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## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

### Commutation of Sentence Gordon L. Johnston

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 sentence of Gordon L. Johnston.

#### I. <u>Background</u>

In 2012, Gordon L. Johnston, DOC Reg. No. 157250, was convicted of Controlled Substance-Distribute Schedule I; Controlled Substance-Distribute Schedule I- 25-450 Grams; Controlled Substance- Conspiracy- Schedule I (2011CR504). He was sentenced to the Department of Corrections for 64 years for these crimes. His current estimated parole eligibility date is in 2039. 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. Gordon L. Johnston be and hereby is granted a limited commutation such that he is granted parole effective January 15, 2026.
- B. This grant of clemency is limited to paroling Gordon L. Johnston effective January 15, 2026, 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, 2023.

Jared Polis Governor