

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Waiver Request for Executive Clemency

Name Emmett Paul Bankhead
Date of Birth: May 21, 1962
Social Security Number: 387-78-8007
Type of executive clemency requested: Commutation

Have you applied for an eligibility rule waiver before?
NO.

Reason why waiver is requested:
I am currently incarcerated

Mailing address:
Racine Correctional Institution
P.O. box 900
Sturtevant, Wisconsin 53177-0900

Home address: NA

Telephone Number: NA

Crimes for which you will receive executive clemency if
waiver is Granted:

Crime	Date of conviction	Sentence and date
2011CF580 Robbery of a Financial Institution	Feb, 2011	FEB, 2011 15-in custody 10-m extended Supervision

In 1980 I served 2½ years in the military where I was exposed to many different kinds of drugs. Upon discharge, I felt my self slowly loosing control due to the lack of discipline and structure the military gave me. I came home to a world of uncertainty. I was employed at the Boys and Girls club as a supervisor and program youth program director where I developed various programs to help the youth learn life skills and coping mechanism to help deal with the inner cities culture.

Total 25 yrs

My wife wanted to become a nurse so we decided that I would stay home and raise the children while she worked and attended classes for nursing. As time passed the inactivity turned to depression. Depression fell on me like a ton of bricks. Being home all day only fatigued my situation. So, like in the military I started using drugs in order to ease the pain of living. My drug use exposed me to the criminal element of our society. The more that I used the lower I sank into despair. I needed money to support my habit so I walked into the Bank armed with a note, the teller handed me the money and that is the beganing of how I was able to justify taking money with out using a gun. I believed that if I stole from the banks it was okay because I was not taking from people but institutions. Institutions were insured and I went alone this way no one would get hurt.

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My decision to self medicate instead of seeking professional help has destroyed my life and I am still paying for the crimes that I committed Ten years ago. Prison however has been my saving grace. I have corrected my past behaviors, I been clean and sober for the past ten years, My legacy assessment as of 08/08/14
Compas Risk - Low

Violent Recidivism Risk - Low

General Recidivism Risk - Low

Sadly my health is on the decline. I am now 58 years old with 5 years left to serve of the 15 year sentence I was handed. I am a Type 2 Diabetic that uses insulin twice daily, I have hypertension and have just had an hernia operation. The combination of these diseases and injury has broken down my body. I am infirm and wheel chair bound. I am only able to function with the help of an inmate aide.

Today I am asking for a waiver of the clemency rule due to my compromised immune system, my debilitating diseases and most importantly my inability to practice effectual physical distancing as suggested by Health Service Secretary Andrea Palm. Sir as I see it, the COVID-19 pandemic can easily turn my 15 year sentence into a death sentence.

I certify that the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant signature: Emmett B. Burkhead date: 4-8-2020