

## **PARDON**

## TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, between March of 1998 and May of 2003, Darnell (Donnell) Spraggins was convicted of one count of aggravated robbery in the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee (case no. 97-11997) and one count of unlawful possession of a weapon in the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee (case no. W03-00206); and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's constitution and statutory law authorize the governor to grant executive clemency, including the power to issue pardons; and

WHEREAS, this case appears to me to be a proper one for the exercise of executive elemency for the following reasons:

Over the past twenty years, Mr. Donnell Spraggins has shown great rehabilitation. He has maintained steady employment in the trucking industry and works in the farming department at a local university. Witnesses attested to his hard-working nature and community contributions. The Tennessee Board of Parole recommended granting a pardon to Mr. Spraggins.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article III, Section 6 of the Tennessee Constitution and by the laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby grant a pardon in favor of Mr. Donnell Spraggins, pardoning him for his 1998 through 2003 convictions listed above.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Nashville, Tennessee on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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SECRETARY OF TATE

