



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Executive Department

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Travion Terrell Blount was convicted in the Norfolk City Circuit Court on March 12, 2008 of numerous felonies related to an armed robbery he committed when he was 15 years old, namely: Robbery (9 Counts), Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony (31 Counts), Abduction with Intent to Extort Money (3 Counts), and sentenced to an active period of incarceration of 6 life sentences plus 118 years; and

WHEREAS, Travion Terrell Blount was convicted in the Norfolk City Circuit Court on July 21, 2008 for Assault and on November 19, 2008 of Simple Assault and Gang: Participation in a Criminal Act and sentenced to an additional 1 year and 3-month sentence; and

WHEREAS, Travion Terrell Blount, even though only 15 years old at the time of his underlying offense, was sentenced to an active period of incarceration of numerous life sentences plus 118 years; and

WHEREAS, Travion Terrell Blount, without his consent, was issued a partial pardon by Governor Robert McDonnell to reduce his sentence to 40 years, which effectively defeated Mr. Blount's claim of the unconstitutionality of his life sentence; and

WHEREAS, the co-defendants in Mr. Blount's case all accepted plea deals and were given substantially less prison time, and Mr. Blount was offered a plea deal of 14-years incarceration, reflecting the Commonwealth's judgment as to a just sentence in his case; and

WHEREAS, by counsel, Travion Terrell Blount filed his petition seeking executive clemency, specifically requesting a conditional pardon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blount was effectively given a life sentence as a juvenile and will not be eligible for release until November 13, 2043; and

WHEREAS, it appears that Mr. Blount is serving so long a sentence, not because his crimes were so grave as to justify a sentence reserved for crimes resulting in serious injury, but because he availed himself of his constitutional right to trial by jury; and

WHEREAS, Travion Terrell Blount appears to be a proper subject for clemency, specifically for favorable consideration of his petition for a conditional and partial pardon;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 12 of the Constitution of Virginia, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby grant Travion Terrell Blount, a Conditional and Partial Pardon for the above listed convictions received on March 12, 2008, July 21, 2008, and November 19, 2008, reducing his now 40-year sentence to 14 years, as well as a three-year period of supervised release. This pardon is conditioned on Mr. Blount abiding by the following conditions:

- 1.) He successfully completes the Re-entry program provided by the Virginia Department of Corrections prior to his release date.
- 2.) He enter a three-year period of supervision to be established by the Virginia Parole Board after his release from prison.
- 3.) He comply with all other conditions set by the Virginia Parole Board during his continued incarceration and supervised release, including maintaining good behavior.

The Virginia Parole Board may revoke Travion Terrell Blount's pardon, based on a violation of one or more of the conditions above, or based on a finding by the Board that he is otherwise unfit or unsuitable to be released or remain on supervision. Travion Terrell Blount shall be subject to arrest upon cause shown by the Virginia Parole Board or the Parole Officer.

Given under my hand and the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this 12th day of January in the year of two thousand and eighteen and this 242nd year of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor

Attest:

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth