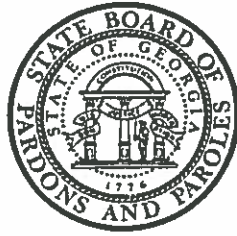


STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES



DENIAL OF COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE OF DEATH

- WHEREAS: Upon the 23rd day of June, 1999, a sentence of death was imposed on the defendant in the case of The State of Georgia v. Donnie Cleveland Lance, 421641 Indictment Number M-98-CR-0000036, before the Superior Court of Jackson County; and,
- WHEREAS: An order of the Superior Court of Jackson County, dated the 17th day of January, 2020, directs that Donnie Cleveland Lance shall be executed by the Department of Corrections during a certain period of time commencing at noon on the 29th day of January, 2020, and ending at noon on the 5th day of February, 2020; and,
- WHEREAS: The State Board of Pardons and Paroles having received, on behalf of Donnie Cleveland Lance, an application for clemency requesting that the Board exercise its authority to enter orders staying the execution of Donnie Cleveland Lance 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 Donnie Cleveland Lance 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 28th day of January, 2020.

Terry E. Barnard
Chairman

