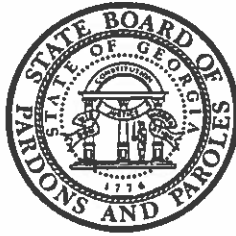


STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES



DENIAL OF STAY AND COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE OF DEATH

- WHEREAS: Upon the 2nd day of October, 1997, a sentence of death was imposed on the defendant in the case of The State of Georgia v. Ray Jefferson Cromartie, EF 382831, Indictment Number 94-CR-328, before the Superior Court of Thomas County; and,
- WHEREAS: An order of the Superior Court of Thomas County, dated the 15th day of October, 2019, directs that Ray Jefferson Cromartie shall be executed by the Department of Corrections during a certain period of time commencing at noon on the 30th day of October, 2019, and ending at noon on the 6th day of November, 2019; and,
- WHEREAS: The State Board of Pardons and Paroles having received on behalf of Ray Jefferson Cromartie a request solely for a 90-day stay to allow the federal courts to consider his request for DNA testing; and,
- WHEREAS: The State Board of Pardons and Paroles finds that it does not have the authority to enter a stay for the requested purpose; and,
- WHEREAS: The State Board of Pardons and Paroles has *sua sponte* considered commuting the sentence of Ray Jefferson Cromartie after having reviewed and considered all of the facts and circumstances of the offender and his offense;
- 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 request on behalf of Ray Jefferson Cromartie that his execution be stayed for 90 days is **DENIED** and that his sentence of death **STAND**.

For the State Board of Pardons and Paroles on this 29th day of October, 2019.

Terry E. Barnard
Chairman

