

Describe the incident and how you were involved. Where were you, what exactly did you do, and how were you caught?

At the time of the incident, I as well as the woman, Angela Malloy, were both using and abusing drugs, so neither of us were thinking straight. I was friends with the Angela at the time and she confided in me that her boyfriend had started shooting drugs, instead of drinking or taking drugs like the rest of us. She asked me not to tell anyone. Later, I ended up telling her sister. The woman found out and was upset, so she called me to come to her house. When I went to her house, she and another girl threw me into a storm window in her house. Then, she insisted that I pay her \$60 to fix the window that broke because she threw me into it. I refused and left. I did not retaliate. The next day I went to work. When I was at work, those girls called my job and left a message saying that my son had drank bleach. (I was not aware that the girls had made the call at the time.) After making the phone call they robbed my mom's house. She was arrested for robbing my mom's house. I saw her by the bus about a month after she was arrested for robbing my mom's house. She started to beat me up and I retaliated. I realize now I should have walked away, but I was using drugs. Instead the situation escalated and I cut her. She asked someone to call the cops and they came and arrested me. About a month after the incident I saw her and apologized. After the incident, I immediately regretted my actions. I handled the situation poorly and I never should have cut her. I should have walked away as soon as the situation started getting aggressive and I have followed that philosophy in my life since then.

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Plea/Verdict: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Plea/Verdict Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Obligations Satisfied:  Yes  No Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 5: OPTIONAL Personal Statement (Supplement)**

If you decide to include a personal statement, it **may** include:

- ✓ A summary of how your life or circumstances have changed since your last arrest
- ✓ Reasons you seek clemency
- ✓ Reasons you feel you are a good candidate for consideration
- ✓ Information you feel supports your request

The incident of my arrest was directly related to my drug use. If I was not using drugs or hanging around people who were using drugs, I would have acted much differently. I eventually realized that my drug use was hurting myself and my family and I decided to go for rehabilitation in 1989. I have been clean ever since. I do not even drink. After finishing rehab., I decided to go to school and I eventually got a Bachelor of Arts degree in community human services from Empire State College in 2000. In 2006, I received a MSW from Marywood University. I also have an honorary Doctorate in Ministry from the Spirit of Truth Church. I have attached a copies of my transcripts and diplomas.

I have also done a lot of work in the community, helping people with addictions. In 2002 - 2004, I started a shelter for addicted pregnant women in Harrisburg, PA. I also learned how to administer Narcan. In 2009 - 2011, I volunteered at Citizens Acting Together Can Help (CATCH). At CATCH, I volunteered 3 days a week in the reception/hospitality unit. Members of this unit are responsible for making people feel welcome, feel at home, pointing them in the right direction whether it is in person or on the phone. I also worked for CATCH as a temporary employee in their partial hospitalization division 6 days a month. Attached is a letter of recommendation from Gwendolyn Coats, Counselor Supervisor. I have also volunteered at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in their addiction program. When volunteering at Jefferson,

I did interviews with the Governor on CNN about addiction. I also volunteer at my neighborhood community center doing different things including arts and crafts with senior citizens, helping with senior citizen dance classes and whatever else they need me to do.

Besides for my community volunteering, I have been and continued to be very involved in my church. For 17 years, I was involved with Apostle Poindexter at the Hope for Tomorrow church on Baring St., Philadelphia, PA. I participate in my church's outreach program that includes giving out food and clothing to those in need and praying with the community. My Pastor Sandra Taylor of the Shining Light Church has asked me to sit on the pulpit with her. I am very excited about this honor.

With respect to my personal life, I have 2 natural children and I adopted on June 27, 1997 and raised 2 special needs children. They were 12 and 13 years of age when I adopted them. They both live on their own now. I have also fostered about 5 children with the Mordy Program. The Mordy Program is a special program where you foster kids on probation. I became interested in fostering children because I worked as a youth development aid

and drug and alcohol counselor in multiple prisons. Since turning my life around, I have dedicated my life to helping others, especially children who get caught up in the criminal justice system and/or have problems with addiction.

I would like a pardon for multiple reasons. First and most importantly, I would like a pardon so I can more easily obtain a job. Finding work has been most difficult with a Felony on my record. Second, I am most definitely not the person I was 40 years ago. My arrest record is a constant reminder of who I am not.

Most recently, I applied for a job as a social worker in Delaware county, PA. Despite all of my experience and the fact that I have not had any run ins with the law since 1980, I was unable to obtain a job due to my criminal record. Since getting clean, I have been focused on being the best version of myself I can be and I have done that by dedicating my life to helping others, especially struggling children. I think this dedication and my life's work shows why I am a good candidate for a pardon. I no longer want the person I was almost 40 years ago to keep affecting my life.

Attached hereto in chronological order are the certificates I have earned and/or letters of recommendation:  
4/12/1996 - Certificate of Achievement successful completion of Division of Personal Care Homes Provider Orientation Program

2000 - Family Daycare for Elijah and Elisah

2002 - 2002 - Family Child Daycare Home Certificate of Registration

6/26/2002 - Certificate from The Binstead Institute

12/20/2002 - ServSafe Certification

2006 - Certificate of License - Minister of Christ

2008 - Proof of employment with the City of Philadelphia - Social worker trainee

2010 - Certificate of Appreciation - Liberty Clubhouse

2010 - Letter of recommendation from CATCH

2017 - Honorary Doctor of Humanities - The Spirit of Truth Institute

2017 - 2019 - Certified Recovery Specialist

2019 - Letter of Recommendation from Call of the Wild Ministries

Recognition that Stephanie Presbery successfully complete the TEAM seminar Foundations of Our Faith.

Lastly, attached are business references you can contact.

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