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Press Release: Gov. Evers Takes Action on Pardon Advisory Board Recommendations

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Gov. Evers Takes Action on Pardon Advisory Board Recommendations

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today issued pardons to four individuals, following consideration of recommendations from the Governor's Pardon Advisory Board.

On Wed., Aug. 28, 2019, the Governor's Pardon Advisory Board met to hear from individuals seeking a pardon from Gov. Evers. It was the first time that pardon applications had been considered in Wisconsin since 2010.

"A pardon can profoundly impact a person's life by offering them an official grant of forgiveness," said Gov. Evers. "Mr. Nichols, Mr. Pizer, Mr. Sorenson, and Rev. Vasser have paid their debt to society, made amends, and contributed to their communities. I believe they deserve a second chance."

Gov. Evers recreated the pardon process by issuing [Executive Order #30](#). The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board reviews eligible applications and makes recommendations to Gov. Evers on who to grant a pardon to. The Board forwarded four recommendations for pardons to the governor. After thoughtful review and consideration, Gov. Evers will issue pardons to the four individuals recommended for pardon by the Pardon Advisory Board.

- Eric Pizer, now 38 years old, former Marine, committed a substantial battery when he was 22 years old during a bar fight that occurred while he was out celebrating his return home from a second tour of duty in Iraq. Since his release, he has maintained employment, earning two associate degrees in the meantime. He was also able to meet the victim in his case, discuss what happened, and apologize in-person. According to Mr. Pizer, he sought a pardon to secure better employment, specifically a career in law enforcement.
- Kevin Sorenson, now 36 years old, was convicted of a felony for selling ecstasy at a party when he was 17 years old. Since completing probation early, he has been a career US Air Force civilian

employee. He also received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Maryland, and his master's degree in Military Operational Art and Science from Air Force University. According to Mr. Sorenson, he sought a pardon because it would make him eligible for additional military service opportunities, including volunteering for deployment.

- Reverend Mwangi Vasser, now 40 years old, was 19 years old when he was caught selling cocaine. Since then, he has worked as a barber. He also received his doctorate in theology from Emmanuel Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. He is part of the Masonic order, Omega Psi Phi, and the Soul Seekers motorcycle ministry. According to Rev. Vasser, he sought a pardon to secure better housing and business opportunities, and to pursue being a chaplain in the US military.
- Steven Nichols, now 62 years old, was 21 when he committed a felony burglary (aiding and abetting) and a misdemeanor criminal damage to property. The charges stemmed from an illegal entry into a tavern to steal, among other things, alcohol and cigarettes, and proceeded to have a party in a local alfalfa field, causing damage. Since then, he has maintained full-time employment, gotten married, purchased and continues to maintain a family farm, travels to compete in horse events, and mentors young horse enthusiasts and riders. According to Mr. Nichols, he sought a pardon to return to hunting and to be able to travel to Canada to participate in the Calgary Stampede.

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A copy of the pardon application and instructions for applying are located on the governor's website: www.evers.wi.gov/Pages/pardon-information.aspx

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants Pardons to Eight Individuals

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Gov. Evers Grants Pardons to Eight Individuals

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today issued pardons to eight individuals, following the consideration of recommendations made by the Governor's Pardon Advisory Board after their Mon., Oct. 14, 2019, hearing.

"Pardons play a very important role in our criminal justice system and society by giving deserving folks a second chance," Gov. Evers said. "For so many of these individuals, their past record has held them back from achieving personal or career goals, and I look forward to seeing how they use this second chance to give back to their communities and our state."

- Dwight Allen, now 36 years old, is seeking a pardon for possession of marijuana and carrying a concealed weapon convictions he received at age 22. Allen completed probation and now lives in Georgia with his wife, where he is currently living with advanced heart problems and is awaiting a heart transplant. He is seeking a pardon as he can no longer do his previous labor-intensive work, and would like to join his wife in the insurance business.
- Cheryl Blazekovic, now 59 years old, is seeking a pardon for her role in stealing and selling hot tubs from a local business in 2004. She has completed probation and paid her restitution in full, and works as a paralegal. She is seeking a pardon to get her notary license, which her current and past employers believe is a necessity for her work.
- Kathryn Morrow, now 36 years old, was struggling with a drug addiction at 23 years old when she broke into her parent's home. Morrow completed probation, extensive rehabilitation, received her bachelor's and master's degrees, and continues to work as a Prevention Education Specialist. Morrow is seeking a pardon so she can pursue a career in healthcare.
- Mark Scharhag, now almost 53 years old, was caught selling marijuana at 33 years old and is now seeking a pardon. Scharhag completed probation and worked for the city of Milwaukee for 25 years as a heavy equipment operator. He retired in 2017.
- Candace Roundtree, now 59 years old, failed to report income from a part-time job while receiving public assistance from ages 20-23. She completed probation, paid her restitution in full, and is now a sales manager and caregiver for her mother. She sought a pardon to advance her career opportunities.
- Camillia Shareef, now 51 years old, is seeking a pardon for failing to report income which resulted in excess public assistance in her early twenties. Shareef completed probation, paid restitution in full, and has been a parking enforcement officer with the city of Milwaukee for 18 years. Shareef is

seeking a pardon, as she has lived a law-abiding life, is respected by her community, and would like to pursue more career opportunities.

- Doyle Sprewer, now 45 years old, is seeking a pardon for possessing THC with the intent to deliver 16 years ago. Sprewer received his bachelor's and master's degrees in religious-based education programs, and is currently employed as a community outreach coordinator with the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Sprewer volunteers with the YMCA and Christ the King Baptist Church. He is seeking a pardon to improve his chances of being placed with the city of Milwaukee as a firefighter.
- Annette Wilburn, now 65 years old, is seeking a pardon for failing to report income while receiving public assistance nearly 30 years ago. Her restitution is paid in full, and she is an active member of the childcare advocacy community and her church community. Wilburn is seeking a pardon to maintain her license as a home childcare provider.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants Pardons to 17 More Individuals

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Gov. Evers Grants Pardons to 17 More Individuals

MADISON— Gov. Tony Evers today announced he granted pardons to 17 individuals following the consideration of recommendations made by the Governor's Pardon Advisory Board after their hearings on Dec. 4, 2019 and Feb. 5, 2020.

“I believe in second chances. Each of these individuals has earned a pardon by paying their debt to society, making amends, and contributing to their communities,” said Gov. Evers. “Many of the individuals I pardoned were seeking pardons to advance their careers or better serve their communities, and I wish them the best in these endeavors.”

Gov. Evers announced that pardons have been granted to the following individuals:

- Robert Olson, now 58 years old, was 19 when he and a friend stole two calves, sold them, and received a felony conviction for theft. Olson completed probation and paid his restitution in full. He has owned and operated an RV sales and service company for the last 25 years and is an active member of his community. Olson pursued a pardon to allow him to obtain a passport, possess a firearm, and get licensed to be a foster care parent.
- Paul Anderson, now 43 years old, was 19 when he duplicated a friend's car key and used the vehicle without consent, resulting in a felony conviction. He completed his sentence early, obtained his EMT license, and was a member of a volunteer fire department from 2003-2005. Anderson is currently a parts manager at an automobile dealership and he sought a pardon to better his future career opportunities.
- Scott Sowle, now 50 years old, was 19 when he was convicted of attempted burglary. He completed probation, has had no other criminal contact, and received numerous letters of support from local community members. Sowle currently serves as a safety manager for a local manufacturer and pursued a pardon to enable him to travel internationally for work and possibly run for local office.
- Bradley Cummings was 18 years old when he sold prescription drugs to an undercover detective, resulting in a felony drug-dealing conviction. He completed his sentence and has had no other

criminal convictions. Cummings is a current employee with the Portage County Register of Deeds, and applied for a pardon to restore his right to run for public office and to become a notary for work purposes.

- Rudolph Rott, now 62 years old, was convicted of felony drug-dealing 35 years ago. He has since completed his sentence and became a successful small business owner. Rott is an active member of his community and church, and pursued a pardon to enable him to hunt with his family and get involved with public service.
- Michael Hranicka, now 45 years old, was 18 when he and others stole snowmobiles, spray-painted school property, and went into a resident's home to take electronics. He completed his probation in 1997 and has had no subsequent criminal involvement. He is a leader in multiple organizations and volunteers for trout conservation efforts. He sought a pardon to expand his business opportunities as a self-employed flooring installer and to get involved with youth trout conservation programs. He also hopes to run for public office one day.
- Anthony Bianco was 17 years old when he acted as the getaway driver during a robbery. He paid all the restitution that had been ordered to be paid by all co-defendants. Bianco completed his GED, obtained employment with a local lumber business, and is an active member of his church and community. He is pursuing a pardon to clear his name and to be eligible for future promotions at work.
- Joseph Bass, now 49 years old, was 23 when he was caught dealing cocaine in Milwaukee. He and his wife now run a flooring company together. He pursued a pardon because he believes it will help advance his business.
- Aaron Roux, now 35 years old, was 19 when he and a friend broke into a number of cabins and sheds locked up for the winter. They stole construction tools, fishing equipment, and assorted goods. He is now a business owner, as well as an owner and landlord of 36 rental units. He pursued a pardon to help advance his business prospects and to become more involved with his community.
- James Grover, now 36 years old, was 22 when stole a vehicle and drove it while intoxicated, crashing it on the side of a road. He is now employed as an R&D Mechanical Designer. He has completed an Associate of Applied Science degree in Mechanical Design Technology from Moraine Park Technical College.
- Alvin Korbel, now 69 years old, was 18 when he and a group of friends committed multiple arsons while under the influence of alcohol. Korbel received a waiver to join the military and has been a career serviceman. He has a family and volunteers in several different capacities. He pursued a pardon to be able to hunt.
- David Bolton, now 65 years old, was 22 years old when he and a friend were intoxicated and robbed an ice cream salesman of \$7 and robbed the night auditor of a hotel of \$225. He has since retired after a successful career, and now sober, is involved with AA as a volunteer. He pursued a pardon to expand his volunteer opportunities with his local VA and hunt with his brothers.
- Rachel Mohr, now 51 years old, was 30 years old when she was convicted for dealing marijuana. She completed substance abuse programming as part of her sentence and is now a stay-at-home mom who volunteers for her son's school. She sought a pardon to obtain a passport to visit family out of the country.
- Christoph Halverson, now 34 years old, was 21 years old when he refused to pull over pursuant to a traffic stop. He has since worked his way up from being a customer service agent to a role in an executive position, serving as Vice President of Global Business Development. He is a foster parent, very active member of his church community, and volunteers in a variety of different capacities.
- Matthew Riehle, now 38 years old, was 19 when he was convicted for dealing marijuana. Since his conviction, Riehle worked his way up from a job as a carpenter to owning his own construction business. He travels the country as an avid rock climber. He pursued a pardon to expand his construction business and to improve his chances of being accepted to an engineering program.
- Josh Reppen, now 31 years old, was 17 when he drove a get-away van while a friend stole mini dirt bikes and clothing items from a local business. Since completing probation, Reppen received an industrial welding diploma and was employed in that industry until recently, when he began working as a concrete mixer truck driver. He pursued a pardon so he can continue to be a positive example for his children and possibly someday teach his son to hunt.

- Joel Blasé, now 44 years old, was 19 when he robbed a pizza delivery man. He works for a local company as a painter and volunteers in several different capacities. He pursued a pardon to be able to run for local political office.

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Under [Executive Order #30](#), individuals convicted of a Wisconsin felony may apply for a pardon if they completed their sentence at least five years ago and have not committed any new crimes. Individuals currently required to register on the sex offender registry are ineligible for a pardon.

A copy of the pardon application and instructions for applying are located on the Governor's website [here](#).

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants Eighteen Pardons – Largest Group So Far

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Gov. Evers Grants Eighteen Pardons – Largest Group So Far

MADISON – Gov. Tony Evers granted pardons this week to eighteen individuals. The Governor’s Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on June 23, 2020. Applicants who the Board recommended for pardon were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration.

“A pardon won’t fix the challenges facing our criminal justice system, but it can have a tremendous impact on a person’s life,” said Gov. Evers. “Each of these people earned a pardon by serving their sentence and making positive contributions to society.”

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- James Hernon, now 59 years old, was struggling with addiction when he assisted another individual in burglarizing a home 20 years ago in exchange for the proceeds and drugs. He now works with the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, the same organization he credits with helping him recover from his drug addiction. Mr. Hernon lives in West Allis.
- Steven Johnson, now 58 years old, was 23 when he caused a tragic car accident in which his best friend was killed. He was a pallbearer in his friend’s funeral, and he has garnered the forgiveness of the victim’s mother, who supports a pardon. He has been diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor and has asked for this pardon before dying. Mr. Johnson lives in Marshfield.
- Taranda Westmoreland, now 45 years old, made several unauthorized charges on a credit card when she was 26. She has since obtained a master’s degree and now works to serve others in need, including minors, folks with special needs, and persons experiencing homelessness. Ms. Westmoreland lives in Milwaukee.
- Barry Plotnick, now 65 years old, was 21 years old and struggling with addiction when he and his friend broke into a drug store and stole several bottles of valium. After completing his sentence, he went on to become a successful small business owner in the produce industry and is married to his wife of 20 years with children and grandchildren. Mr. Plotnick now lives in the State of Georgia.
- Loretta Childs was 22 years old when she knowingly wrote bad checks to obtain some items for resale. She quickly took responsibility, is now 38 years old, and has maintained employment while raising her children. Ms. Childs lives in Milwaukee.

- Matthew Raasch, now 41 years old, was struggling with drug addiction when he cashed fraudulent checks to support his addiction. He now volunteers and works with Waukesha County inmates and drug and alcohol treatment courts as a mentor to those struggling with addiction. Mr. Raasch lives in Waukesha.
- Elandis Peete was 18 when he sold cocaine to an undercover police officer. Now in his forties, he opened his own trucking business, mentoring and hiring formerly incarcerated folks to help them become productive members of the community. Mr. Peete lives in Wauwatosa.
- Shelesia Parham, now 51 years old, was 23 when she forged her mother's name on multiple withdrawal slips for her mother's account. Her relationship with her mother is mended and she fully supports a pardon. She has become an owner of multiple newspapers in Racine and previously hosted a weekly gospel hour on local radio. Ms. Parham lives in Racine.
- Kerry Brunner, now 59 years old, was in his early twenties when he was convicted of several offenses connected to a drug addiction, including delivery of cocaine and cashing a stolen check. He is married with children and grandchildren, has been a small business owner, and is currently working in his local school district as a custodian. Mr. Brunner now lives in the State of Missouri.
- Keith Butler, now 40 years old, was 23 and homeless when he was caught selling drugs to undercover police officers. He now is a devoted father who volunteers in his community, including previously as an assistant coach with the Green Bay Packer Pee Wee League Neighborhood Youth Sports Organization. Mr. Butler lives in Milwaukee.
- Markeese Walker, now 40 years old, was 22 when he was convicted of fleeing an officer. He has since become an active community member and volunteer, who received adamant support from many, including a former Milwaukee law enforcement officer. Mr. Walker lives in Milwaukee.
- Andrew Ophoven was arrested by three plain-clothed detectives for selling marijuana 20 years ago. He has since gone to school for culinary arts and hospitality management. Mr. Ophoven hopes someday he will be able to own his own restaurant. Mr. Ophoven lives in Waukesha.
- Michael Andersen, now 40 years old, sold marijuana and shoplifted 20 years ago. He now has a daughter and has obtained associate degrees in marketing and business. Mr. Andersen lives in West Allis.
- Yusef Moore, now 49 years old, was convicted of several offenses relating to his addiction to drugs in his early thirties. He has taken remarkable steps including obtaining a master's degree from Loyola University of Chicago, helping others struggling with addiction by becoming a substance abuse residential counselor, and working with persons experiencing homelessness. He received support from the Court in his application for pardon, works the 12-steps, and is an active member of his faith community. Mr. Moore lives in Greenfield.
- Terry Howell-Dixon is 65 years old and nearly 30 years ago failed to report an increase in income which resulted in an over-grant of public assistance and food stamps. She has maintained steady employment, is a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and is heavily involved with her faith community. Ms. Howell-Dixon lives in Milwaukee.
- LaFondra Thomas was 19 when she committed a series of check forgeries. She since obtained her HSED and worked for the same company, AT&T, for 21 years. Ms. Thomas now lives in the State of Texas.
- Sonny Valeriano, now 34 years old, was 20 years old and struggling with a death in the family when he decided to sell marijuana for some quick cash. He began his pursuit of higher education while still in confinement and has since pursued multiple degrees to become a massage therapist. Mr. Valeriano lives in Milwaukee.
- Richard Baker, now 39 years old, made a series of mistakes as a young man that resulted in several convictions including bail jumping, obstructing an officer, and escape. He credits his turn to religion as the reason for his reform. He has since obtained his HSED and works as a hunting and fishing guide in Minnesota, where he resides.

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The pardon application and instructions for applying are located on the Governor's website: www.evers.wi.gov/Pages/pardon-information.aspx.

The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board will continue to meet virtually monthly and will be reconvening again on July 21, 2020 and will air on wiseye.org/live.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants Nine More Pardons

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Gov. Evers Grants Nine More Pardons

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers granted pardons this week to nine individuals. The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on July 21, 2020. Applicants who the Board recommended for pardon were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration.

"Pardons are more than just a signature on paper, they offer new opportunities, second chances, and forgiveness for folks who have bettered their communities and made amends," said Gov. Evers. "I believe in second chances and in the positive impact pardons can have on our criminal justice system and communities, so I am glad to pardon these nine individuals."

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Jason Ceslok, now 41, was 18 when he and friends stole a snowmobile from a dealership and took it joyriding. Ceslok is married with a daughter and has worked for Minhas Craft Brewery since 2005. He lives in Brodhead.
- Steven Dummer was 17 when he and his friends stole a vehicle from an auto dealership and took it joyriding. Now 64, he has maintained employment since and hopes to travel to Canada to fish. He lives in Watertown.
- Corey Dusso was only 16 years old when he and a friend took his friend's mom's car joyriding after drinking. They fled when an officer attempted to pull them over and drove into a ditch. Now 38 years old, Dusso lives in La Crosse.
- Heather Hafemann-Biles was in her early twenties when she was struggling with drug addiction and drove the getaway vehicle while her then-husband burglarized multiple residences. She went through treatment, is now sober, a mother of three, and currently works at a chocolate factory. She lives in Johnson Creek.
- James Jerrett, now almost 50 years old, was 17 when he stole alcohol from multiple establishments. He is now married, with children and grandchildren, and owns and operates a body shop, as well as several rental properties. He lives in Soldiers Grove.
- Willie Patterson Jr. was in his early twenties when stole from two employers. He went on to attend Milwaukee Area Technical College, is married with children, and has the support of recent employers

who have vouched for his work ethic and honesty. He lives in Milwaukee.

- Danny Powers, now 66 years old, was 18 when he was convicted of robbery. He is retired after a lifetime of consistent employment, most recently with the State of Minnesota for 15 years, and is married with three kids and “a whole bunch of grandkids.” With a pardon, he would like to be able to travel to Canada to visit his wife’s family. He lives in Wadena, Minnesota.
- James Shurson sold marijuana to an undercover agent when he was 22 years old. Now 56, he owns his own business pumping septic tanks. He lives in West Salem.
- Corey Tielens, now 39 years old, was 20 when he committed a hit and run. He has since maintained employment and is a part-owner of rental properties. His career prospects would improve with a notary license, which he cannot obtain without a pardon. He lives in Green Bay.

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The Governor’s Pardon Advisory Board will be reconvening again virtually on August 18, 2020.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants Nine More Pardons

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Gov. Evers Grants Nine More Pardons

MADISON – Gov. Tony Evers granted pardons this week to nine individuals. The Governor’s Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on August 18, 2020. Applicants who the Board recommended for pardon were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration. The governor has now granted pardons to 65 individuals.

“I believe in equal justice for all Wisconsinites and the positive impact pardons can have on our criminal justice system and communities,” Gov. Evers said. “During these unprecedented times, it gives me hope knowing that those receiving pardons are getting a second chance and new opportunities to better their communities.”

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Patrick Dell, now 45, was 19 when he was caught selling marijuana. He now owns his own business in Wausau, where he lives with his family.
- Larry Fayerweather, now 55, was 19 when he cashed forged checks that he stole from a family friend. He is now married with children and grandchildren. He is eager to hunt with his grandkids. He now lives in Canon City, Colorado.
- Matthew Brunner, now 34, was 21 years old when he was caught dealing marijuana. He works as an electrical systems technician in the Green Bay area, where he lives with his wife and two children.
- Markeila McCarter, now 45, was 21 when she used someone else’s credit card at a department store. She now has two daughters and lives in Kankakee, Illinois, and works as a nurse health aide. She hopes to work in childcare, which was not possible previously given her conviction.
- Kimberly Schillo, now 50, wrote worthless checks over 25 years ago. She works as an administrative assistant to support her children and lives in Milwaukee.
- Tonya Miller, now 51, was a young mother when she struck her daughter as punishment nearly 26 years ago. She has since taken parenting classes and gotten an education. She lives in Chicago, Illinois.
- Jesse Gleason, now 30, was 19 when he was caught selling cocaine. He has since become a welder. He lives in Schofield with his wife and child.
- Brady Gibney, now 27, was 17 when he broke into a gas station and stole cigarettes. He has since obtained a bachelor’s degree and works in the manufacturing sector. He lives in Delavan.

- Richard Walker, now 33, was 19 when he got into a fight with another young man. He lives in Burnett with his wife and children.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants Nine More Pardons

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Gov. Evers Grants Nine More Pardons

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers granted pardons this week to nine individuals. The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on September 15, 2020. Applicants who the Board recommended for pardon were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration. To date, the governor has granted 74 pardons.

"I issued my first pardons one year ago and since, we have seen the positive impacts pardons have not just on individuals, but on all of our communities, as folks who have received pardons have pursued new careers and opportunities to serve their neighbors," said Gov. Evers. "A pardon is a second chance for one individual that can have widespread positive impacts and I am glad to be pardoning these nine people today."

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Roxanne Johnson was 17 years old when she took checks from her grandfather. Now 42, she has since finished her high school education, started a family, and lives in Grey Bull, Wyoming.
- Shawn Sill was 19 years old when he broke into homes in La Crosse and Vernon County. He was able to complete probation early, and his application received the support of the circuit court and district attorney's office. Mr. Sill is now 42, lives with his wife and daughter in La Crosse, and works as a machine operator.
- Nichole Miller was a teenager when she participated in a string of offenses related to her drug use. This included a burglary with a friend into the home of an acquaintance to steal a checkbook. Since then, she obtained her bachelor's degree, developed a career in academia, and is an academic advisor with UW-Eau Claire. Her application came with significant community support, including from her former parole agent, counselors, and professional supervisors and colleagues. Ms. Miller is 35 years old and lives in Eau Claire.
- Dennis Jimenez, now 63, was 20 years old when he and another individual broke into a business after hours. Since then he has had a career as a truck driver and lives with his family in Moore Haven, Florida.

- Bonnie Gray, now 74 years old, was in her early 30's when she did not report income for a year, which resulted in an over-grant of public assistance. Since then she obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees, volunteers with various non-profit and charitable organizations, and previously operated an adult family home in Milwaukee.
- Brandy Walker was 19 when she chased fraudulent checks to a bank. At the time, she was struggling with housing security and pregnant with twins. She is now 31 and lives in Milwaukee with her children and pardon would make it possible for her to establish a childcare business.
- Marcellete McFarland is 53 years old now, but when she was in her mid-twenties, she did not report an increase in her income which resulted in an over-grant of public assistance. She completed probation early, obtained her GED, and would like a pardon to be able to reopen a childcare business. She lives in Milwaukee.
- Wendy Bond, now 42 years old, was 24 when she called police to report a break-in, who once there, found evidence of her significant other's drug use and dealing. She has since obtained a degree in business management, opened her own business supporting adults with disabilities, and lives in Milwaukee with her husband and child.
- Lon McEwen, now 46, was 25 years old when he fled in his vehicle while intoxicated and crashed the car in someone's backyard. Since then, he obtained his CNA license and is working on his degree to become a substance abuse counselor. He lives in Schofield.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants More Than 100 Pardons in First Two Years in Office

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Gov. Evers Grants More Than 100 Pardons in First Two Years in Office

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today announced he has granted another 33 pardons. The new 33 pardons granted this week brings the total of the governor's pardons to 107 during his first two years in office.

"Here in Wisconsin, we believe in the power of second chances and the doors it can open not only for an individual but their family and their communities," said Gov. Evers. "From pursuing their career goals, whether in nursing, divinity, or becoming a hunting and fishing guide, to simply finding peace of mind after making amends, a pardon opens those doors for folks to move forward."

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Kelly Adams-Fant was struggling with a substance use disorder in her early twenties when she was convicted for her role in drug sales occurring out of a hotel room rented in her name. Ms. Adams-Fant has since completed intensive treatment and maintains her sobriety. She resides in Sussex with her family, with whom she operates a lawn care company.
- Matthew Barth was in high school when he stole a laptop computer. He has since obtained his bachelor's degree and has built a career in information technology and security. He resides in Encinitas, California, and hopes a pardon may help him to secure employment here in Wisconsin.
- Gerald Brown was a student at UW-Whitewater in 2008 when he sold marijuana to a confidential informant. Residing in Oak Creek, Mr. Brown obtained his bachelor's degree and now works as an account sales manager.
- Nicole Brown is now 48 years old and has worked with Milwaukee Public Schools as a paraprofessional since 2009. When she was in her early 20s, Ms. Brown failed to disclose income while she was receiving government assistance, which resulted in an overpayment of assistance. Ms. Brown resides in Milwaukee.
- Michael Caban was convicted of selling marijuana nearly 13 years ago. Since then, he completed his probation, continued his education, and is hoping a pardon will help him advance his career in IT. Mr. Caban lives in New Berlin.

