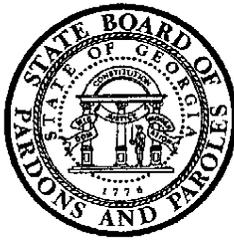


STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES



DENIAL OF COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE OF DEATH

- WHEREAS: Upon the 7th day of April, 1998, a sentence of death was imposed on the defendant in the case of The State of Georgia v. Marcus Ray Johnson, EF 391738, Indictment Number 97-R-1723, before the Superior Court of Dougherty County; and,
- WHEREAS: An order of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, dated the 2nd day of November, 2015, directs that Marcus Ray Johnson shall be executed by the Department of Corrections during a certain period of time commencing at noon on the 19th day of November, 2015, and ending at noon on the 26th day of November, 2015; and,
- WHEREAS: The State Board of Pardons and Paroles having received, on behalf of Marcus Ray Johnson, an application for clemency requesting that the Board exercise its authority to enter orders staying the execution of Marcus Ray Johnson, as well as to commute said sentence of death; and,
- WHEREAS: The State Board of Pardons and Paroles has thoroughly and painstakingly reviewed and considered all of the facts and circumstances of the offender and his offense, the clemency application, argument, testimony, and opinion in support of and against clemency;
- THEREFORE: Pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section II, Paragraph II (a) and (d) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, on behalf of the Members of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the clemency application on behalf of Marcus Ray Johnson requesting his execution be stayed and that his sentence of death be commuted is **DENIED**.

For the State Board of Pardons and Paroles on this 18 day of November, 2015.


Terry E. Barnard
Chairman

