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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Commutation of Sentence Sidney L. Cooley

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado by Article IV, Section 7 of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order commuting the sentences of Sidney L. Cooley.

I. Background

In 2002, Sidney L. Cooley, DOC Reg. No. 91309, was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule II, Weapon Possession Previous Offender - Dangerous in Denver County, Colorado (2002CR1779, 2002CR2236), Criminal Mischief, First Degree Assault - Criminal Attempt, First Degree Criminal Trespassing and Theft - \$500 - \$15,000 in Arapahoe County, Colorado (2002CR2827, 2002CR2890). In 2005, Sidney L. Cooley was convicted of six counts of Second Degree Burglary in Jefferson County, Colorado (2005CR1358). He was sentenced to the Department of Corrections for 54 years for these crimes. His current estimated parole eligibility date is in 2032. 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. Sidney L. Cooley be and hereby is granted a limited commutation such that he is granted parole no earlier than January 31, 2023, on a date appropriate based on the completion of his re-entry plan in Colorado. The Parole Board shall set the terms and conditions of Mr. Cooley's parole, although Mr. Cooley shall be permitted to serve his parole period in Ohio if approved under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision. In this case, the State of Colorado shall work with the State of Ohio to manage the terms and conditions of Mr. Cooley's parole. If not approved, Mr. Cooley may serve his parole period in Colorado, though he may apply in the future for a transfer to Ohio.
- B. This grant of clemency is limited to paroling Mr. Cooley effective January 31, 2023, at the earliest, with terms and conditions of parole to be set by the Parole Board, 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 twenty-second day
of December, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis
Governor