

Section 3: Convictions For Which Clemency Is Requested

Case #1 (Oldest Case)

Date of Incident:	Offense(s):	<i>Official Use Only. Do not complete this Section.</i>		
		Sentence(s):	Grade/Sealed	
_____ / _____ 7 / <u>1</u>	1. Terroristic Threats w/Int to Terrorize Another			<input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Simple Assault			<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. _____			<input type="checkbox"/>
	4. _____			<input type="checkbox"/>
	5. _____			<input type="checkbox"/>
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	10. _____			<input type="checkbox"/>

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

On August 17, 2007, my neighbor Frederick Ivey and me got into a fight over a family issue. I was at my house and he was at his. Earlier that day, my 13-year-old cousin had an issue with Fred and told me that Fred tried to take his bike. I had words with Fred after that and later that day, Fred came at me with a weed-wacker. I fought with Fred and don't remember all of the details because it was so long ago, but some family members broke up the fight and the cops came. I was arrested at my house that night.

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Plea/Verdict: _____	County: _____
Plea/Verdict Date: _____	Sentence Date: _____
Revocation Date: _____	Final Sentence _____
Docket Number: _____	Financial Obligations Satisfied: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Balance: _____

Section 5: OPTIONAL Personal Statement

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

When I was arrested, it was the first time I had ever caught a case and I was young. I was in the process of going into the Marines. But after being arrested, I realized what my father had told me was true: "It's easy to get into trouble, it's hard to get out of it." I realized I had screwed my life up and made some stupid mistakes. I lost my job and needed somewhere to live. After my plea, I told my probation officer that I could stay with my sister, who lived in Chester, PA. I didn't know I couldn't live outside of Philadelphia while on probation and so my probation officer said I violated my parole. After that, I went on the run for nine months. I felt like I couldn't do anything right and was just going to mess up whatever I did, and that scared me. I got locked up for nine months. I started going to school and was living with family but wasn't working. One day, I came home and had a violation of probation subpoena for court. I didn't know why. My PO said I wasn't paying court costs and fees and had violated my probation. I went to court and told the judge that once I graduated from school in 30 days I would have a guaranteed job as an electrician at Comcast and could pay. The judge ordered that I pay the costs and fees within two days. I wasn't working at the time and needed to graduate and get a job before I could pay my costs and fees. I felt again that I couldn't do anything right and would get in trouble whatever I did, so went on the run for two and a half years. I got caught and was sentenced to two and a half to five years. I have had no police contact since I was released. I got on a payment plan to pay my costs and fees and completed my parole. I am now a security officer in the City of Philadelphia, working to get 235 certified for my job but can't with my record. If I can get 235 certified, my goal is to work as a sheriff or work for the prisons. Since I got done with jail, I want to try to be a change in the system and change how inmates are treated. I know what it felt like to sit in that cell and not feel like anyone cared. I know what it's like to be in the back of a cop car and not feel that anyone cares. I want to make things better for people who look like me and for my community. I have a three-year-old daughter I want to see me as someone who will make a difference. I am now a person who is there for people in my community and that is something I want to make sure I can do in my job too. I'm thirty-three years old now, and was 18 when I was convicted. I did a lot of dumb things. I want to help kids and people like me stop being killed and doing the killing. I want to be a change. Even Fred and me are fine now, we see each other and know that were young and dumb. I am close with his mother. A lot has changed and I am not the person I was then.

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Offense Date: ____/____/____ 6	Offense(s) – List each conviction by name , not crimes code. Do not include non-convictions. 1. <u>Manuf/Del/Poss/W Int Manuf Or Del</u> 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____	Official Use Only. Do not complete this Section.	
OTN Number: 1		Sentence(s): _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Grade/Sealed _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

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

I was selling drugs on the street to support my habit and to try and earn enough money to get myself out of homelessness. I was subsequently caught committing the crime in the city of Philadelphia on 04/18/2006. I am sorry that I do not remember more about this arrest. I was addicted to drugs and alcohol at the time and was doing a lot of selling to support my habit, and it was 17 years ago, too.

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My name is [REDACTED] first I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I'm not sure how to start but here we go, growing up it was wonderful. I cannot blame anything that happened to me on my parents as they were very hard-working and they showed my brothers and sisters and I how to become hard workers.

I never really got into any trouble. Maybe a few parking tickets but nothing crazy until my divorce with my first wife. I think that's when I believe I started drinking heavily. But it didn't stop me from working and functioning then my father was killed at his restaurant when 2 guys tried to rob the place in July of 1999. That was the beginning of the end, it destroyed me! I started to use cocaine and drinking even more heavily. Shortly after, maybe a little over a year, my younger brother was killed by a drunk driver on Roosevelt Boulevard in 2001 and two years after that, my older brother coming home from his auto parts store was brutally beaten and killed in his own house in September of 2005.

At this point, I was drinking and using almost every day. Didn't care if I lived or not, I just wanted the pain to go away. It got to the point that I lost everything, my house, my job, and I started living on the streets for maybe three years not knowing where my next meal was coming from. I stopped going around family members and stopped visiting friends because I didn't want anyone to see me in the condition that I was in, but I was homeless so I decided to sell drugs to get off the street to have a roof over my head and a hot meal. And let's be honest to also support my habit. I was lost for maybe 10-12 years and became a normal way of life.

I got arrested for possession with the attempt to distribute and manufacture. Believe it or not, but going to jail is one of the things that saved my life! It just got real starting to sober up as the days went by, starring and realizing all the damage I did to myself and to my family that doesn't even have a clue of how I was living and where I'd been. I've been sober from narcotics since being incarcerated in 2006.

When I got released, I knew that I no longer wanted to live like that anymore but didn't know how or what to do. But with the grace of God, my sister took me in and then I went to live with my mother in Puerto Rico until I met my wife.

My wife Carmen is the other reason my life was saved. She was my high school sweetheart then we went our separate ways. After 25 years she arrived in my life when I needed her most. I was still in the crossroads in my life, I could have gone either way at this point in time, but I was able to tell her everything about my past and she stood by me through all the sleepless nights, mood swings, and cold sweats. But she gave me the strength to keep going.

My wife and family, helped me through the difficult times, and as the years passed it got easier with time, I moved to Boston with my wife, where her family is from, and what I needed to start my life over. Away from Philadelphia and its streets. As the years passed, I learned how to stay clean. I started to work in a restaurant cooking for a great guy named Nathan and his family, who trusted me and made me his manager and when he opened his other restaurant Nathan made me co-owner of the pizza shop that I managed in 2015.

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