

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER _____
05-39

FOR: PARDON

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS;

WHEREAS, RONALD LEE BLAKE, JR., who has petitioned for a pardon, was convicted in Marion and Monroe counties for two offenses of armed robbery committed in 1991 to support a substance abuse habit, for which he was sentenced by the Marion Superior Court to a term of 6 years (later modified to 432 days) and by the Monroe Circuit Court to a term of 14 years (8 years suspended); and

WHEREAS, the petitioner, who was released on parole after serving 3 years and who completed his undergraduate education at Indiana University in 2002, has maintained a clean record since his release, and he is currently a third year law student at Quinpiac University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner has numerous letters of support from friends, co-workers, and past employers (including several judges and court officials for whom the petitioner has worked as a law clerk), all of whom recommend that his petition for pardon be granted; and

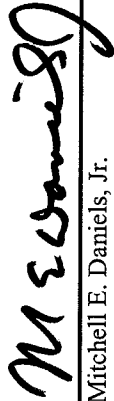
WHEREAS, the petitioner has expressed a goal of pursuing a career in environmental law and a desire to put his mistakes behind him so that he may use his abilities to benefit society; and

WHEREAS, the Parole Board, after careful investigation and examination of all the facts in this case, has recommended that this pardon be granted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of said State, do hereby issue a pardon to RONALD LEE BLAKE, JR.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 16th day of December, 2005.



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor of Indiana



ATTEST:
Todd Rokita
Secretary of State