

THE STATE OF



TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

EXONERATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in State of Tennessee v. Lawrence Edward McKinney, case numbers B60414 and B60415 in the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, Lawrence McKinney and a co-defendant were convicted of rape and burglary in the first degree on June 22, 1978, in connection with an assault on October 2, 1977, and sentenced to one-hundred (100) years' incarceration for rape and not less than ten (10) nor more than fifteen (15) years' incarceration for burglary in the first degree; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Constitution and Tennessee Code Annotated vest in the governor broad power to grant executive clemency; and

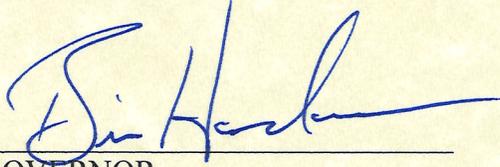
WHEREAS, in light of DNA testing results that excluded Lawrence McKinney as a potential contributor to the DNA evidence found on the items tested, on July 17, 2009, the Criminal Court of Tennessee for the Thirtieth Judicial District vacated Lawrence McKinney's June 22, 1978, convictions for rape and burglary in the first degree in case numbers B60414 and B60415, as a result of which McKinney was released from incarceration; and

WHEREAS, in granting this relief, the court found: "[n]ew DNA testing has been concluded which excludes [McKinney] as the person responsible for the crimes charged"; "[t]he parties agree and this Court does find that the testing of the DNA has exonerated [McKinney]"; and "[t]he State has announced that if this evidence had been available at the time of the initial filing of th[ese] indictments there would have been no prosecution of [McKinney]"; and

WHEREAS, based upon the court's ruling this case appears to be a proper one for the exercise of executive clemency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby grant Lawrence McKinney exoneration pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-27-109 with respect to his June 22, 1978, convictions in case numbers B60414 and B60415 in the Criminal Court of Shelby County for the crimes of rape and burglary in the first degree, which were vacated on July 17, 2009, by the Criminal Court of Tennessee for the Thirtieth Judicial District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 20th day of December, 2017.

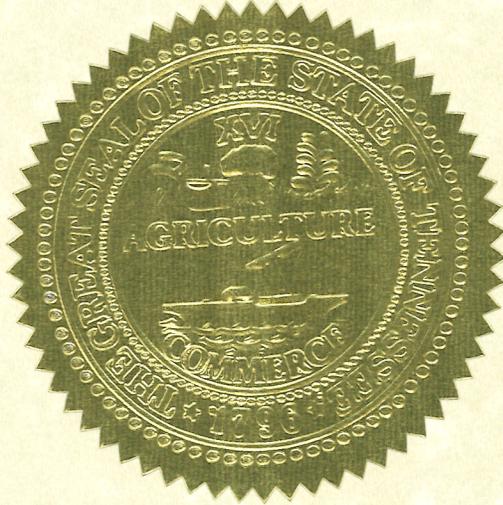


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE



[EXONERATION OF LAWRENCE EDWARD MCKINNEY]