

COMMUTATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in February of 1981, in the Criminal Court for Meigs County, Tennessee, William Mee (TOMIS #127083) was convicted of one count of first-degree murder (case no. 1866); and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's constitution and statutory law authorize the governor to grant executive elemency, including the power to commute sentences; and

WHEREAS, this case appears to me to be a proper one for the exercise of executive elemency for the following reasons:

Mr. Mee is seventy-eight years old and has been living in his community on parole since 2004. In nearly thirty years, Mr. Mee has not had any violations or reprimands while in prison or on parole. While in prison, Mr. Mee completed vocational training, and he is a barber. Mr. Mee has apologized to his victim's family, and he is supported by his community. Friends and family testified to the transformation they have seen in Mr. Mee, including his contributions to the community by mentoring young people. The Tennessee Board of Parole recommended granting Mr. Mee a commutation to time served.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article III, Section 6 of the Tennessee Constitution and by the laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby commute the sentence imposed upon Mr. William Mee for his conviction of one count of first-degree murder to time served. Mr. Mee shall live the life of a good citizen and shall not violate any of the laws of the United States, the State of Tennessee, or any other state and shall not be guilty of conduct which is illegal or improper in the opinion of the governor.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Nashville, Tennessee on this 22nd day of December, 2022.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE