



PETITION FOR CLEMENCY FOR RANSOM GRANDEL TO THE
HONORABLE RALPH NORTHAM

Governor of Virginia

ABSTRACT

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In The
Office of The Governor
Of The Commonwealth of Virginia

A petition for Clemency



Ransom Grandel
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Date:

Pardon, Secretary of The Commonwealth
Office of The Secretary of The Commonwealth
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RE: Request for a Conditional Pardon

Dear Governor Northam,

I Ransom Grandel have enclosed in this petition supporting documentation for my request of a Conditional Pardon. I am asking that The Honorable Ralph Northam have mercy on my life.

If you should have any questions or concerns in regards to any time sensitive matters, you may contact me directly at the above written address; you may also email, text, or call an advocate of mine listed below: Lord Unique Allah, email: [redacted]; Text/call: [redacted]; also, Ericka Grandel, email: [redacted]; Text/call: [redacted]

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Respectfully Submitted,

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Statement of Facts

1. About the Petitioner:

- a. Petitioner's Full Name: Ransom Ronnie Grandel
- b. Petitioner's Virginia Inmate Number:
- c. Petitioner's Date of Birth: February 5, 1975
- d. Petitioner's SSN:

2. Court of Convictions:

- a. Williamsburg/James City County Circuit Court
- b. York Circuit Court

3. Convictions and number of counts per:

- a. 3 counts of: Use of a firearm in commission of a felony.
- b. 2 counts of: Malicious Wounding.
- c. 1 count of: Unlawful Wounding.
- d. 1 count of: Possession of a firearm by a felon.
- e. 2 counts of: Possession of cocaine.
- f. 1 count of: Driving on suspended license
- g. 1 count of: Speeding (65/45)
- h. 1 count of: Possession of Marijuana.
- i. 1 count of: Assault and Battery.
- j. 1 count of: Failure to Appear.

4. Date of Offense(s) outlined in paragraph (3) above:
 - a. (1) 08/22/1994 Use of a firearm in comm. Of felony
 - b. (1) 08/22/1994 Malicious Wounding
 - c. (1) 09/15/1994 Possession of cocaine
 - d. (1) 06/19/1995 Possession of Marijuana
 - e. (1) 06/19/1995 Possession of cocaine
 - f. (1) 06/19/1995 Assault & Battery
 - g. (1) 06/19/1995 Speeding
 - h. (1) 06/19/1995 Driving on a Suspended license
 - i. (1) 09/06/1995 Failure to Appear
 - j. (1) 11/27/1995 Possession of a firearm by a felon
 - k. (1) 11/27/1995 Unlawful Wounding
 - l. (1) 11/27/1995 Malicious Wounding of a Police Officer
 - m. (2) 11/27/1995 Use of a firearm in commission of a felony

5. Date of Conviction (s) pursuant to the offense(s) outlined in paragraph (3) above:
 - a. 05/18/1995 (placed on probation with a suspended sentence that was revoked on 03/28/96)
 - b. 02/07/1996
 - c. 02/07/1996
 - d. 02/07/1996
 - e. 02/07/1996
 - f. 02/07/1996
 - g. 02/07/1996
 - h. 04/09/1996
 - i. 04/09/1996
 - j. 04/09/1996
 - k. 04/09/1996
 - l. 04/09/1996
 - m. 04/09/1996

6. Terms of sentences imposed pursuant to the convictions outlined in paragraph (3) above:
- a. (3) Use of a firearm in commission of a felony (3 years on each)
 - b. (2) Malicious Wounding(s) (single life & 20 years pre & post 1995 parole law).
 - c. (1) Unlawful Wounding (5 years)
 - d. (1) Possession of a firearm by a felon (5 years)
 - e. (2) Possession of cocaine (9 years, 4-month sentence revoked sentence, and 6 months pre & post 1995 parole law)
 - f. (1) Driving on a suspended license (2 months)
 - g. (1) Speeding (\$57.00 and \$2.00 fines)
 - h. (1) Possession of Marijuana (30 days)
 - i. (1) Assault & Battery (30 days)
 - j. (1) Failure to Appear (10 days)

14 offenses and a total sentence of Single Life, 48 years, 12 months, 70 days, and the fines of \$57.00 and \$2.00.