- Damion Campbell was working his first job out of high school when he stole items from his employer, a local gas station. Now 48 years old, Mr. Campbell has maintained employment with the Otis Elevator Company for 28 years. He lives in Mukwonago with his wife and children.
- Trevor Colby was the passenger in a fleeing vehicle 26 years ago that struck a curb before he and the driver fled on foot, after an attempted stop for illegally shining deer. Now 48 years old, Mr. Colby resides in Poynette and works in asbestos remediation. He hopes a pardon will allow him to follow his dream of being a hunting and fishing guide.
- Jeremy DesJarlais was 19 when he and two friends stole \$3,000 in rolled quarters from the trunk of a vehicle 23 years ago. Since then, Mr. DesJarlais has been a member of the Bonduel Fire Department and a medical first responder with the Bonduel EMS team. He resides in Pulaski with his family.
- Eddie Hayes was convicted of receiving stolen property in 1980. He retired from Milwaukee County in 2008, having been employed for nearly 28 years as a custodial and maintenance worker. Mr. Hayes resides in Milwaukee.
- Jenny Jordahl is now 37 years old and living with her husband and children in Eau Claire, but over ten years ago, she was struggling with a substance use disorder and intermittent housing insecurity. She has since completed intensive inpatient treatment and maintains her sobriety. Jordahl is a nursing student, with hopes of becoming a registered nurse.
- Earma Jordan was 18 when she was caught with cocaine. Ms. Jordan has maintained employment as a caregiver and hopes to continue her education. Ms. Jordan lives in Milwaukee.
- Richard Kaminski was a teenager when he sold marijuana to an undercover police officer almost 40 years ago. He has furthered his education with two degrees. He is a proud father of two adult children, and he hopes to obtain his U.S. citizenship. Mr. Kaminski lives in Renton, Washington.
- Wallace Klusken lied to a judge about his knowledge of an incident in which he and another man pushed over a parked motorcycle 27 years ago. He has been a member of the United States Navy for 21 years and now serves in the Air Guard. He lives in Watertown.
- Matthew Krol was 20 years old with a newly purchased motorcycle when he led officers on a late-night chase through multiple jurisdictions. Now 43, Mr. Krol has maintained a career as a union sheet metal journeyman and lives in De Pere with his wife and five sons.
- Alan Louis was struggling with substance use disorder when he sold cocaine to an undercover police officer over 30 years ago. He is now an active member of the La Crosse community, where he also operates two jewelry stores with his wife, with whom he shares two children and five grandchildren.
- Shanique Marizette was in her early twenties when she was working as a bank teller and fraudulently withdrew monies from multiple client accounts over three weeks. Twenty years later, Ms. Marizette is a bus operator with the Milwaukee County Transit System. She resides in Milwaukee.
- Bert Moede, Jr. was 17 years old when he and a friend drove their families' ATVs to two cabins in the area, ultimately breaking in to take small items. Twenty years have since passed, and Mr. Moede is employed by his tribal community and lives in Bowler with his family.
- Scott Mullikin was a teenager and experiencing housing instability when he was caught selling marijuana within 1000 feet of a park. The offense occurred over 25 years ago. Mr. Mullikin has worked as a machine operator since 2006 and resides in Sun Prairie with his family.
- Benjamin Olivier was a UW-Whitewater student when he sold marijuana to a confidential informant. Mr. Olivier obtained his bachelor's degree and is a manager at a medical device company. He is now 44 years old and lives in Waukesha with his family.
- Kenneth Phillips, now nearly 59 years old and retired from a career in the commercial fencing industry, was in his early 20s when he sold marijuana to an undercover police officer. Mr. Phillips now lives with his wife in Mulberry, Tennessee.
- Shawn Pitsch was 22 years old when he sold marijuana to an informant over 20 years ago. He completed his probation, has maintained employment, and is an active member of his community. He resides in Neenah.
- Therese Randall did not disclose employment while collecting public assistance 25 years ago, which resulted in an overpayment of benefits for which she paid full restitution. She has earned her undergraduate degree and MBA from Concordia and devoted her career as a public employee, serving the Milwaukee community, where she lives.

- Ben Rauls was a teenager when he and a group of friends committed a series of crimes during the winter of 1997-1998, which included forcing entry into a construction company property to steal items and damage property, including doors, light fixtures, and windows. He has worked as a truck driver since 2009 and lives in Fond du Lac with his family.
- Samuel Ross was convicted for his role in the theft of monies from a victim's bank account nearly 15 years ago. Now 49 years old, Mr. Ross works as a ride-share driver and an independent DJ and audio technician, splitting his time between Milwaukee and Miami Beach, Florida.
- Cleo Russell, currently 82 years old, was 19 when he and two friends stole a car from a dealership to take it joyriding. He has a passion for hunting and is looking forward to resuming those activities. Mr. Russell lives in Sheboygan Falls.
- Tyrone Scott, over 30 years ago, burglarized an unrented apartment of tools and building supplies and was caught around the same time dealing marijuana. Now almost 60 years old, Mr. Scott lives in Milwaukee and is a driver for an area hotel chain.
- Nikolas Simonson was a teenager when he participated in a series of burglaries in Wausau, primarily stealing gasoline and miscellaneous items from residential garages. He went on to receive a bachelor's degree here in Wisconsin and now resides in Seattle, Washington, where he is pursuing a graduate degree in civil engineering.
- Nicholas Svetlauskas was 20 years old and struggling with a substance use disorder when he and another assaulted an individual who was cooperating with law enforcement. Twenty years later, he has since obtained and maintains his sobriety, earned his bachelor's degree, and has a career in mental health and addiction services. He resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Jerry Watkins, Jr. was 17 and homeless when he and another young man robbed a woman while brandishing a fake weapon. After turning himself over to police, Mr. Watkins served a prison sentence. Upon release, Mr. Watkins immediately started on a path towards education. While still on supervision, he started at the Milwaukee Area Technical College, then transferred to UW-Whitewater where he obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees and gained employment as a counselor. He lives in Milwaukee and plans to start on his Ph.D. candidacy upon receipt of a pardon.
- Steven Watson was 21 years old when he broke into a bar and stole alcohol and cigarettes. The offense occurred over 30 years ago, and since then Mr. Watson has maintained his sobriety. Mr. Watson now lives with his wife and children in Lancaster.
- Chad Welch was the principal of a Wisconsin high school in 2008 when he used school funds for personal expenses. Mr. Welch has since sought to address and manage the mental health issues that led to the offense and has obtained his Master of Divinity degree, with hopes of becoming an ordained Lutheran pastor. Mr. Welch resides in Green Bay.
- Shaquita White was caught with cocaine 12 years ago. Ms. White has since maintained employment as a caregiver and medical aide and hopes to use this pardon to help her continue her education in nursing. Ms. White lives in Killee, Texas with her children.
- Brad Zoellick was 18 years old when he was intoxicated and led officers on a chase in Waukesha County. Since then, Mr. Zoellick has maintained employment and is active with his union and faith community. Now 42 years old, Mr. Zoellick lives in Watertown with his wife and children.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants Thirty-Seven More Pardons

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Gov. Evers Grants Thirty-Seven More Pardons

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that he has granted another 37 pardons. The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on Dec. 11, 2020, and again on Jan. 8, 2021. Applicants whom the Board recommended for pardon were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration. To date, the governor has granted 144 pardons.

