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*Governor*

March 1, 2017

The Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney  
Senate President  
New Jersey State Senate  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

The Honorable Vincent Prieto  
Assembly Speaker  
New Jersey General Assembly  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

The Honorable Thomas H. Kean, Jr.  
Senate Republican Leader  
New Jersey State Senate  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

The Honorable Jon M. Bramnick  
Assembly Republican Leader  
New Jersey General Assembly  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

**Re: Annual Report on Reprieves, Pardons, and  
Commutations Granted During the Period from March 1, 2016 to  
February 28, 2017**

Dear Senate President Sweeney, Speaker Prieto, 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,  
2016 to February 28, 2017, five (5) pardons were granted.

Nathan A. Clark was arrested on November 7, 2015 for  
Unlawful Possession of a weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-  
5b and Possession of Hollow Point Bullets in violation of  
N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3f, and entered into a Pre-Trial Intervention  
program on July 1, 2016. Mr. Clark was pardoned on December 23,  
2016 pursuant to the authority vested in me.

Carlos R. Martinez was twice convicted of Larceny in  
violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3 and sentenced to thirty days  
confinement on September 11, 1984 and to one hundred eighty days  
confinement on January 18, 1985. He was also convicted of  
Robbery in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:15-1 and sentenced to five  
years confinement on April 22, 1986. Mr. Martinez was pardoned  
on December 23, 2016 pursuant to the authority vested in me.

Michael G. Mears was convicted of Disorderly Conduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 2A:170-29 and assessed \$200 on August 9, 1965. He was also convicted of Simple Assault in violation of N.J.S.A. 2A:170-26 and assessed \$60 on November 17, 1971. Mr. Mears was pardoned on December 23, 2016 pursuant to the authority vested in me.

Dwayne L. Powell was convicted of Resisting Arrest in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-2a and assessed \$50 on February 8, 1994. Mr. Powell was also convicted on November 15, 1994 of Escape in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-5a and assessed \$270 as well as Criminal Trespass in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3a and assessed \$355. He was also fined \$180 for a local ordinance violation on January 15, 1997. Mr. Powell was pardoned on December 23, 2016 pursuant to the authority vested in me.

Robert A. White was arrested on December 20, 2014 for Unlawful Possession of a Weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b and Possession of Hollow Point Bullets in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3f. Mr. White was pardoned on July 1, 2016 pursuant to the authority vested in me.

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

Sincerely,



Chris Christie  
Governor