

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



WAIVER REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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1. Name (First, Middle, Last): Terrance James Shaw
2. Date of Birth November 22, 1948
3. Social Security Number: 392-52-4554
4. Type of executive clemency requested:  Pardon  Reprieve  Commutation
5. Have you applied for an eligibility rule waiver before?  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
(You may not request a waiver unless 36 months have passed since your last waiver request.)
6. Reason why waiver is requested:  You were not convicted of a felony  
 You are currently incarcerated  
 It has been less than 3 years since you completed your sentence (including all parole and probation)
7. Mailing address (All correspondence will be sent to this address. Notify the Board of any change of address.)  
Street/P.O. Box/Route: Racine Correctional Institution  
2019 Wisconsin Street  
P.O. Box 900  
City: Sturtevant, WI 53177-0900 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Home address, if different from mailing address (Notify the Board of any change of address.)  
Street/P.O. Box/Route: Same as above #7.  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Telephone number(s) include Area Code (You must notify the Board of any change of phone number):  
Home: N/A  
Work: N/A  
Cell: N/A

10. Crimes for which you will request executive clemency if waiver is granted (use extra sheet if needed)

Crime	Date of Conviction	Sentence and Sentence Length	Date of Sentence completion (including parole and probation)
(A) 1st Degree Murder	12-13-1982	Life plus 20	Life
(B) 1st Degree Sex Assault	12-13-1982	Life plus 20	Life
(C)			

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11. Describe (do not just list) the crime(s) identified in Question 9. Explain the circumstances surrounding the crime(s), and why you committed the crime(s). Attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.

At the time of the crime I was suffering from unknown and undiagnosed Vietnam PTSD. I felt I was under imminent attack but I couldn't identify the enemy. I pinned my full-sized Vietnamese Nation Flag (the ones we were fighting for) to my living room wall, put on my jungle combat clothes, loaded up my rifles and pistols and stationed them around the house, sitting in my rocking chair with a loaded rifle across my lap drinking Bourbon out of a milk glass muttering paranoid self-talk. Then I went out and did the crime while seeing the victim as a Vietnamese. None of this ever came out at my trial because I was military trained not to cooperate or collaborate with my captors and to sew disinformation. Several years after I was convicted and in prison I was seen by CCI's Psychiatrist Dr. Arnesen who met with me one-on-one several times in two weeks time. Then Dr. Arnesen diagnosed me as severely suffering from the chronic Vietnam PTSD and said that I should alert the VA, which I did. In the next few decades the VA sent in their Psychiatrist and Psychologist multiple times into the prison to evaluate me and I am currently VA rated as an 80% service-connected Disabled Veteran. Now that I am appropriately diagnosed and know what I have, I have learned coping skills and intervention methods whenever I am having a Vietnam type panic attack. I still currently have vivid Vietnam nightmares three times a week. I have to sleep with the light on so that when I wake up with a frightening nightmare I can immediately see that I am safe in my room and not in my nightmare. I'm very sorry for what I did and the fear I put into the community at the time. CCI's Dr. Arneson kept treating me for a few years and said that the sex assault part of the crime was me reenacting a sex assault that was done to me by an adult female babywitter when I was 4 years old. I am currently in RCI/SO2 program.

12. Explain the extraordinary circumstances that you believe warrant a waiver of the Governor's eligibility rules. For example, an extraordinary circumstance could be, but is not necessarily, the fact that the conviction prohibits you from obtaining specific employment. However, the desire to hunt or possess a firearm for hunting purposes does not constitute extraordinary circumstances.

I am now a 71 year old full-time wheelchair bound VA 80% service-connected Disabled Veteran after over 38 consecutive years of incarceration. You have the same skin and bones incarcerated but I am a whole different personality and value system than the young man that was convicted and incarcerated in 1982. My commitment offense has no bearing on the man I currently am today. I would be better served by being released from prison so that I may meet and form supportive relationships with fellow war veterans in the VFW. When I die I have earned the benefit of being burried in a veteran's cemetery with full honors and bugle ceremony of Taps being played and the American Flag that drapes my coffin will be folded up into the triangle and presented to my son, daughter and grandchildren at the grave site.

I never had a felony or was incarcerated ever before this one afternoon that I was suffering from the unknown and undiagnosed Vietnam PTSD (and now also unknown and undiagnosed Traumatic Brain Injury - TBI) at the time of the crime from incoming enemy rocket and mortar blasts that knocked me down several times, taking away 30% of my hearing and causing permanent Tinnitus still today, but I didn't get hit with the schrapnel.

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

Applicant signature: Terrance J. Shaw

Date: APRIL 7, 2020

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