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Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney  
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New Jersey State Senate  
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Honorable Craig J. Coughlin  
Assembly Speaker  
New Jersey General Assembly  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Honorable Thomas H. Kean, Jr.  
Senate Republican Leader  
New Jersey State Senate  
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Honorable Jon M. Bramnick  
Assembly Republican Leader  
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**Re: Annual Report on Reprieves, Pardons, and Commutations Granted  
During the Period from March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018**

Dear Senate President Sweeney, Speaker Coughlin, Senator Kean, and  
Assemblyman Bramnick:

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2A: 167-3.1, which  
requires certain reporting on an annual basis, I hereby file this  
report to advise you that for the period of March 1, 2017 to  
February 28, 2018, my predecessor Governor Chris Christie granted a  
total of thirty-eight (38) pardons and three (3) sentence commutations.

Pardons were granted for the following individuals:

Brian D. Aitken was arrested on January 2, 2009, and thereafter  
convicted of Unlawful Possession of Dum-Dum Bullets in violation of  
N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3f(1). Brian D. Aitken was also arrested on  
February 23, 2009 and thereafter convicted of Simple Assault in  
violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1a(1). Brian D. Aitken was granted a  
pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Amy Leigh Armbruster was arrested on July 3, 2001, and  
thereafter convicted of Harassment in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-4.  
Amy Leigh Armbruster was arrested on July 31, 2001, and thereafter  
convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in  
violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1). Amy Leigh Armbruster was arrested  
on July 6, 2002, and thereafter convicted of Conspiracy to Possess a  
Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2 and

N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10). Lastly, Amy Leigh Armbruster was arrested on January 23, 2004 and thereafter convicted of Use or Possession With Intent to Use Drug Paraphernalia in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2. Amy Leigh Armbruster was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Julia Spolarics Buccini was arrested on September 13, 2001, and on October 11, 2001, and thereafter convicted of Theft in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3, and Theft by Deception in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-4. Julia Spolarics Buccini was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Angel Manuel Cordero was arrested on September 30, 1986, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance With Intent to Distribute in violation of N.J.S.A. 24:21-19a(1) and Bail Jumping in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-7. Angel Manuel Cordero was arrested on July 27, 2002, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b. Angel Manuel Cordero was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Ryan L. Eastridge voluntarily appeared in the Superior Court-Morris County, State of New Jersey on July 29, 2014, entered a guilty plea to, and thereafter convicted of Obstructing the Administration of Law in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-1a. Ryan L. Eastridge was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on December 21, 2017.

Stephen M. Eastwood was arrested on December 18, 2006, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1). Stephen M. Eastwood was arrested on March 28, 2007, and thereafter convicted of Loitering to Obtain or Distribute a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2.1. Stephen M. Eastwood was arrested on December 17, 2007, and thereafter convicted of Loitering to Obtain or Distribute a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2.1. Lastly, Mr. Eastwood was arrested on February 6, 2008, and thereafter convicted of Manufacturing, Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a. Stephen M. Eastwood was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on December 21, 2017.

Porfirio Antonio Escobar was arrested on September 3, 1987, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1) and Burglary in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:18-2a. Porfirio Antonio Escobar was arrested on November 4, 1987, and thereafter convicted of Assault in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-1b(1). Lastly, Porfirio Antonio Escobar was arrested on November 19, 2005 and thereafter convicted of Loitering for the Purpose of Illegally Using or Selling Drugs in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2.1b. Porfirio Antonio Escobar was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Meghan Fellenbaum was arrested on October 4, 2016, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(1) and Unlawful Possession of Dum-Dum Bullets in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3f(1). Meghan Fellenbaum was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Michael Forte was arrested on August 8, 1985, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 24-21-20a(1); Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance With Intent to Distribute in violation of N.J.S.A. 24-21-19a(1) and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5. Michael Forte was arrested on April 8, 1999, and thereafter convicted of Receiving Stolen Property in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-7a. Michael Forte was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on December 21, 2017.

