



The Board of Pardons 2013 Report to the Legislature

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Background

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §638.075, the Minnesota Board of Pardons is required to file a written report with the legislature by February 15 of each year, summarizing the actions taken by the Board during the previous year. Under the law, the Commissioner of Corrections is responsible for administering the day-to-day activities of the Minnesota Board of Pardons through his or her designated staff.

The Board is granted the power under Article V, Section 7, of the Minnesota Constitution and Minn. Stat. Chapter 638, to grant the following types of extraordinary 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 sentence. 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.

Applications Reviewed and Board Decisions

There were 125 applications requested for pardons extraordinary or pardon/commutation in 2013. Of the 125 applications distributed, 60 were returned. The following tables display the Board’s decisions on the 60 applications and specific information for each application granted:

Applications Reviewed and Outcome

Type of Relief Requested	Number of Applications Considered	Decision of Board
Pardon/Commutation	7	Denied: 7
Pardon Extraordinary	32	Granted: 10 Denied: 19 Applicants that failed to appear: 2 Deferred until applicant can appear: 1
Pardons Extraordinary with Request to Waive Waiting Period	16	Granted: 1 Denied: 15
Request for Leave to Reapply	5	Denied: 5

Pardons Extraordinary Granted in 2013

Applicant Name	Crime	Age at Time of Offense	Date of Conviction
Ellis, Ray	Aggravated Forgery	35	5/17/1977
Helmick, Christopher	Aggravated Robbery(2 cts)	20	7/22/1992
Kranz, Nathan	Burglary, 3 rd Deg.	18	3/16/1998
	Check Forgery (GM)	18	3/16/1998
Lewis, Ronald	Unlawful Poss. Narcotics	23	5/3/1988
	Burglary, 3 rd Deg.	25	6/26/1990
	Theft	22	11/1/1989
Misner, Carol	Theft from Person	20	08/04/1986
	Poss. Tear Gas by Felon	21	03/16/1988
	Possession of Cocaine	23	09/26/1989
	Prostitution	19	05/01/1986
Raines, Jeanna	Misd. Check Forgery	25	08/09/1996
	Wrongful Obtain Assistance	24	08/21/1995
Rich, Raymond	Poss. of Pistol in Vehicle	20	3/14/1983
	Burglary	20	3/14/1983
Ryberg, Robert	Burglary	19	04/14/1964
Teter, Dale	Burglary, 2 nd Deg. (2 cts)	21	5/12/1987
	Burglary, 2 nd Deg.	21	5/12/1987
	Burglary, 2 nd Deg.	21	07/20/1987
	Burglary, 3 rd Deg. (3cts)	21	10/26/1986
Wandemacher, Richard	Poss. of Cocaine w/Intent/	29	05/12/1986