"From mistakes made as teenagers to desperate times as they struggled with homelessness or substance misuse, what we have seen overwhelmingly from applicants is a desire to move forward, give back, and make peace with their pasts," said Gov. Evers. "I am glad to pardon these 37 individuals and continue the good work of the Pardon Advisory Board to give folks second chances."

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Meagan Brown of Milwaukee committed a theft from her employer nearly twenty years ago. She has since graduated from college, maintains employment, supports her family, and hopes to enter the healthcare field.
- Anthony Cooper, Sr. was in his early twenties when he was caught dealing drugs and fled from police. Mr. Cooper now serves his community in different efforts to help released prisoners successfully reenter the community and stem community violence. He lives in Madison, where he received the 2019 City-County Humanitarian Award.
- Glenn Gauthier was a teenager when he stole money from a grocery store nearly 50 years ago. He is a veteran who recently retired from a successful career in the paper mill industry, living in Larsen.
- Michelle Hass took checks from her father nearly 30 years ago. She now works with those struggling with substance misuse and lives in Black Earth. Her father, the victim in her case, spoke on her behalf to the Pardon Advisory Board.
- Jeffrey Heiser was just 21 years old when he lied to the court about buying beer for his underage brother. He is now in his fifties, living in Rib Lake, and is hopeful he will be able to someday hunt with this father, son, and grandson.
- Jamal Jamerson was caught dealing marijuana more than 20 years ago. He is taking acting classes and hopes to keep developing a career in entertainment. He lives in Milwaukee with his daughter and

fiancé.

- Kimm Laursen purchased a stolen motorcycle nearly 40 years ago. He has been a barber for 37 years, lives in Cumberland, and has volunteered with organizations that help those struggling with alcohol misuse.
- John Lawrence was only seventeen when he stole coins and a blow dart gun from his neighbor's sock drawer. He obtained his GED and technical degree, has maintained employment, and owns a home in Cudahy.
- Todd Nest was caught growing marijuana in his basement 26 years ago. He now runs two small businesses and lives in Wausau.
- Yvette Patrick was caught selling drugs over 25 years ago. After serving a prison sentence, she renewed her faith and obtained her sobriety. She currently works with the city of Milwaukee, where she resides.
- Benjamin Peters sold one ounce of marijuana a decade ago. He has two small children and lives in Appleton.
- Syreeta Robinson was in her early twenties when she unlawfully used a store credit account of another individual. She has since obtained her degree from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and works for the Sojourner Family Peace Center. She lives in Milwaukee.
- Joseph Rucker was just a teenager when he failed to appear at sentencing for a case that was later thrown out. His decision to skip court 25 years ago led to a bail jumping conviction. He now runs a consulting agency with his wife and lives in Waukesha.
- Carl Sinkler was a teenager when he and his friends left school to break into and steal from a series of storage lockers. Everything was returned, Mr. Sinkler concluded probation early, and he has since worked to support his wife and children. Now over 25 years later, he lives in Kronenwetter.
- Brian Stasewich was experiencing homelessness over 25 years ago when he issued worthless checks and then stole checks from lockers at a gym. While on probation, he was convicted of disorderly conduct. He is now married and lives in La Crosse.
- Rocco Sylvester stole from his employer 30 years ago. He is a veteran, has maintained consistent employment, and lives in Merrimac.
- Cecil Trawick was convicted for dealing drugs nearly 30 years ago. He has maintained a lifelong career in asbestos remediation in Milwaukee.
- Joshua Wentzel was caught dealing marijuana when he was a teenager nearly 20 years ago. He has since obtained his degree from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh and works as a dental hygienist, residing in Appleton.
- Amber White was only 17 and struggling with substance misuse when she broke into a family member's home and stole change and blank checks. Now recovered, she obtained her degree in social work, and hopes to practice as a nurse. She lives in Galena, Illinois.
- Theodore Bowman was surviving without a home when he stole \$25 from a gas station lockbox and broke a window to get into a bar nearly 50 years ago. He has recently retired from a successful lifelong career in manufacturing and resides in Neenah.
- Marvel Coleman was caught in a car with weapons and drugs just after his 18th birthday. Since completing his sentence early, he's devoted his life to mentoring teens and young men confronting similar situations as he faced in his youth in Milwaukee, where he lives.
- Christopher Goodman and some friends were intoxicated when they broke into a barn, stole rifles, and shot at silos and cars on the property over 15 years ago. He now lives in Oconto, where he maintains employment at a warehouse.
- Jason Guerrero was a teenager when he was caught in possession of a short-barreled rifle 33 years ago. He has spent nearly all of his life since climbing the ranks of his company, where he is now vice president. He lives in Milwaukee.
- Dawn Heilgendorf was caught thirteen years ago attempting to trade a prescribed opioid for marijuana. She completed her sentence early and has since lived a quiet life in Port Washington.
- Christopher Howard stole a jacket from someone who'd just been assaulted when he was a teenager. Almost twenty-five years later, he is a skilled builder who resides with his family in Kaukauna.
- Robert Johnson was 24 years old when he wrote and cashed two checks totaling \$220 from someone else's account. Now in his fifties, he is a successful small businessman living in Bruce.