7. Date upon which final terms of sentences were imposed.

Each sentence imposed as specified in (a) through (f) of paragraph (4) above imposed on petitioner on 04/09/1996 in Williamsburg, James City County.

Each sentence imposed in (g) through (m) of paragraph (4) above was imposed on petitioner on 02/07/1996, except for offense (k) Possession of cocaine, which was first imposed on 05/18/1995 and was then revoked on 03/28/1996. As they were all imposed on Petitioner in York County.

8. Date of discretionary parole eligibility:
- a. 06/22/2043

9. Date of mandatory release:

- a. Petitioner is not eligible for mandatory release and Petitioner's good time release date is currently 12/28/9999.

10. Location of incarceration (current detention).

Petitioner is currently incarcerated in the Virginia Department of Corrections and is housed at: Sussex II State Prison, 24427 Musselwhite Dr., Waverly, Virginia 23891-2222.

Introduction

Pleasant greetings Honorable Ralph Northam, Governor of Virginia,

I, Ransom R. Grandel, humbly come before your office to submit this petition for a Conditional Pardon. I am seeking a Commutation of my current sentence, in accordance with the powers granted unto the Governor under Virginia's Constitution and Law. I am an offender who is currently housed at Sussex II State Prison. I am 44 years of age, and I have currently served 24 years of a single life, forty-eight years, twelve months, and seventy-day sentence. The single-life, twelve years, and four months is the portion of the sentence that allows me to be parole eligible. The remaining thirty-six years, eight-months, and seventy-days are sentences under the "New Law" (1995). I am also a first-time offender in the Virginia Department of Corrections, and I do not have any out-of-state or federal convictions.

As you read and research the following information that I shall provide in this packet, I pray that you are able to see and witness the rehabilitated

man that I have become. A man who wishes to be deemed worthy of being selected to be given a second chance in society. I am before you as a man who has prepared himself for a return to society, I have family, friends, and other upstanding citizens in the community who support my release.

A part of my transitional change can be seen by viewing my institutional offender disciplinary actions sheet. It will show the exact number of infractions I've incurred over my 24 years of incarceration; none of which were incidents of violence.

I have also included a copy of my marriage certificate, G.E.D., two trades, and a catalog of self-help programs that I have achieved during my time of incarceration. I pray that all my accomplishments add more substance to my current character. I have also included a copy of my most recent institutional classification authority hearing, it gives an accurate update of my current annual review and legal update assessment, from the Department of Corrections.

Extraordinary Circumstances

While facing the challenges of society as a dysfunctional, uneducated adolescent, I was placed into a community group home, and assigned a probation officer. I became a resident at this place from December 04, 1990. I was released on June

25,1991. It was only upon receiving my court transcripts that I came across this discharge summary that had been prepared by my then counselor, Ms. Teresa M. Brandt, and approved by the program manager, Mr. Ronald C. Wallace of the Crossroad Community Group Home.

It had been sent to the office of Mr. Ralph Craft at the request of Ms. Lillie A. Epps, Probation & Parole Officer. She sent a copy to the Honorable, Samuel T. Powell III, the judge who presided over my trial. In it was revealed to us that my mental instability was not standard of a competent teenager. A copy of this discharge summary has also been submitted with this petition. (See page #9-12). It shall stand a testament to my mental instability as an adolescent. It will show that I was behind in decision making, communication, and basic living skills.

Please note that this revelation is not an attempt to make an excuse for my past actions, however, my intention is to make a point by adding sustenance, as well as, to provide some proof of my dysfunctional mind state during my adolescent life.

The following statement of facts are from the Criminal History Report of
Petitioner's Adult Record.

<i>Offense date</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Charged Offense</i>	<i>Convicted of</i>	<i>Sentencing Date</i>	<i>Sentencing Info</i>
08\22\94	W-JCC	Use of Firearm Attempted Murder	Use of firearm	04\09\96	003-00-000
08\22\94	W-JCC	Malicious Wounding	Malicious Wounding	04\09\96	Single Life
09\15\94	York County	Possession of Cocaine	Possession of Cocaine	05\18\95	009-04-000

*All these offenses are pre-1995 law abolishing parole.