Barbara Alyasha submitted a request for Executive Clemency on behalf of her husband, Mikal Alyasha, because he had been diagnosed with cancer. Her request was then submitted to the Medical Clemency Assessment Committee, which reviews all requests for clemency based on allegations of fatal illness.

The medical clemency was granted because it was determined that Mikal Alyasha's condition had deteriorated to the point where advising physicians could not assure that he would survive beyond the requisite three-month period.

## SIMPLE PARDON

### ARMSTRONG, Dina Marie

Crime: Shoplifting (misdemeanor)  
Court: General District Court, City of Charlottesville  
Sentence Date: January 30, 1987  
Pardon Granted: January 8, 2001

Dina Marie Armstrong submitted a request for Executive Clemency. The reason for the request was so that Ms. Armstrong may pursue a permanent career in the finance industry.

After careful review of all known facts and circumstances, the Parole Board unanimously recommended that a pardon be granted to Ms. Armstrong. Included in the Parole Board's recommendation was the fact that she is involved in the community through membership in the First Baptist Church of Charlottesville and intends to complete her education with a degree in finance. The Governor granted Dina Marie Armstrong a simple pardon. This pardon will not alter or erase the conviction or record of the above described misdemeanor, but will serve as official forgiveness for the offense and provides Ms. Armstrong the ability to move forward in life.

## RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

### **ABRAMS, Donna Marie**

Crime: Obtaining Money by False Pretenses and Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Appomattox  
Sentence Date: May 26, 1977  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

### **BARNETT, Andrew Hope**

Crime: Failure to Immediately Stop at the Scene of an Accident  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Nelson  
Sentence Date: March 19, 1974  
Rights Restored: January 24, 2001

### **BECHTHOLD, Ryan Allen**

Crime: Statutory Burglary and Arson  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach  
Sentence Date: December 20, 1983  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

### **BROTHERS, David C.**

Crime: Uttering by Worthless Check  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Norfolk  
Sentence Date: October 9, 1979  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

### **DAVIS, Russell Lee**

Crime: Operating a Gambling Enterprise  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Pittsylvania  
Sentence Date: January 2, 1986  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

### **DENNISON, Michael R.**

Crime: Arson  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Scott  
Sentence Date: April 8, 1986  
Rights Restored: January 23, 2001

**DRESSLER, Richard Wayne, Jr.**

Crime: Forgery and Uttering (Five Counts)  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Powhatan  
Sentence Date: March 15, 1984  
Rights Restored: January 30, 2001

**DUNCAN, Clinton Quinton**

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Wythe  
Sentence Date: October 24, 1988  
Rights Restored: January 30, 2001

**DYKES, James Michael**

Crime: Obtaining Prescription Medicine by Fraud  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Danville  
Sentence Date: July 12, 1993  
Rights Restored: June 2, 2000

**ENGLE, Carol William**

Crime: Conversion of Crops Pledged to Commodity Credit Corporation  
Court: U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia/ Richmond  
Division  
Sentence Date: July 20, 1993  
Rights Restored: February 13, 2001

**EURE, Louis W., III**

Crime: Grand Larceny (Welfare Fraud)  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Suffolk  
Sentence Date: December 22, 1983  
Rights Restored: January 24, 2001

**FITZGERALD, Jerry Franklin**

Crime: Breaking and Entering  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Fredricksburg  
Sentence Date: February 19, 1987  
Rights Restored: December 6, 2000

**FLOYD, Betty Sue Powell**

Crime: Grand Larceny by False Pretense  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Danville  
Sentence Date: January 2, 1990  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**GAMMON, Wilbur Francis, Sr.**

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Danville  
Sentence Date: January 31, 1974  
Rights Restored: January 23, 2001

**GREEN, Ralph W.**

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Prince Edward  
Sentence Date: May 29, 1961  
Rights Restored: January 23, 2001

**HACKWORTH, Arnold Gray**

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Board of Review, United States Army  
Sentence Date: July 27, 1954  
Rights Restored: January 24, 2001

**HADDOW, Charles McClain**

Crime: Conflict of Interest  
Court: U. S. District Court, District of Columbia  
Sentence Date: September 15, 1987  
Rights Restored: January 22, 2001

**HARRIS, William Patton**

Crime: Embezzlement  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Buchanan  
Sentence Date: February 23, 1993  
Rights Restored: January 24, 2001

**HAYNES, Susan Ann**

Crime: Welfare Fraud  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Roanoke  
Sentence Date: October 4, 1984  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**HOPSON, Clarence E. Jr.**

Crime: Breaking and Entering  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Hampton  
Sentence Date: February 17, 1959

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Newport News  
Sentence Date: February 21, 1960  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**HORNE, Roy David**

Crime: Conspiracy to Defraud an Agency of the United States  
Court: U. S. District Court, Western District of Virginia  
Sentence Date: August 6, 1992  
Rights Restored: January 22, 2001

**HOSLETTER, Andrew T.**

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Rockbridge  
Sentence Date: September 1955  
Rights Restored: February 7, 2001

**INGLE, William Harvey**

Crime: False Statement to a Federal Agency  
Court: U. S. District Court, Norfolk Division  
Sentence Date: February 11, 1986  
Rights Restored: January 22, 2001

**JANEWAY, Charles Samuel**

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Lee  
Sentence Date: June 13, 1989  
Rights Restored: January 8, 2001

