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July 1, 2013

The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor
The Honorable Pam Bondi, Attorney General
The Honorable Jeff Atwater, Chief Financial Officer
The Honorable Adam Putnam, Commissioner of Agriculture

Dear Governor Scott, General Bondi, CFO Atwater, and Commissioner Putnam:

Pursuant to the Rules of Executive Clemency, attached is the third annual report required by Rule Eighteen - "Collection of Statistics and Evaluation of Clemency Action."

This report provides information on the status of individuals, whose rights were restored for the previous two calendar years, including recidivism statistics and evaluative data. The felon population reviewed and subsequent data measured includes those individuals whose civil rights were granted during the reporting period and are identified in the clemency database.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this report, please contact me at your convenience at 850-487-1980.

Respectfully,

Tena M. Pate

Chair

cc:

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### FLORIDA PAROLE COMMISSION

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# RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS' RECIDIVISM REPORT FOR 2011 AND 2012

presented to the Florida Board of Executive Clemency July 1, 2013

## The Florida Cabinet as The Board of Executive Clemency



Rick Scott

Governor



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### The Florida Parole Commission

~Acts as the investigative and administrative arm of the Board of Executive Clemency~

#### **Mission Statement**

To Ensure Public Safety and Provide Victim Assistance Through the Post Prison Release Process

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Julia McCall, Coordinator, Office of Executive Clemency Stephen Hebert, Director of Clemency Investigations

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#### I. Introduction

On March 9, 2011, the Florida Board of Executive Clemency (Governor Rick Scott, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Jeff Atwater, and Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam), amended the Rules of Executive Clemency (Rules), which became effective immediately. As a result, the Office of Executive Clemency, the Parole Commission (Commission), and the Department of Corrections (Department) were directed to provide annually, beginning July 1, 2011 and each year thereafter, a report on the status of individuals whose rights were restored for the previous two calendar years, including recidivism statistics and evaluative data (see Rule Eighteen below).

#### II. Requirements of Rule Eighteen, Rules of Executive Clemency

Rule Eighteen states:

#### "18. Collection of Statistics and Evaluation of Clemency Action

"The Office of Executive Clemency, in conjunction with the Florida Parole Commission and (the) Department of Corrections, shall collect and submit to the Clemency Board an annual written report providing statistics and evaluations regarding the status of those individuals whose rights were restored during the previous two calendar years. The first report shall be filed on July 1, 2011." <sup>2</sup>

This report provides data on the number of individuals whose civil rights were restored during calendar years 2011 and 2012, along with data indicating the number and percentage of these individuals that have reoffended by committing a new felony conviction subsequent to the date their civil rights were granted by the Clemency Board.

#### III. Methodology

All individuals whose civil rights were granted during the reporting period were identified in the Florida Parole Commission's Management of Application for Clemency (MAC) database and are included in this report.

The definition of "reoffend" for this report is any individual who has been convicted of a new felony offense and has returned to the custody of the Florida Department of Corrections (DC), the Federal Bureau of Prisons, a Florida county jail, or another out-of-state entity, subsequent to the date their civil rights were granted by the Clemency Board.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Meeting of the Florida Cabinet, Thursday, March 9, 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rule 18, Rules of Executive Clemency, p. 16; Rules revised March 9, 2011, effective March 9, 2011.

All individuals whose civil rights were granted during the reporting period were reviewed by Commission examiners to determine if any new felony convictions occurred subsequent to the date an individual's civil rights were granted. Criminal histories for each individual were reviewed by running queries in three criminal justice databases between May 9, 2013 and May 13, 2013. The databases utilized were the Florida Crime Information Center/National Crime Information Center (FCIC/NCIC), the Corrections Data Center (CDC), and the Comprehensive Case Information System (CCIS).

#### IV. PERSONS GRANTED RCR Calendar Years 2011-2012

#### TABLE I

CLEMENCY TYPE	PERSONS GRANTED RCR IN 2011	PERSONS GRANTED RCR IN 2012	TOTAL
Restoration of Civil Rights	78	342	420

#### V. PERSONS REOFFENDING WITH NEW FELONY CONVICTION Calendar Years 2011-2012

#### **TABLE II**

CALENDAR YEAR GRANTED	TOTAL PERSONS GRANTED RCR	TOTAL PERSONS REOFFENDING WITH NEW FELONY CONVICTION	PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS REOFFENDING WITH NEW FELONY CONVICTION
2011	78	0	0.0%
2012	342	0	0.0%
Total	420	0	0.0%

## VI. PERSONS RETURNED TO DC CUSTODY BY REPORT YEAR TABLE III

RCR RECIDIVISM REPORT YEAR	CALENDAR YEARS	PERSONS GRANTED RCR	PERSONS RETURNED TO DC CUSTODY	PERCENTAGE
Jul 01, 2011	2009-2010	30,672	3,406	11.1%
Jul 01, 2012	2010-2011	5,771	651	11.3%
Jul 01, 2013	2011-2012	420	0	0.0%

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For information concerning the contents of this report, contact Julia McCall at 850-488-2952 or Stephen Hebert at 850-487-1175. Persons seeking information on the Restoration of Civil Rights process should contact the Florida Parole Commission, Office of Executive Clemency, at the numbers or websites listed below:

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Website at: <u>https://fpc.state.fl.us/clemency</u>.htm

or www.FLrestoremyrights.com

Public Information, Public Records Requests, and Media Inquiries should be directed to the Office of Communications at 850-921-2816 or BrittanyRoberson@fpc.state.fl.us.

Legislative inquiries and questions should be directed to Kevin Reilly, Director of Legislative Affairs at 850-921-2816 or <a href="mailto:KevinReilly@fpc.state.fl.us">KevinReilly@fpc.state.fl.us</a>.

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