

STATE OF WISCONSIN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Waiver For Executive Clemency

Type of Clemency Requested: Pardon Reprieve Commutation

Have you applied for an eligibility waiver before Yes No

Name: Baynell D. Morgan AKA: Kamau T. Z. Damali

Sex: Male Female Date of Birth: September 10th, ~~1976~~ 1976

Social Security Number: 305-86-1388

Race: African-American American Indian Hispanic White Asian Other

Reason why waiver is requested

You were not convicted of a felony

You are ~~not~~ currently incarcerated

It has been less than 8 years since you completed your sentence

Home address/Mailing address:

Street/PO Box/Route: Columbia Correctional Institution 2925 Columbia Drive PO Box - 95

City: Portage State: Wisconsin Zip: 53901-0950

Telephone Numbers

Home: N/A Work: N/A

Cell: N/A

E-mail address: N/A

List crimes for which clemency is requested

Crime: First Degree Intentional Homicide PTA

Date of crime: November 2nd, ~~1993~~ 1993

the core. In July of 1995, 18 going on 19, I began to feel and became in touch with my humanity. I have been ~~been~~ an activist since 1995. I was in Solitary Solitary confinement from 1999 to 2013 for prison activism. If released I plan to volunteer as a counselor for a community center and I will do any legit job that's available. I plan to advocate for the mentally ill, for I too am mentally ill, and it's looked upon as a weakness in the Black community.

Describe the reasons why clemency should be granted, including length of time since conviction, lack of subsequent criminal contacts, personal development and growth since conviction, documented need for clemency, etc.

I have been incarcerated since November 2nd, 1993 and I was sentenced to life as a juvenile June 27th 1994. During my incarceration, I have only been into three fights (two in 1995, one in 1998), I have never assaulted prison staff, never stabbed anyone nor received any conduct reports for the usage and distribution of drugs. I haven't received a major conduct report since May 2010 and I was released from Solitary Confinement April 4th 2013 and never returned. I have completed all of my Institution needs and primary program assignments. My life sentence should be commuted to 27 years time served because I deserve a second chance. I have never been involved with criminal activity during my 26 going 27 years incarceration. This is my first time ever being in prison, I was seventeen when I came through the system. I am remorseful and I deserve a second chance. 26 going on 27 years is long enough. Moreover, the more we learn about brain development of adolescents, in particular those under the age of eighteen, the less justifiable it is to treat 17 year olds the same way we treat 30 year olds. Executive function and the ability to weigh long term consequences of decisions doesn't fully develop until one's mid-20's. Again, I was a kid

With mental health issues, This shouldn't absolve me of punishment, I should've been (and was) held accountable for my role in the crime. A life sentence, however, was (and is) a bit extreme to give a juvenile. I have paid and am paying my debt to society with going 27 years of imprisonment, learned my ~~lesson~~ lesson and have rehabilitated myself both throughly and accordingly. I see psychological services regularly and receive therapy from my assigned clinician of three plus years, Dr. Julia M. Persike, for trauma, OCD, hearing voices, snap crackle and pop noises etc.

As for personal growth. When I entered the Wisconsin DOC July 17th, 1994, I could barely read, write and even pronounce words correctly. I taught myself how to read and pronounce words by listening to "Hook On Phonics". I improved my vocabulary by studying dictionaries, thesauruses, encyclopedias, and vocabulary builders. My reading level went from 5.1 to 11.8, my math from 1.2 to 5.1 to 7.9. My test scores need to be updated. I was once a chronic-severe stutterer, I now speak and enunciate clearly. As stated earlier I spent 14 years in Solitary Confinement / Seg status and during those years I taught myself how to speak the Swahili language fluently. I obtained my GED / HSED in 2002 while in Solitary / ~~confinement~~ Administrative confinement. Despite the many difficult psychological challenges spawned from Solitary Confinement and the chronic ~~trauma~~ trauma of what I went through before incarceration and being incarcerated since the age of seventeen, my outlook on life at 43 going on 44, is positive. I would like to start a family of my own. I want to give back by speaking to at risk youth, helping keep the community clean and safe. I plan to be an advocate against gang and gun violence in the Black community and violence in general. I plan to be

a positive pillar of the community. In July of 1995, 18 going on 19, I became an activist and stopped using derogatory words and terms to describe women and in 1997, Nov. 7th to be exact, I stopped using profanity outright, and haven't used it since. In 1995 I became in touch with my humanity and began to see people and the world differently. The victim in my case, Sister Tina Turner, is in essence my grandmother, Mother, aunt, Sister, daughter, and in killing her I killed all very significant females in my life. I have been hearing my victim's voice in my head since 1995, I see her in my dreams and nightmares, I am not and have not forgotten my role in her slaying. I will spend the rest of my life making amends for past wrongs.

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

Dated the 8th of April 2020

Applicant signature

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