

Governor George W. Bush Administration

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	A. Date	B. Act	C. Name/County	D. Description
1	November 14, 2000	pardon	Anthony Todd Robinson - Harris	" ... sentenced ... on February 2, 1987, to serve a Twenty-Seven (27) year sentence in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the offense of Aggravated Sexual Assault, Cause No. 440543."
2	August 15, 2000	pardon	Roy Wayne Criner - Montgomery	" ... sentenced ... on May 1, 1990, to serve a Ninety-Nine (99) year sentence in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and pay a fine of \$10,000.00 for the offense of Aggravated Sexual Assault, Cause No. 87-09-000591-CR"
3	August 15, 2000	pardon	Ronnie Mark Gariepy - Hutchinson	" ... sentenced ... on February 3, 1992, to serve a Twelve (12) year sentence in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the offense of Sexual Assault, Cause No. 7071"
4	June 8, 2000	pardon	Alejandro Morales Perez - El Paso	" ... sentenced ... on September 1, 1978, to serve a one (1) year probated sentence and pay a fine for the offense of Theft \$5-\$20, Class B Misdemeanor, Cause No. 3-99260"

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5	May 30, 2000	pardon	A. B. Butler, Jr. - Smith	"A. B. Butler was convicted in 1983 in Smith County, Texas, of aggravated kidnapping (the aggravating factor was rape). In May, 2000, after Butler had spent close to seventeen years in jail, then-governor George W. Bush pardoned Butler after DNA testing of evidence proved Butler's innocence." (source: law.umich.edu Posting Date: Before June 2012)
6	February 13, 2000	commutations	Sharon Denise Stewart - Brazos	" ... sentenced ... on September 14, 1993, to serve a Ten (10) year sentence in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, for the offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Cause No. 21,900-272. The present District Judge, District Attorney, and Sheriff of Brazos County now consider the penalty to be excessive and recommend that subject's sentence be commuted from Ten (10) years imprisonment to Three (3) years imprisonment"
7	July 9, 1998	commutations	Frank. A. Williams	Commutated to life (source: legacy.lib.utexas.edu, accessed on 4/17/2019)

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8	June 26, 1998	commutations	Henry Lee Lucas	"Gov. George W. Bush of Texas agreed today to save the life of one of the nation's most notorious multiple murderers rather than see him executed for a murder he may not have committed. In commuting the death sentence of Henry Lee Lucas to life in prison, the first time the Governor has done so for a death row inmate, Mr. Bush said Mr. Lucas was undoubtedly guilty of other crimes for which he has already received several life sentences." (source: "Citing Facts, Bush Spares Texas Inmate On Death Row," nytimes.com, 6/27/1998)
9	November 20, 1997	pardon	Ben Salazar - Travis	"convicted ... on May 26, 1992 and was sentenced to serve thirty years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division for the offenses of Aggravated Sexual Assault, Cause No. 0921724 CT 2 and Burglary of Habitation, Cause No. 0921724 CT 1"
10	October 9, 1997	pardon	Kevin James Byrd - Harris	" ... convicted ... on August 06, 1985 and was sentenced to Life in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division for the offense of Aggravated Sexual Assault With Deadly Weapon, Cause No. 424823"
11	April 11, 1997	pardon	Cynthia Lynn Retherford aka Roeper, Cynthia Lynn - Brazoria	" ... convicted ... on November 03, 1977 and was sentenced to three (3) years probation, for the offense of Possession Marijuana, Cause Number 10,991."

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12	December 20, 1996	pardon	Kevin Coulombe - Lubbock	" ... convicted ... on April 12, 1985 and was sentenced to a fine of \$150.00, for the offense of Issuing a Bad Check, Cause Number 83766910."
13	April 23, 1996	pardon	Robert Hirsch - Harris	" ... convicted of the crime of Theft ... on December 08, 1965, ... sentenced to three (3) days Jail and a Fine of One Hundred Fifty (150) Dollars and Costs of Court in Cause No. 207879."
14	March 4, 1996	pardon	Theodore Kent Wade - Potter	" ... convicted ... on August 6, 1971 ... sentenced to a Fine of \$25.00 and Costs of Court in Cause No. 01273."
15	October 31, 1995	pardon	Larry Neil Sonntag - Harris & Barry	"was convicted on April 24, 1979 ... Harris County ... for the offense of Burglary of a Building With Intent to Commit Theft, Cause No.301407 and was sentenced to three (3) years probation. Subject was convicted on March 21, 1983 in County Criminal Court, No. 3 of Barris County for the offense of Driving While Intoxicated, and was Cause No. 698286-1983, sentenced to (3) Three Days Jail and \$150.00 fine"
16	October 11, 1995	pardon	Donald J. Dodson - Travis	"convicted ... on September 19, 1972 and was sentenced to two (2) years probation, for the offense of Unlawful Possession of a Narcotic Drug, Cause Number 44,316."

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17	September 22, 1995	pardon	Rosalinda Roa - Dallas	"...convicted ... on November 20, 1985 and was sentenced to six (6) months probation and fined \$200 for the offense of Theft Over \$20 Cause Number MB85-44479-J."
18	September 22, 1995	pardon	Helen Leigh Mahard - Western Distict	"convicted ... August 10, 1994 and was sentenced to two (2) years in the Federal Correctional Institute in Fort Worth, Texas, five (5) years probation and \$10,000 fine for the offense of Conspiracy to Transport Illegal Aliens Cause Number DR-83-CR-48-02..."
19	August 31, 1995	pardon	Steven Howard Raney - Ellis	"...convicted on December 21, 1988 ... for the misdemeanor offense of Possession of Marijuana, Cause No. 40926 and was sentenced to one (1) day jail and fined \$500..."
20	April 11, 1995	pardon	John S. McCoy - Harris	"Misdemeanor ... September 17, 1981 and was sentenced to three (3) days in the Harris County Jail, and a fine of \$150 for the offense of Carrying Prohibited Weapon, Cause No. 628058."

* List of pardons and Commutations from the staff of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, "Pardon Index 1988-2009," "Texas Governor George W. Bush: An Inventory of Governor George W. Bush General Counsel Execution Case Files Located at the George W. Bush Presidential Library, 1886, 1903, 1912-1914, 1921, 1939, 1950-2000, bulk 1986-2000" received March 1, 2019. Bush was Governor from January 17, 1995 - December 21, 2000. Unless a source is noted, all "Descriptions" are from photocopies sent from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, received April 17, 2019.