**KENDRICK, John Randall**

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Henrico  
Sentence Date: July 10, 1991  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**KIRTLEY, William Leroy Sr.**

Crime: Statutory Rape  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Page  
Sentence Date: October 29, 1962

Crime: Statutory Burglary and Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Page  
Sentence Date: May 21, 1982  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**LAMPKINS, Harry Lee**

Crime: Driving as a Habitual Offender  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Washington  
Sentence Date: January 22, 1991  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**LAMPKINS, William C.**

Crime: Statutory Burglary  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Chesapeake  
Sentence Date: September 7, 1979  
Rights Restored: December 29, 2000

**LAWRENCE, Horace Allen**

Crime: Felonious Assault  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Hanover  
Sentence Date: December 20, 1983  
Rights Restored: January 30, 2001

**LESTER, Donald Richard**

Crime: Conspire to Defraud the U. S. Mine and Safety & Health Administration  
Court: U. S. District Court, Western District of Virginia  
Sentence Date: August 6, 1992  
Rights Restored: July 31, 2000

**LOVERN, David C.**

Crime: Arson and False Pretenses  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Pulaski  
Sentence Date: November 13, 1987  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**MARTIN, David W.**

Crime: Breaking and Entering  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Chesterfield  
Sentence Date: September 28, 1976  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**MAVIN, Alfred D. Jr.**

Crime: Unauthorized Use  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Nottoway  
Sentence Date: April 23, 1984  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**MULLINS, Steve Donald**

Crime: Attempting to Break and Enter  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Dickenson  
Sentence Date: October 20, 1970  
Rights Restored: July 31, 2000

**NIGRO, Francesco**

Crime: Statutory Burglary and Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Chesapeake  
Sentence Date: October 27, 1977  
Rights Restored: January 31, 2001

**O'NEIL, Billy Eugene**

Crime: Forgery with the Intent to Defraud (two counts)  
Uttering with Intent (two counts)  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Staunton  
Sentence Date: January 27, 1987  
Rights Restored: January 23, 2001



**PARLANTIERI, Andrew J.**

Crime: Conspiracy to Embezzle  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Newport News  
Sentence Date: April 16, 1986  
Rights Restored: January 24, 2001

**PIERCE, Arthur Lee**

Crime: Driving as a Habitual Offender  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Isle of Wight  
Sentence Date: April 26, 1989  
Rights Restored: July 31, 2000

**PLUMMER, Marcellus B., Jr.**

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Richmond  
Sentence Date: October 17, 1974  
Rights Restored: January 24, 2001

**PRICE, Ralph Tilden**

Crime: Statutory Burglary  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Rockingham  
Sentence Date: October 30, 1969  
Rights Restored: January 24, 2001

**PULTZ, Perry Paul**

Crime: Grand Larceny and Statutory Burglary  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Shenandoah  
Sentence Date: June 3, 1963  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**RIALS, Lloyd Douglas**

Crime: Forgery  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Williamsburg/James City County  
Sentence Date: September 15, 1980  
Rights Restored: February 18, 2000

**RUSHING, Gwendolyn Ross**

Crime: Forgery  
Court: Circuit Court, County of James City  
Sentence Date: November 20, 1975  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**SCOTT, Earl J.**

Crime: Misappropriation of Public Funds  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Buchanan  
Sentence Date: August 27, 1992  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**SEAY, Fred Eugene**

Crime: Engaging in Business of Dealing Firearms Without a License  
Court: U. S. District Court, Western District of Virginia  
Sentence Date: May 20, 1976  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**SEDOWICK, Stavce R. Channell**

Crime: Credit Card Fraud  
Court: U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia  
Sentence Date: March 27, 1991  
Rights Restored: January 10, 2001

**SMITH, Maurice Swanson**

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: State Corporation Commission, City of Martinsville  
Sentence Date: June 8, 1967  
Rights Restored: October 17, 2000

**THOMPSON, Daniel Grey**

Crime: Grand Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Lunenburg  
Sentence Date: November 21, 1988  
Rights Restored: January 22, 2001

**TINDLE, Dianthe Lorraine**

Crime: Larceny  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Fairfax  
Sentence Date: December 7, 1990  
Rights Restored: January 30, 2001

**TINES, Harold Eugene**

Crime: Involuntary Manslaughter  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Fairfax  
Sentence Date: December 3, 1976  
Rights Restored: February 7, 2001

**VERNON, Johnnie Samuel, Jr.**

Crime: Shooting into an Occupied Dwelling  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Henry  
Sentence Date: October 10, 1973  
Rights Restored: January 30, 2001

**VOLLMER, Theresa A.**

Crime: Prescription Fraud  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach  
Sentence Date: July 18, 1990  
Rights Restored: January 10, 2001

**WADDELL, Earl B.**

Crime: Embezzlement  
Court: Circuit Court, County of Henry  
Sentence Date: August 20, 1993  
Rights Restored: January 29, 2001

**WARREN, David William**

Crime: Grand Larceny and Statutory Burglary  
Court: Circuit Court, County of York  
Sentence Date: June 11, 1984  
Rights Restored: February 7, 2001

**WITT, Elizabeth Dunn**

Crime: Aid in Escape  
Court: Circuit Court, City of Portsmouth  
Sentence Date: September 1, 1989  
Rights Restored: July 15, 2000