- Felicia Jones took and used someone's truck without consent and used stolen checks to buy groceries over 15 years ago. Now, she leads a sober life and is an active member of her church and AA in Madison.
- Craig Larson and his friends broke into a liquor store and took beer, liquor, and cigarettes when he was 17 years old. In the over twenty years since, he has committed himself to his family and his career, and resides in Elroy.
- William Rogers led police on a high-speed chase in his early 20s. He works tirelessly to repair the societal harm he inflicted by devoting his life in Oshkosh to working with young people through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Rawhide Youth Services.
- Katee Sims was a teenager in Milwaukee when she was involved in the sale of cocaine to an undercover officer. She has since unburdened herself of past toxic influences and become a source for healing as a certified nursing assistant in Milwaukee.
- David Stoner, Sr. grew marijuana plants on his property over ten years ago. A retiree, he lives with his family in Sarona.
- Tahirah Sumbry made unauthorized purchases at two retail clothing stores nearly 20 years ago. She has since earned her bachelor's degree and has become a small businesswoman in Fairburn, Georgia, where she lives.
- Jerald Ulvestad sold cocaine to a confidential informant in the early 1980s. He has since obtained his associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees and maintained steady employment, living in Lakewood, Colorado.
- Paul Vidani reprinted autographed professional sports photos which were subsequently sold as originals. He has since retired and continues to pursue his education. He lives in De Pere.
- Daniel Watson was caught in possession of cocaine at 22 years old. Now, he gives back to his community as a personal care worker and volunteer for various Milwaukee beneficent organizations.
- Derrick Welch was caught twice in possession of cocaine as a teenager, once after failing to return from Huber release. He now owns a barbershop that he runs as a family-oriented ministry in Milwaukee.
- Frederick Wemmer was 18 when he was caught growing marijuana. Now 42 years old, he lives with his family in the Wisconsin Dells where they own campgrounds.

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The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board will continue to meet virtually monthly and will be reconvening again on Fri., Feb., 12, 2021. That hearing will air on [WisEye.org/live](#) from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants 13 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 157

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Gov. Evers Grants 13 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 157

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that he has granted another 13 pardons. The governor's Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on Feb. 12, 2021. Applicants whom the Board recommended for pardon were given to Gov. Evers for final consideration. To date, the governor has granted 157 pardons.

"Through a pardon, an individual is given the opportunity to make amends and give back to their community and our state," said Gov. Evers. "It continues to be extraordinary listening to the stories of so many who have paid their debt and deserve a second chance. Today, I am glad to be able to grant these 13 pardons."

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Brenton Bach was in his early twenties when he sold marijuana to a friend working as an undercover informant. Living now in Mount Horeb, he is trained and eager to chart a career path in coding.
- Samuel Cantrall was a teenager when he and a friend committed a series of thefts, burglaries, and damage to property. Now in his 50s, he lives with his family in Bloomer and has maintained employment in construction and manufacturing.
- Keshia Christian was a single mother of five when she turned to selling an illegal substance to help support her family. Now living in West Bend, she is preparing to open her own family business.
- Tamarr Dedrick was 22 when she and a friend purchased food and other goods with fraudulent checks. She now lives in Milwaukee where she hopes to open a home for girls and continue her work as a mentor.
- Steven Lemke sold an ATV that he had stolen when he was 22. Now an over-the-road truck driver, his home is in Fence where he aspires to run for public office.
- Lillion McElwee struggled with a substance use disorder in her early life, culminating in her conviction for selling an illegal substance to an undercover officer. She lives in Milwaukee where she

cares for children as a foster parent and hopes to one day open her own daycare.

- Richard Meidl sold an illegal substance in the 1980s to support his own substance use disorder. A U.S. Navy veteran, he lives in Manitowoc and looks forward to being able to hunt with his friends and family.
- Joshueh Schneider was 18 when he and a friend committed theft and burglary from homes and businesses. He now co-owns his family construction business in Whitewater.
- Teresa Scholtz was a teenager when she brought contraband into the jail where she was serving a sentence. She resides with her family in Chippewa Falls and aims to make a career of her passion for working with kids.
- Gordon Schulties grew marijuana for personal pain management 10 years ago. Now retired, he lives in Superior and spends as much time as he can with his grandkids.
- Thomas Simonsen sold marijuana to a friend working as a confidential informant now more than 30 years ago. He has been an installation carpenter for nearly 20 years and lives in Jackson with his family.
- Tyson Willis was 19 when he was caught selling an illegal substance. Twenty-six years later, he has made the dean's list several times while working toward his business degree. He lives in Racine.
- Anthony Zimdars was 20 when he sold marijuana to a confidential informant and violated the terms of his bail agreement to support his substance use disorder. Approaching his 12th year of sobriety, he lives and works in Oconomowoc.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants 17 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 174

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Gov. Evers Grants 17 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 174

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that he has granted another 17 pardons. The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually and applicants whom the Board recommended for pardon were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration. To date, the Governor has granted 174 pardons.

"Pardoning an individual is a big step to allowing them to move on in their lives and continue to study, work, and contribute to their communities," said Gov. Evers. "With these 17 pardons, I am glad to continue the important process of listening to people's stories, and giving those who have worked hard the ability to have a second chance."

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Carol Matthews was in her mid-twenties, raising a child alone and working at a cleaning company, when she failed to report her income while receiving government assistance. A longtime caregiver of people with disabilities, she earned her CNA and works independently in Milwaukee.
- Anton House was in his late teens when he was twice found in possession of an illegal substance. He has since earned his Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees and uses his impressive education as a Lecturer at Howard University and to mentor youth in Bowie, Maryland, where he resides.
- Richard Dziondziakowski was in his late teens in the 1960s when he illegally entered two service stations and stole cigarettes. Now retired in Oak Creek from a career in masonry and construction, his pardon will help him on his path to becoming a United States citizen—a lifelong goal.
- Eric Lonsdale was in his mid-twenties when he was caught growing cannabis. He is now an active community member in Fort Atkinson, where he lives with his family.
- Dirmetrius Jackson was in his early twenties when he was caught in possession of illegal substances. He lives in Kenosha with his family and is hopeful his pardon will help advance his career.

- Edward Lantvit was 36 years old when he was caught trying to buy an illegal substance. More than three decades later, he is now a small businessman and real estate appraiser with his son. He lives in Fremont and is a proud grandfather to 14 grandchildren.
- Malcolm Wilson was in his early thirties when he failed to report income while receiving government assistance and FoodShare. He has since earned an associate's degree and has been a lifelong resident and employee of the city of Milwaukee.
- Sondra Gorham was struggling with a substance use disorder in her mid-twenties when she was caught in possession of illegal substances and driving under the influence. She has achieved her tenth year of sobriety with her family in Neenah and is diligently pursuing higher education.
- Christopher Walters was 27 years old when he was caught in possession of illegal substances. A U.S. Navy veteran, he lives with his family and owns and operates a business in Poncha Springs, Colorado.
- Joede Polezynski was just 19 years old when she was caught in possession of an illegal substance. More than fifteen years later, she hopes a pardon will help her pursue a career in banking. She resides in Milwaukee.
- Sandra Vessel-Swanigan was around twenty years old in the late 1970s when she failed to disclose her employment when applying for government assistance. Over four decades later, she lives and works in Milwaukee.
- Jason Alston was 20 when he was twice found in possession of illegal substances. He has since found his passion in the culinary field and is now the owner and operator of a well-respected restaurant as well as a minister at a church where he resides in Milwaukee.
- Preston Jackson, Jr. was caring for his father when he was caught in possession of an illegal substance. A military veteran, he served in Desert Storm and Desert Shield and now works for the Veterans Affairs in Milwaukee.
- Nikki Thiel was involved in the sale of an illegal substance at age of 20. She hopes a pardon will help her be able to volunteer at her son's school. She now co-owns a family business in Oregon.
- Shannon Sweeney-Walker was in her early twenties when illegal substances were found in her residence. She has since earned her associate's degree in accounting and lives in Racine where she is an active member of her community.
- James Harris was 17 years old when he was caught in possession of an illegal substance. Almost two decades later, he is a successful small business owner in Milwaukee, where he resides with his family.
- Tamara Love was only 19 years old when she sold a very small amount of an illegal substance to an undercover officer. Almost thirty years later, she is a licensed practical nurse and runs her own state licensed adult family home in Milwaukee.

