

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Arthur Battle

In 2006, Arthur Battle and a crime partner fatally shot the victim in a contract killing orchestrated by a third crime partner. On September 14, 2009, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Mr. Battle to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement.

Mr. Battle was 18 years old at the time of the crime and is now 37. He has been incarcerated for 19 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Battle has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He earned his GED and has taken college courses. Mr. Battle has also participated in self-help programming, completed vocational training, and currently works as an aide serving other incarcerated people with disabilities. Correctional officers and staff have commended Mr. Battle for his excellent work ethic, positive attitude, and genuine commitment to the rehabilitative process.

Mr. Battle committed a serious crime that took the victim's life. Since then, he has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Battle's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Battle merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Battle does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Arthur Battle to 21 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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Jonathan Cannon

In 2008, Jonathan Cannon and his crime partners committed several armed robberies. On April 15, 2010, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Cannon to 12 years for two counts of robbery plus 15 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 27 years.

Mr. Cannon was 24 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 41. He has been incarcerated for 16 years. While in prison, Mr. Cannon has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has participated in self-help programming, earned his GED, and taken college courses. He has also maintained an excellent disciplinary record. Mr. Cannon serves as an incarcerated firefighter and a Certified Medical Responder.

The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Cannon's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a commutation grant. The California Supreme Court reviewed Mr. Cannon's application and made a recommendation for a commutation grant, a process required by the California Constitution for cases in which the applicant has been convicted of more than one felony.

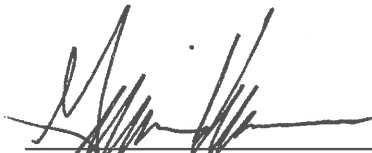
Mr. Cannon committed serious crimes. Since then, Mr. Cannon has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Cannon's positive conduct in prison, service to California as a firefighter, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Cannon, who is eligible for parole release in May 2026, merits earlier release on parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Cannon does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

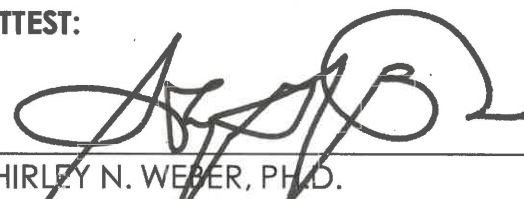
THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jonathan Cannon to release him on parole.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.




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David Fitts

In 1992, David Fitts shot and injured one victim, and his crime partner fatally shot a second victim during an attempted robbery. On June 19, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Fitts to life without the possibility of parole for murder, five years and six months for attempted voluntary manslaughter, eight months for attempted robbery, plus five years and four months of sentence enhancements.

Mr. Fitts was 23 years old at the time of the crime and is now 56. He has been incarcerated for more than 31 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Fitts has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has participated in consistent self-help programming and maintained an excellent work history. Mr. Fitts, who lived on an honor yard for several years before transferring prisons, has received commendations from correctional officers and staff for his work ethic, maturity, and good conduct.

The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Fitts's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a commutation grant. The California Supreme Court reviewed Mr. Fitts's application and made a recommendation for a commutation grant, a process required by the California Constitution for cases in which the applicant has been convicted of more than one felony.

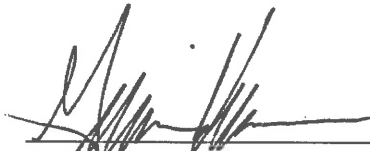
Mr. Fitts committed a serious crime that took the life of one victim and injured a second victim. Since then, he has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Fitts's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Fitts merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Fitts does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

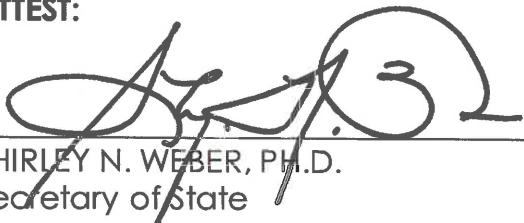
THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Fitts to 31 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.




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Randolph Hoag

In 1990, Randolph Hoag was convicted of fatally shooting the victim. On January 17, 1992, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Hoag to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus eight years of sentence enhancements. On February 13, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, resentenced Mr. Hoag to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a five-year sentence enhancement.

Mr. Hoag was 28 years old at the time of the crime and is now 63. He has been incarcerated for 34 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Hoag has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in self-help programming and maintained a positive work history, currently working as an aide serving other incarcerated people with disabilities. Mr. Hoag has also maintained an excellent disciplinary history, and he lived on an honor yard for many years before transferring prisons.

Mr. Hoag was convicted of a serious crime that took the victim's life. Since then, Mr. Hoag has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Hoag's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I also acknowledge that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation medical staff deem Mr. Hoag a high medical risk based on his chronic, serious medical conditions. I have concluded that Mr. Hoag merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Hoag does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Randolph Hoag to 34 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.


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Cleveland Lindley

In 1995, Cleveland Lindley committed an armed robbery. On December 26, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Lindley to 75 years to life for three counts of robbery plus 30 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 105 years to life.

Mr. Lindley was 25 years old at the time of the crime and is now 55. He has been incarcerated for more than 29 years. While in prison, Mr. Lindley has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has participated in extensive self-help programming and maintained a positive work history. He lived in an honor dorm before transferring to another prison and participated in a service dog training program. Prison staff have commended Mr. Lindley for his compassion, maturity, and strong work ethic.

The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Lindley's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a commutation grant. The California Supreme Court reviewed Mr. Lindley's application and made a recommendation for a commutation grant, a process required by the California Constitution for cases in which the applicant has been convicted of more than one felony.

