

Clemency Waiver Request

1. Precious Ward #280069
2. D.O.B. 09/02/1978
3. SSN# ***-**-6146
4. This is a request for Commutation.
5. No, I've never applied for an eligibility waiver before.
6. P.O. Box #925 Redgranite, WI 54970-0925
7. 1163 Berner Street Green Bay, WI 54302
8. 414-313-1306
9. I am requesting Executive Clemency for P.T.A.C of Reckless Homicide and of being in possession of Firearm by a Felon.
10. I was sentenced to a bifurcated sentence of 37 years, comprised of 27 years of initial confinement, followed by 10 years of extended supervision (ES) on count 1. With 5 years on count 2 for the possession of Firearm by a Felon, comprised of 2 years of initial confinement , followed by 3 years of (ES), consecutive to count 1.
11. In 2007, I was tried and convicted for being party to a crime of a shooting incident that left a man deceased outside of a clothing store in the City of Milwaukee on East Capital Drive. I was called by my (now) ex-wife, who had informed me that she had been attacked by some people at Dot's Department store and that I should get there. I ultimately ended up going and when I'd made it there some of the people there were being abrasive and aggressive. Someone had a box cutter in the group, another person had a metal pipe that was used to beat my then wife about the head. The victim of the shooting had punched me in the mouth and snatched my diamond crucifix from my neck and knocked my glasses off of my face.

The victim and I had began to fight during which the person whom I brought with me fired a single shot striking the victim in the neck and killing him. The case was tried as a self-defense considering the circumstances.

I was never allowed to call any of the (8) witness that would have testified on my behalf at trial. I was also tried by a "deaf juror" who did not understand any (ASL) American Sign Language by his own admission. I was offered a pleabargain for 15 years at the time, but since I had turned it down the prosecutor on the case amended the charge three different times. I was never given a fair trial under Wisconsin's state law.

Since coming to prison I have completely changed my life and I have done so through walking with Christ. Since finding religion, I have seen the error of my past mistakes and I've spent my time in prison, reading the Bible, studying, tutoring other inmates, taking programs, and furthering my education whenever there's an opportunity to do so. Having matured and learned a great deal over last 13 years, I am very remorseful and sympathetic for my role in someone else losing their life and if I could take it all back I would. I am a very different person than the person that i was all of those years ago. I know how gun violence destroys families and communities and if I am afforded the opportunity I would like to become a productive citizen by helping at risk youth through a 501c3 that I'd like to get started called S.A.Y (Save Our Youth) NOW! I believe that I could help change and save a wealth of young lives if I am afforded a second chance. I've even written children books.

In life there are consequences to our actions, I understand why I had to come to prison. I acknowledge that I deserved to be held accountable and punished for my actions on that tragic day. But, I must stress once again I have become a better version of my old self. Since my incarceration, I have been able to work through mental health issues and anti-social issues. I've attended some college courses during my time in prison. Currently I am studying law through Black Stone Career Institute so that one day I'll be able to help others.

I do not know how long I should stay in prison for my past offenses, but I am hopeful that one day soon, I will get a second chance to be productive in society. With that second chance I know that I would not waste it. I hope against hope that I will have a chance to provide help to those young at risk youth who are in desperate need of some positive influences. I want to counsel young people not to make the poor choices that I made and teach them that options are a beautiful

thing. I strive for the chance to be able to live out that dream; to help those young boys and girl help themselves.

12. Amid COVID-19 taking lives all across the country and now finding itself in a myriad of prison I fear for my safety and I would like to be freed from this dire situation. When I was sentenced I wasn't sentenced to be subjected to the terms and or conditions of which I currently find myself with. I am a 41 year old man soon to be 42 in September. I have some preexisting conditions that renders me susceptible to contracting this deadly virus. I feel that more could be done in the way to help preserve lives of the men and women who are incarcerated at a time like this. I have a decided heart to do God's work and help as many people as I possibly can in a ministerial capacity.

I thank you very much in advance for your time and consideration in this urgent matter. I ask for forgiveness, and I ask for the sole chance to make life better for my teenage daughter as well as others. I hope, that after reading my sincere petition, that you will decide that I deserve a second chance.

Sincerely,



PRECIOUS WARD

cc: file

Dated this 25 day of May 2020, at Redgranite, WI.