

2016 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 pardons/commutation and pardon extraordinary applications received and those granted by the Board. Minn. Stat. § 638.075.

The Board is made up of the 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.

Pardons/commutations may be granted to persons who are currently serving an active Minnesota sentence. Pardons Extraordinary may be granted to persons who committed a Minnesota crime, have fully served their sentence, and have waited the applicable waiting period after discharge from their sentence before applying for relief.

2016 Meetings

The Board met on June 15, 2016, and December 13 and 14, 2016.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND ACTION TAKEN IN 2016

Type of Relief Requested	Number of Applications Received	Number Granted
Pardon/Commutation	9	0
Pardon Extraordinary	44	15 (1 conditional)

PARDONS EXTRAORDINARY GRANTED IN 2016

Applicant Name	Offense(s)	Age at time of Conviction	Year of Conviction
Aney, Timothy	Third Degree Burglary	19	1994
	Misdemeanor Stolen Property	20	1995
	Fifth Degree Assault	22	1998
Davis, Skye	Welfare Fraud	26	1998
Evans, Gina Marie [aka Snider, Gina Marie]	5th Deg. Controlled Sub.- Poss.	21	1995
	Theft by False Representation	23	1997
	5th Deg. Controlled Sub. - Poss.	24	1998
	5th Deg. Controlled Sub. - Poss.	24	1998
	False Info. to a Police Officer	25	1999
	Financial Transaction Card Fraud	26	1999
	Offering a Forged Check	27	2001
	Check Forgery	28	2002
	Offering a Forged Check	29	2003
	Offering a Forged Check	29	2003
	Theft of a Motor Vehicle	28	2002
	Offering a Forged Check	29	2003
	Offering a Forged Check	28	2002
Aggravated Forgery	29	2003	
5 th Degree Controlled Sub.– Poss.	29	2003	
Fish, Eugene Harold	Agg. Assault with Dangerous Weapon	31	1979
Gude, Joey Leigh [aka last names: Thompson, Wilson, and Morris]	Welfare Fraud	24	1997
Kracht, James	Felony Theft	18	2004
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Leingang, Dustin	Obstructing Legal Process	19	2000
Lorsung, Phillip Peter	Burglary	18	1972
Mohamed, Fathiya	Gross Misdemeanor Theft	23	2008

Parrent, Tyler	Disorderly Conduct	23	2010
Schmitt, Denise	Theft	19	1991
Sommers, Michelle	Third Degree Burglary	21	1988
Spence, Raymond Charles, Jr.	Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	19	1983
Tourek, Peter Sundance	2 nd Deg. Controlled Sub. Sale	21	1992
Welch, Colette	Theft	22	1981