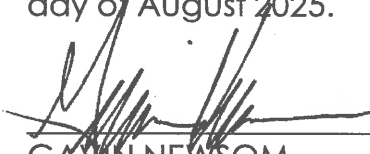
Mr. Lindley committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Lindley has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Lindley's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Lindley merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Lindley does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Cleveland Lindley to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.




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Mario Magallon

In 1998, Mario Magallon committed several robberies. During one robbery, he forced the victims to drive to another location. During another robbery, Mr. Magallon and his crime partner beat and injured the victim. On March 30, 2000, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Magallon to 50 years to life for two counts of kidnapping to commit robbery and 50 years to life for two counts of robbery, plus eight years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 108 years to life.

Mr. Magallon was 29 and 30 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 56. He has been incarcerated for 26 years. While in prison, Mr. Magallon has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has participated in extensive self-help programming, completed vocational training, earned his GED, and taken college courses. He is currently training to become a certified alcohol and drug specialist. Correctional officers and staff have commended Mr. Magallon for his work ethic, reliability, and teaching ability.

The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Magallon's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a commutation grant. The California Supreme Court reviewed Mr. Magallon's application and made a recommendation for a commutation grant, a process required by the California Constitution for cases in which the applicant has been convicted of more than one felony.

Mr. Magallon committed serious crimes. Since then, Mr. Magallon has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Magallon's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Magallon merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Magallon does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Mario Magallon to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



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Karina Poncio

In 2000, Karina Poncio's crime partner fatally shot one victim and injured a second in a gang-related confrontation. On January 23, 2003, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, sentenced Ms. Poncio to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Ms. Poncio was 21 years old at the time of the crime and is now 47. She has been incarcerated for 24 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Ms. Poncio has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. She has engaged in extensive self-help programming, completed vocational training, and earned three associate degrees. Ms. Poncio is currently training to become a certified alcohol and drug specialist and has been commended by prison staff for her excellent work ethic, respectful demeanor, positive programming, and communication skills.

Ms. Poncio committed a serious crime that took one victim's life and injured a second. Since then, Ms. Poncio has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Ms. Poncio's positive conduct in prison, the fact that she was a youthful offender, and her good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Ms. Poncio merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for release on parole.

This act of clemency for Ms. Poncio does not minimize or forgive her conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work she has done since to transform herself.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Karina Poncio to 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



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Christian Rodriguez

In 1996, Christian Rodriguez fatally shot one victim and injured a second during an attempted robbery. On April 20, 1999, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Rodriguez to life without the possibility of parole for murder, nine years for attempted murder, one year and four months for two counts of attempted robbery, plus 26 years and eight months of sentence enhancements.

Mr. Rodriguez was 19 years old at the time of the crime and is now 47. He has been incarcerated for 28 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Rodriguez has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, completed several vocations, and earned multiple associate degrees. He has also maintained an excellent disciplinary record. Mr. Rodriguez has worked as both a youth offender and peer literacy mentor, and correctional officers have commended him for his leadership and rehabilitative gains.

Mr. Rodriguez committed a serious crime that took one victim's life and injured a second. Since then, Mr. Rodriguez has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Rodriguez's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Rodriguez merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Rodriguez does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Christian Rodriguez to 28 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



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Kevin Schrubb

In 2003, Kevin Schrubb and his crime partners robbed a bank at gunpoint. On November 4, 2004, the Superior Court of California, County of Placer, sentenced Mr. Schrubb to 25 years to life for assault with a semiautomatic firearm, 12 years for four counts of robbery, four years for evading an officer, plus 102 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 143 years to life. On July 21, 2023, the Superior Court of California, County of Placer, resentenced Mr. Schrubb to 100 years to life for four counts of robbery, 25 years to life for assault with a semiautomatic firearm, plus four years for evading an officer, a total prison term of 129 years to life.

Mr. Schrubb was 41 years old at the time of the crime and is now 63. He has been incarcerated for 22 years. While in prison, Mr. Schrubb has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, taken college courses, and completed vocational training. Mr. Schrubb has been commended by correctional officers for his successful rehabilitation, work ethic, and willingness to help others.

The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Schrubb's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a commutation grant. The California Supreme Court reviewed Mr. Schrubb's application and made a recommendation for a commutation grant, a process required by the California Constitution for cases in which the applicant has been convicted of more than one felony.

Mr. Schrubb committed a serious crime. Since then, he has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Schrubb's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Schrubb merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Schrubb does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kevin Schrubbs to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.

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Cuong Tran

In 2011, Cuong Tran's brother asked him to hire someone to kill the victim. Mr. Tran attempted to hire someone who was actually an undercover officer. On April 24, 2012, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Mr. Tran to 25 years to life for conspiracy to commit murder.

Mr. Tran was 31 years old at the time of the crime and is now 45. He has been incarcerated for 14 years. While in prison, Mr. Tran has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in significant self-help programming, taken college courses, and maintained a positive work history. Mr. Tran is also a certified alcohol and drug recovery specialist who has received commendations from correctional officers for his positive attitude, patience, and dependability.

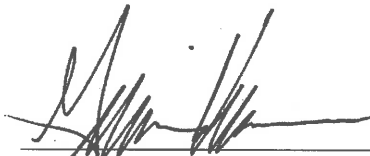
Mr. Tran committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Tran has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Tran's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for safe community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Tran merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

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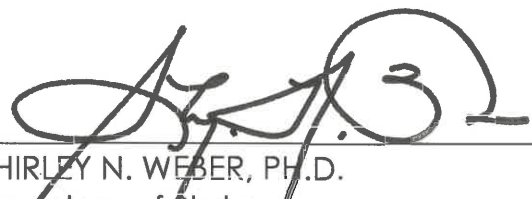
THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Cuong Tran to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.




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