

# STATE OF COLORADO

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John W. Hickenlooper  
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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.



GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this nineteenth day of  
May, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which reads "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name and title.

John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor