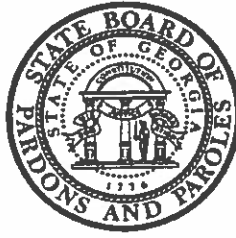


STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES



DENIAL OF COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE OF DEATH

- WHEREAS: Upon the 10th day of January, 1991, a sentence of death was imposed on the defendant in the case of The State of Georgia v. Keith Leroy Tharpe, EF 271622, Indictment Number 10826, before the Superior Court of Jones County; and,
- WHEREAS: An order of the Superior Court of Jones County, dated the 6th day of September, 2017, directs that Keith Leroy Tharpe shall be executed by the Department of Corrections during a certain period of time commencing at noon on the 26th day of September, 2017, and ending at noon on the 3rd day of October, 2017; and,
- WHEREAS: The State Board of Pardons and Paroles having received, on behalf of Keith Leroy Tharpe, an application for clemency requesting that the Board exercise its authority to enter orders staying the execution of Keith Leroy Tharpe as well as to commute said sentence of death to a sentence of life without parole; and,
- WHEREAS: The State Board of Pardons and Paroles has 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 clemency;
- THEREFORE: Pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section II, Paragraph II (a) and (d) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, by the Members of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the clemency application on behalf of Keith Leroy Tharpe requesting his execution be stayed and that his sentence of death be commuted to a sentence of life without parole is **DENIED**.

For the State Board of Pardons and Paroles on this 25th day of September, 2017.




James W. Mills
Chairman