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EXECUTIVE ORDER

**Commutation of Sentence
Curtis A. Brooks**



John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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 commuting the sentence of Curtis A. Brooks.

I. Background

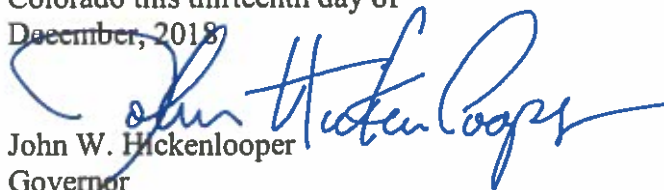
In 1997, Curtis A. Brooks, DOC Reg. No. 93003, was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole in the Department of Corrections for first degree murder (F-1). He was sentenced to additional time in the Department of Corrections for other crimes, to run concurrently with his life sentence. Mr. Brooks was a juvenile at the time of the offense. Mr. Brooks currently has no parole eligibility date. The statute under which Mr. Brooks was sentenced is unconstitutional pursuant to *Miller v. Alabama*, 567 U.S. 460 (2012). The constitutional and statutory conditions for granting this clemency petition have been satisfied, and granting this commutation is in the interest of justice.

II. Grant of Clemency

- A. Curtis A. Brooks be and hereby is granted a limited commutation such that he is granted parole effective July 1, 2019. Mr. Brooks shall remain on parole for five years. The other terms and conditions of Mr. Brooks' parole shall be set by the Parole Board, although Mr. Brooks shall be permitted to serve his parole period in Maryland if approved under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision. In this case, the Colorado Department of Corrections shall work with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to manage the terms and conditions of Mr. Brooks' parole.
- B. This grant of clemency is limited to paroling Mr. Brooks for five years effective July 1, 2019, and shall not in any way affect the underlying criminal conviction.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this thirteenth day of
December, 2018


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor