

MINNESOTA BOARD OF PARDONS
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §638.075 (1994), the Board of Pardons is required to file a written report with the legislature summarizing actions it took during the previous year.

The Minnesota Board of Pardons is made up of the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General. The board is authorized to grant the following types of extraordinary relief to persons who have been convicted of crimes:

- pardon -- an act of forgiveness which exempts the convicted person from the punishment imposed by the law.
- commutation -- the substitution of a lesser type of punishment for the original sentence.
- pardon extraordinary -- statutorily created relief granted after the applicant has served the sentence. When a pardon extraordinary is granted, the court issues an order to set aside the conviction and the person to whom the pardon extraordinary is granted is no longer required to report the conviction.

1994 DATA

This report indicates the number of applications received during the preceding calendar year for pardons, commutations and pardons extraordinary; the number of applications granted by the board for each category; and the crimes for which the applications were granted by the board, the year of each conviction, and the age of the offender at the time of the offense. The tables below provide the information required by statute.

The number of applications returned because of ineligibility remains low because of the fact that eligibility requirements are clear and potential applicants are carefully screened by staff. Applications for pardons and commutations have recently been screened more thoroughly to ensure that all judicial remedies have been exhausted. In 1994, we sent out 166 pardon extraordinary applications and 40 pardon/commutation applications.

For additional information about the Board of Pardons, feel free to contact Jean Whitney, Secretary, at (612) 642-0284.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND ACTION TAKEN IN 1994

	<u>No. of Appl.</u>	<u>No. of Appl. Returned/ Not Eligible</u>	<u>No. Granted</u>
Pardons	8	1	0
Commutations	12	4	0
Pardons Extraordinary	29	8	19

PARDONS EXTRAORDINARY GRANTED IN 1994

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>CRIME(S)</u>	<u>YR. OF CONVICTION</u>	<u>AGE AT TIME OF CONVICTION</u>
1.	Uttering Forg. Instr.	1981	21
2.	Theft	1983	22
3.	Aggrav. Assault Aggrav. Forgery/Uttering	1969 1974	28 33
4.	Burglary, 2 cts.	1976	22
5.	Deer Shining	1978	24
6.	Theft	1983	28
7.	Att. Burglary/Burglary	1981	36
8.	Uttering Forg. Instr. Sale of Contr. Subst.	1978 1983	18 25
9.	Receiving Stolen Prop.	1975	30
10.	Aggrav. Assault	1978	23
11.	Poss. of Narcotics	1968	22
12.	Simple Assault	1976	26

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<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>CRIME(S)</u>	<u>YR. OF CONVICTION</u>	<u>AGE AT TIME OF CONVICTION</u>
13.	Poss. of Stolen Prop.	1983	38
14.	Assault, 5th degree	1985	19
15.	Theft	1974	27
16.	Misd. & Gr. Misd. Thefts	1978	22
17.	Prostitution	1986	40
18.	Burglary	1970	24
19.	Wrongfully Obtaining Public Assistance	1982	29