Altatrice D. Frazier was arrested on October 16, 1994, and thereafter convicted of Manufacturing, Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1). Altatrice D. Frazier was arrested on March 22, 1997, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1). Altatrice D. Frazier was arrested on June 16, 1997, and thereafter convicted of Manufacturing, Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(3) and Distributing, Dispensing, or Possessing Drug Paraphernalia in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2. Altatrice D. Frazier was arrested on September 28, 1997, and thereafter convicted of Harassment in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-4(a). Altatrice D. Frazier was arrested on April 9, 1998, and thereafter convicted of Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance Within 1,000 Feet of School Property in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7. Altatrice D. Frazier was arrested on June 6, 1998, and thereafter convicted of Manufacturing, Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-b(2). Altatrice D. Frazier was arrested on November 14, 1998, and thereafter convicted of Manufacturing, Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1). Lastly, Mr. Frazier was arrested on January 2, 1999, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1), and certain Persons Not to Have Weapons in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-7. Altatrice D. Frazier was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Brandon Michael Fregm was arrested on March 9, 2015, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b. Brandon Michael Fregm was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Anthony S. Giarratano was arrested on May 7, 2011, and thereafter convicted of Robbery in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:15-1, Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purposes in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C: 39-4(d), and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C: 39-5(d). Anthony S. Giarratano was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Michael A. Golden was arrested on November 26, 2013, and thereafter convicted of violating N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4-1, which requires a permit to carry a handgun. Michael A. Golden was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on June 19, 2017.

Daniel Gonzalez was arrested on May 27, 1989, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance With Intent to Distribute in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1). Daniel Gonzalez was arrested on June 27, 1990, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance With Intent to Distribute in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(13). Daniel Gonzalez was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Edward S. Goodwin was arrested on August 11, 2013, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b. Edward S. Goodwin was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on December 21, 2017.

Alexander Stinson Holt was arrested on May 9, 2011, and thereafter convicted of Manufacturing, Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1). Alexander Stinson Holt was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on December 21, 2017.

Enrico Imbrogno, Jr. was arrested on January 20, 1987, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance With Intent to Distribute in violation of N.J.S.A. 24:21-19a(1). Enrico Imbrogno, Jr. was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Jane Dwyer Lee was involved in a motor vehicle accident on December 19, 1993, and thereafter charged with Driving While Intoxicated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-50. Jane Dwyer Lee was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Joseph Michael Longo voluntarily appeared in the Superior Court-Middlesex County, State of New Jersey on June 13, 2016, entered a guilty plea to, and thereafter was convicted of four counts of Tampering With Public Records or Information in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-7a(2). Joseph Michael Longo was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on December 21, 2017.

Joseph T. Molnar was arrested on September 29, 2006, and thereafter convicted of three counts of Manufacturing, Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1). Joseph T. Molnar was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Brian Murphy was arrested on August 7, 2015, and thereafter enrolled in the Pretrial Intervention Program for a charge of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 39-5b(1). Brian Murphy was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Gail D. Naples was arrested on September 5, 1981, and thereafter convicted of Shoplifting in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-11B and Possession of Narcotics Equipment in violation of N.J.S.A. 24:21-47. Gail D. Naples was arrested on December 30, 1981, and thereafter convicted of Shoplifting in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-11B. Gail D. Naples was arrested on March 24, 1982, and thereafter convicted of Larceny in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3. Gail D. Naples was arrested on April 13, 1982, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 24:21-20A. Lastly, Gail D. Naples was arrested on August 1, 1982, and thereafter convicted of Shoplifting in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-11B. Gail D. Naples was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on September 22, 2017.

Daniel Edward Nealis was arrested on October 7, 2006, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1). Daniel Edward Nealis was arrested on December 6, 2006, and thereafter convicted of Robbery in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:15-1a(2). Lastly, Daniel Edward Nealis was arrested on December 27, 2006, and thereafter convicted of Receiving Stolen Property in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-7a. Daniel Edward Nealis was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Melissa Joy Niles was arrested on April 3, 2001, and thereafter convicted of a Local Ordinance Violation (amended from Engaging in Prostitution in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:34-1). Melissa Joy Niles was arrested on April 12, 2001, and thereafter convicted of Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance Within 1,000 Feet of School Property in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7. Melissa Joy Niles was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on December 21, 2017.

Christopher Charles O'Sullivan was arrested on November 1 2015, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(1). Christopher Charles O'Sullivan was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Tommy D. Odom, Jr. was arrested on June 10, 1993, and thereafter convicted of Aggravated Assault in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1b(1). Tommy D. Odom, Jr. was arrested on January 3, 1996, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance Within 1,000 Feet of a School in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7. Tommy D. Odom, Jr. was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

James Michael Thaddeus Pedersen was arrested on July 21, 2014, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Transportation of a Weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-9D. James Michael Thaddeus Pedersen was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on June 19, 2017.

