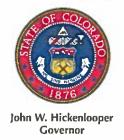
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Full and Unconditional Pardon of Rene Lima-Marin

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado by Article IV, Section 7 of the Colorado Constitution, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order granting a pardon to Rene Lima-Marin.

I. Background

At the age of 20, Rene Lima-Marin robbed two video stores and was convicted of three counts of 2nd Degree kidnapping; two counts of 1st Degree Burglary; three counts of Aggravated Robbery; and Violent Crime – use of weapon, for which he received a 98-year sentence (Case No. 98CR2401). He also pled guilty to robbing a third video store for which he received a five-year sentence to be served concurrently (98CR3247).

On May 16, 2017, the District Court for the Eighteenth Judicial District granted Mr. Lima-Marin's petition for *habeas corpus* and ordered his release from the Colorado Department of Corrections. The judge concluded that Mr. Lima-Marin had achieved rehabilitation and demonstrated his ability to re-integrate into society after he was mistakenly released from prison and lived peacefully and productively in the community for nearly six years. Mr. Lima-Marin was a model prisoner during his nearly ten years of incarceration, and a successful parolee for five years. And by all measures, Mr. Lima-Marin has demonstrated that he has turned his life around. He married his former girlfriend, became the father of two children, one through adoption, and learned a trade to support his family. These factors led the judge to grant Mr. Lima-Marin's *habeas corpus* petition, and they convinced me to grant his request for a pardon.

The conditions for granting this clemency petition have been satisfied. Rene Lima-Marin committed serious crimes when he was much younger, and I believe he was justly convicted and punished for those crimes. To the extent rehabilitation is a goal of imprisonment; Mr. Lima-Marin appears to have achieved it. Granting this pardon is therefore in the interest of both justice and mercy.

II. Grant of Clemency

- A. Rene Lima-Marin be and hereby is granted a full and unconditional pardon for convictions in Case Numbers 98CR2401 and 98CR3247, as described above.
- B. All of his rights are restored in full without condition. All of his civil disabilities and public sufferings associated with this conviction are removed.

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GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this nineteenth day of

May. 2017.

John W. Hickenlooper

Governor