

WALVER REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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1.) Name (First, middle, Last): Rodney L Gotsen

2.) Date of Birth 6-16-70 3.) Social Security Number 90-6441 XXXX  
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4.) Type of executive clemency:  Pardon  Reprieve

Commutation 5.) Have you applied for an eligibility rule waiver before

Yes  NO If yes, when? Never applied 6.) Reason why

waiver is requested:  You were not convicted of a felony

You are currently incarcerated

It has been less than 8 years since you completed your sentence (including all parole and probation)

7.) Mailing address

Street/P.O. Box/Route: P.O. Box 200

City: Fox Lake State: Wisconsin Zip: 53933

8.) Home address, Same as above

9.) Telephone number(s) Home: NONE Work: None Cell: NONE

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) Attempt 1st Degree Intentional Homicide	5-29-02	25 in 15 out TIS	Date of Completion Parole Ends 7/1/12
(B)			
(C)			

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Questions 11 and 12 typed for clarity, originals next page

**Question 11**

Describe the crime: at this time I am incarcerated for 1<sup>st</sup> degree attenuated intentional homicide. I am not trying to downplay the seriousness of this charge but I would like to make it known that noone lost their life and this was a domestic violence issue. This was not a premeditated incident. My girlfriend and I were having an argument and I attempted to leave the area and calm down. As I was driving away my rear window was broken out. I ended up losing my sanity and hitting Ms Ellen Mark with my vehicle.

When I came to my sense I felt terrible . I wanted to take this case to trial because this was not something I planned, it was a spur of the moment incident, an extremely bad choice I made while I was not thinking clearly. I believe I was misled by my attorney who said taking the plea bargain for 15 years would be in my best interest, The judge did not honor the agreement and sentenced me to 25 years under truth in sentencing and I have been incarcerated for nineteen years. I have completed domestic violence courses and received a culinary arts degree. I have also completed a number of other programs to better myself. Since the crime, Ms Martin has written me to tell me that she forgives me .

**Question 12**

I have preexisting health conditions. I am a 59 year old African American male. I have type 2 diabetes which renders me dependant on insulin. I suffer from sleep apnea which requires the use of a cpap machine. I have also been diagnosed with hypertension I am housed in a barracks unit, constantly surrounded by other people. It is impossible to practice social distancing there. Due to all these issues my life is at risk daily.

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 this time I am incarcerated for 1st degree Attempted Intentional Homicide. I am not trying to downplay the seriousness of this charge, but I would like to make it known that one lost their life; that this was a domestic violence incident. This was not a premeditated murder of my girlfriend and I got into an argument I was trying to leave the area and calm down. As I was driving away my rear window was broken out. I ended up losing my sanity and hitting Mrs. Ellen Martin with my vehicle. When I came to my senses I immediately regretted my terrible I wanted to take the case to trial on the grounds that this situation was not something I planned; it was a spur of the moment incident. An extremely bad choice I made while I was not thinking correctly. However, my attorney misled me by promising that if I take a plea bargain for 15 years, it would be in my best interest. I ended up taking the plea bargain for 15 years. The Judge did not honor the agreement and sentenced me to 25 years under Truth In Sentencing. As of right now I have been incarcerated for 19 years. If I had been sentenced to 15 years, I was originally agreed upon I would have been released 3 years ago. During the last 19 years of incarceration, I have completed domestic violence courses and received a Culinary Arts degree. I have also completed a number of other programs to better myself. Since the crime Mrs. Martin, have wrote me a letter in which she told me that she forgives me.

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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. I believe that I meet these requirements because I have preexisting health conditions. I am a 49 year old African American male. I have type 2 diabetes which renders me dependent upon insulin. I am required to walk to health services 3 times daily to take my insulin. While at health services I am exposed to all other sick offenders. I suffer from sleep apnea as well which requires the use of a CPAP machine. I have also been diagnosed with hypertension. I am housed in a barracks unit, I am constantly surrounded by other people. It is impossible to practice social distancing here. Due to all these issues I am placed in a very high risk situation daily. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic my life is at risk daily.

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

Applicant signature: Rodney Horton

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