John D. Pjeternikaj was arrested on September 17, 1982, and thereafter convicted of Arson in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:17-1a(1). John D. Pjeternikaj was arrested on January 11, 1983, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Sale of a Weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-9d. John D. Pjeternikaj was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Hisashi K. D. Pompey was arrested on December 26, 2011, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b. Hisashi K. D. Pompey was granted a pardon (and a commutation of sentence on April 14, 2017) by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Steven J. Pongratz was arrested on November 25, 1989, and thereafter convicted of Receiving Stolen Property in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-7. Steven J Pongratz was arrested on February 6, 1990, and thereafter convicted of Damage to Property/Criminal Mischief in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:17-3. Steven J Pongratz was arrested on June 8, 1990, and thereafter convicted of Damage to Property/Criminal Mischief in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:17-3. Lastly, Steven J Pongratz was arrested on February 21, 1991, and thereafter convicted of Resisting Arrest in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-2a and Conspiracy to Commit a Drug Offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2 and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5.1. Steven J. Pongratz was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Larissa L. Remo was arrested on November 22, 1998, and thereafter adjudicated a Juvenile Delinquent in what is now known as the Superior Court-Sussex County, New Jersey. Larissa L. Remo was arrested on March 23, 2002, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1). Larissa L. Remo was arrested on June 1, 2002, and thereafter convicted of Bad Checks in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-5. Larissa L. Remo was arrested on June 17, 2002, and thereafter convicted of Wandering, Remaining in or Prowling Public Places With Purpose of Obtaining or Selling a Controlled Dangerous Substances in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2.1(b). Larissa L. Remo was arrested on November 8, 2003, and thereafter convicted of Shoplifting in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-11b(2). Lastly, Larissa L. Remo was arrested on February 27, 2004, and thereafter convicted of Possession With Intent to use Drug Paraphernalia in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2. Larissa L. Remo was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Adrian Rubio was arrested on April 14, 2016, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(1). Adrian Rubio was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Antonio J. Scott was arrested on August 22, 2010, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5d. Antonio J. Scott was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Tracey D. Syphax was arrested on January 13, 1981, and thereafter convicted of two counts of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 24:21-19a(1) and N.J.S.A. 24:21-20a(1). Tracey D. Syphax was arrested on August 2, 1981, and thereafter convicted of Making Unsworn Falsification to Authorities in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-3b(3). Tracey D. Syphax was arrested on August 3, 1981, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance With Intent to Distribute in violation of N.J.S.A. 24:21-19a(1). Tracey D. Syphax was arrested on September 23, 1981, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 24:21-20a(1). Tracey D. Syphax was arrested on May 14, 1984, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 24:21-20a(4). Tracey D. Syphax was arrested on May 17, 1984, and thereafter convicted of Manufacturing, Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(3). Lastly, Tracey D. Syphax was arrested on February 13, 1989, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b. Tracey D. Syphax was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on December 21, 2017.

Thomas Szaro was arrested on February 23, 1993, and thereafter convicted of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1). Thomas Szaro was arrested on November 8, 2004, and thereafter convicted of Conspiracy to Possess a Controlled Dangerous Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2 and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a. Thomas Szaro was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Allan A. Thompson was arrested on June 14, 2012, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b. Allan A. Thompson was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on December 21, 2017.

John L. Twist, II was arrested on April 2, 1992, and thereafter convicted of Receiving Stolen Property in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-7. John L. Twist, II was arrested on January 25, 1994, and thereafter convicted of Burglary in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:18-2. John L. Twist, II was arrested on November 17, 1994, and thereafter convicted of Burglary in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:18-2 and Theft in violation of N.J.S.A. 20-3. John L. Twist, II was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Shakita Renee Wilson was arrested on August 1, 2010, and thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun in violation of N.J.S.A. 39-5b. Shakita Renee Wilson was granted a pardon by Governor Chris Christie on December 21, 2017.

In addition, the following commutations were granted during this reporting period:

Hisashi K. D. Pompey was arrested on December 26, 2011; thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b; and sentenced on September 20, 2013, to a five-year (5) term of imprisonment with a three-year (3) mandatory minimum. Hisashi K. D. Pompey was granted a commutation of sentence to time served (and a pardon on January 12, 2018) by Governor Chris Christie on April 14, 2017.

Lisa A. Pyatt was arrested on June 19, 1991; thereafter convicted of Homicide in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3; and sentenced on October 29, 1993, to a forty-year (40) term of incarceration with a thirty-year (30) mandatory minimum. Lisa A. Pyatt was granted a commutation of sentence to time served by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

Adrian Rubio was arrested on April 14, 2016; thereafter convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(1); and sentenced on March 10, 2017, to a three-year (3) term of incarceration with a one-year (1) mandatory minimum. Adrian Rubio was granted a commutation of sentence to time served (and a pardon) by Governor Chris Christie on January 12, 2018.

No other reprieves, pardons, or commutations have been issued during this reporting period.

Sincerely,



Philip D. Murphy  
Governor