



MATTHEW G. BEVIN  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State  
Frankfort  
Kentucky

2019-1263  
December 6, 2019

PARDON & COMMUTATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**WHEREAS**, Blake Peterson Walker was convicted in Adair County Circuit Court in 2003 of two counts of murder; and

**WHEREAS**, it is not possible for me to capture my full thought process as I have weighed the decision of how to handle the commutation and pardon request from Blake Walker; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a fine and delicate balance between justice and mercy, between a sentence that serves a purpose for everyone and a sentence that does not serve a purpose for anyone; and

**WHEREAS**, Blake Walker is blessed by a loving and forgiving family and it is this alone that tips the delicate balance in the direction of his request; and

**WHEREAS**, Blake Walker committed a crime for which only God can provide true forgiveness. Even so, with the authority granted to be by the Kentucky Constitution, I hereby commute his sentence and pardon him so that he can proceed with his life, unrestricted in his efforts to serve the world and the needs of others in a way that would best honor the lives and life work of his mother and father:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in consideration of the foregoing, and by the virtue of the authority vested in me by Sections 77, 145, and 150 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby commute the sentence of Blake Peterson Walker to time served and simultaneously grant him a full and unconditional pardon and return to him all rights and privileges of a citizen of this Commonwealth.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Frankfort, this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord Two  
Thousand and Nineteen and in the year of the  
Commonwealth the Two Hundred Twenty Eighth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew G. Bevin", written over a horizontal line.

MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Lundergan Grimes", written over a horizontal line.

ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
Secretary of State

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ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BY Alison