

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ 06-03

FOR: COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS;

WHEREAS, JAMES H. WATTS, who has petitioned for medical clemency, was convicted on November 5, 2003, in Hendricks Circuit Court, of theft and receiving stolen property; on November 24, 2003, in Putnam Superior Court, of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and on January 23, 2004, in Marion Superior Court, of operating a vehicle while intoxicated; collectively he was sentenced to a term of four years to the Department of Corrections;

WHEREAS, the petitioner is 59 years old and has a lengthy criminal background, most of which is and was related to ongoing alcohol and substance abuse problems;

WHEREAS, petitioner is a diabetic with Hepatitis C and has recently been diagnosed with liver cancer that has metastasized and spread to his colon; official medical diagnosis deems his condition terminal and as of February 13, 2006, doctors estimated he would only live another sixty (60) to ninety (90) days;

WHEREAS, the petitioner's original parole release date for the abovementioned crimes is April 18, 2006;

WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested clemency from the Governor so that he may spend his remaining time with his wife, children, grandchildren, and siblings;

WHEREAS, the facts of petitioner's case represent extraordinary circumstances not contemplated by Indiana statute or the original sentencing order by which he was convicted; and

WHEREAS, the Parole Board, after careful investigation and examination of all the facts in this case have concluded petitioner poses no danger to society in his current medical condition and has unanimously recommended that the petitioner's request for clemency 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 under Article 5 Section 17 and the laws of said State, do hereby commute the sentence of James H. Watts to time served and make him eligible for parole upon the effective date of this order.



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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2006.

*M E Daniels Jr*

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  
Governor of Indiana

*Todd Rokita*

ATTEST:  
Todd Rokita  
Secretary of State