

Introduction

Within these pages, your office will find Shea Dease's petition for conditional pardon, specifically a reduction of his sentence, which is currently 58 years total, to a more appropriate amount of time for the crimes he committed to be somewhere between 20 and 25 years' of incarceration.

Before he began preparing this petition he came to understand the daunting task before him. It is hard to explain in a few words why another chance is warranted and even harder for Shea to separate himself from others who would also like another opportunity at freedom.

Knowing this difficulty, he settled for the reasons illustrated in this petition, which explains why his sentence should be modified and why an early release would not threaten public safety, but in fact can and will lead to its further development.

He sincerely prays that this Honorable Office takes the time to thoroughly investigate his petition in its entirety. Again, he thanks you in advance for your time and for the opportunity in presenting his request.

Just 3-4 months after his 21st birthday, and 6 months after completing the South Hampton boot camp for his embezzlement charge, Shea found himself back living a lifestyle he wanted to leave behind.

Now a 40-year-old man serving his 20th year of a 58-year sentence, he's petitioning for a conditional pardon based on the following points:

- 1. Shea's young age at the time of the crime favors mercy in this case.**
- 2. The sentence given based on his charges was excessive and leaves him no hope of a productive life upon his release from prison. Furthermore, Shea's excessive sentencing on the 4 counts of *Use of a firearm in the commission of a felony* was through a wrongful interpretation of the law.**
- 3. Shea learned skills while incarcerated that will help him adapt and gain employment upon his release.**
- 4. Shea has the support of family members who are ready to welcome him home, house him, help him secure employment, and help him integrate back into society.**

Each point is discussed herein, including appendices as applicable: