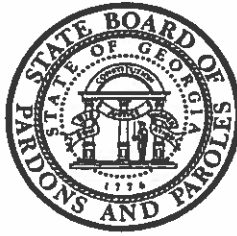


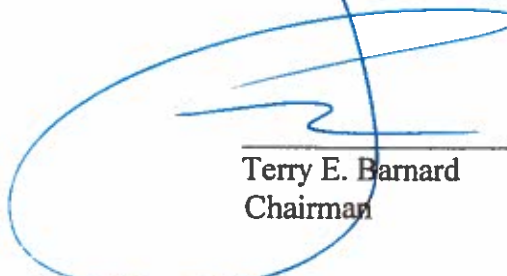
STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES



DENIAL OF COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE OF DEATH

- WHEREAS: Upon the 14th day of November, 1992, a sentence of death was imposed on the defendant in the case of The State of Georgia v. J. W. Ledford, Jr., EF 306429, Indictment Number 92-CR-4295, before the Superior Court of Murray County; and,
- WHEREAS: An order of the Superior Court of Murray County, dated the 26th day of April, 2017, directs that J. W. Ledford, Jr. shall be executed by the Department of Corrections during a certain period of time commencing at noon on the 16th day of May, 2017, and ending at noon on the 23rd day of May, 2017; and,
- WHEREAS: The State Board of Pardons and Paroles having received, on behalf of J. W. Ledford, Jr., an application for clemency requesting that the Board exercise its authority to enter orders staying the execution of J. W. Ledford, Jr. as well as to commute said sentence of death to a sentence of life with or 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 J. W. Ledford, Jr. requesting his execution be stayed and that his sentence of death be commuted to a sentence of life with or without parole is **DENIED**.

For the State Board of Pardons and Paroles on this 15th day of May, 2017.



Terry E. Barnard
Chairman

