

2017 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 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.

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

2017 Meetings

The Board met on June 14, 2017, and November 14 and 15, 2017.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND ACTION TAKEN IN 2017

Type of Relief Requested	Number of Applications Received	Number Granted
Pardon/Commutation	41	0
Pardon Extraordinary	43	13 (1 conditional)

PARDONS EXTRAORDINARY GRANTED IN 2017

Applicant Name	Offense(s)	Age at time of Conviction	Year of Conviction
Chowdhury, Riaz Ehsan Ali (conditional)	False Name and DOB to Police	23	1996
Debeltz, Jason Edward	3 rd Degree Burglary	22	1996
	2 nd Degree and 3 rd Degree Burglary	22	1996
	1 st Deg. Criminal Damage to Property	22	1996
Forsberg, Jennifer Kay	5 th Degree Assault	20	2001
	Domestic Assault	21	2002
	Felony Domestic Assault	22	2003
Jones, Justin Lee	Attempt to Manufacture Meth.	21	2005
Lindahl, Jason Allen	2 nd Degree Controlled Sub. – Poss.	29	2001
McGregor, Edward Earl	Gross Misd. Attempted Burglary	18	1966
	Burglary	21	1968
Moseley, Morgan Leigh	Underage Drinking and Driving	18	2004
	4 th Degree Driving While Impaired	19	2005
Rue, Todd DeLyal	Sale of Controlled Substance	23	1986
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Simmon, Jeffrey Briant	3 rd Degree Controlled Substance	30	1993
Talamantes, Leah Ann	Theft (three counts)	22	1982
Tautges. Linda Marie	Lawful Gambling Fraud	43	2001
Vruno, Jeffrey Allen	1 st Degree Controlled Substance Sale	23	1995
Warling, Clifford Robert [aka O Leary, Clifford]	3 rd Degree Burglary	19	1962