



State of North Carolina

Roy Cooper
GOVERNOR

COMMUTATION ORDER

FOR

JESSE T. GRAHAM

#0151891

WHEREAS, JESSE T. GRAHAM (“Graham”), at the May 1997 Term of Guilford County Superior Court, was convicted of First Degree Murder, Docket Number 96CRS3806, and by judgment of said Court was sentenced to life imprisonment without parole in the custody of the North Carolina Department of Correction; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-1380.5 (now repealed), provided that individuals sentenced at that time to life without parole were eligible to have their sentence reviewed after serving twenty-five years of imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-1380.5, a resident Superior Court Judge for Guilford County reviewed Graham’s case and recommended that Graham be granted clemency; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Post-Release and Parole Commission reviewed the judge’s recommendation and recommended that Graham be granted clemency; and

WHEREAS, it has been made to appear to me that this case is one fit for a Commutation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Cooper, Governor of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State, do by these presents **COMMUTE** his sentence to make him parole eligible subject to the condition that if he is placed on parole, he shall not violate any conditions of his parole or have his parole revoked for any reason.

If the Governor, or his successor, finds that JESSE T. GRAHAM has violated any condition herein provided, then the Governor or his successor may, in his or her discretion, revoke or modify the Commutation granted this day.

This Commutation Order shall not extend to any other offenses.

This Commutation Order is effective this the 13th day of November 2024.



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