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The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board will continue to meet virtually monthly and will be reconvening again on April 9, 2021. That hearing will air on [WisEye.Org/Live](https://www.wisconsin.gov/live) from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants 18 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 192

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Gov. Evers Grants 18 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 192

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that he has granted another 18 pardons. The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on April 9, 2021, and applicants the Board recommended for pardon were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration. To date, the governor has granted 192 pardons.

"Today, I am granting 18 pardons to individuals who have not only worked hard and built careers for themselves and their families, but have given back to their communities by coaching youth sports, mentoring kids, or providing support to other families and neighbors," said Gov. Evers. "While I continue to review and listen to folks requesting to be pardoned, I am glad to continue this process of reflection and forgiveness for those who have worked to better their communities and our entire state."

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Wilfred Harrison was in his early 20s when he tried to steal electronics from a dorm room. It has been 40 years since this conviction, and he has since gotten married, raised a family, and retired from a nearly three-decade career. He lives in Wauwatosa.
- Jerome Lund was 25 when he drove while intoxicated and struck another vehicle. Along with the help of his family and community, he earned the support of one of the victims of his offense. He works as an ASL interpreter and lives in Beaver Dam.
- Thomas Fritz was in his early 20s when he grew an illegal substance in his backyard. Forty-five years later, he works in special education, is happily married, and proud of his 18 grandchildren. He resides in Sheboygan.
- Christina Krausman was 21, struggling with substance use disorder, in an abusive relationship, and trying to raise a child when she wrote checks drawing from accounts that were not hers. For the past two decades, she has dedicated herself to her family, her career, and supporting her community in Asbury, Iowa.

- James Jacob was in his late 20s when he stole copper from the scrapyard where he worked to sell for his own gain to support his family. He has spent the last 25 years running his own small businesses and operates a bird sanctuary at his home in Crivitz.
- Craig Wilson was 30 when he began taking money from the insurance company where he worked. After repaying the money, he began his own small businesses and has been involved with the school district in his community of Fond du Lac.
- Troy Coleman was in college in his early 20s when he and his teammates stole athletic gear to sell. He had been exposed to criminal activity from a very young age and is thankful that basketball saved his life. He graduated with high marks earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees and works to reach young people through basketball. Thirty years after this offense, he resides in Roswell, New Mexico.
- Franklin Brown III was just 19 when he and a friend broke into a hobby store to steal remote-controlled cars and equipment. In the 15 years since this incident, he has held steady employment, raised a family, and strengthened his ties to his community in Boyd.
- Renae Bliss was a 25-year-old single mom struggling to find work and pay her bills when she took her coworker's credit cards to make ends meet. Twenty years later, she has earned her associate's degree and a real estate license and has committed herself to helping families with special needs in Janesville.
- Jeffery Ford was 17 when he stole tools from a construction site and a truck and was 19 when he fled from the police. After a career in manufacturing, he is now retired and living in Glen Flora.
- Brian Rosner was 18 when he and his friends broke into a house to steal items and vandalize it. More than 25 years later, he earned the forgiveness and support of the victims. Today, he mentors kids as a sports coach and lives with his family in Green Bay.
- Cory Sommerfeld was 20 when he was caught in possession of an illegal substance. In the nearly 20 since, he has earned his associate's degree and has become more involved in his family's handyman business in Madison.
- Jonathan Jensen was in his mid-20s when he drove a motorcycle while intoxicated and crashed it into a parked vehicle, injuring his passenger. More than a decade has passed since this incident, and the two are now happily married. He is eager to find a job that allows him to spend more time at home with his son in Racine.
- Frank Lindgren was in his early 20s when he sold an illegal substance to an undercover officer. In the 30 years since this conviction, he has been a reliable and hardworking individual. He lives in Lodi.
- Robert Klump was almost 50 when he was involved in the sale of an illegal substance to a confidential informant to try to keep up with bills. Now more than 10 years later, he has maintained his sobriety, earned his undergraduate degree in accounting, and is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.
- Curtis Strong was out of work in his early 30s and raising his three children alone when he allowed an illegal substance to be stored in his home. Since then, he became the first in his family to earn his associate and bachelor's degrees. Whether on a basketball court or in a classroom, he continues to mentor young people in his community in Chicago, Illinois.
- Brian O'Neil was 25 when he attempted to flee from the police in a car with a friend. Now more than 10 years later, he lives with his family in Milwaukee where he owns and operates a landscaping company.
- Dominic Balistriere was 18 when he sold an illegal substance to an undercover officer. More than 20 years have passed since this offense, and he is eager to advance his career and serve his community in Tempe, Arizona.

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- Gary Oppermann was 42 when he was charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine. 16 years later, Oppermann is eager to advance his career. He has a daughter and grandchildren, and currently resides in Ripon, Wisconsin.
- Taurus Kuykendall was 19 when he was caught with possession of a firearm while on grounds of a school. Kuykendall operates as a consultant. He resides in Fort Meyers, Florida.
- Katherine McCall was 23 when she manufactured/delivered cocaine. She currently works in customer service. She is the mother to two children, and currently resides in Green Bay.
- Traci McMorran was 26 when she was caught selling cannabis. She is currently a truck driver. McMorran resides in Pound, Wisconsin.
- Curtis Thomas was 44 when he committed burglary in which he stole guns from his neighbor. Thomas has undergone counseling and has made changes in his life. He is the father to four children and has grandchildren. He currently resides in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.
- Timothy Kosobucki was 20 when he committed theft at his place of employment. Since his conviction, Kosobucki has worked in the construction industry. He currently resides in Missouri with his wife and two children.
- John Bowen was 19 when he escaped while on Huber release. He is now a truck driver. Bowen currently resides in Janesville and hopes to make an impact on the youth in his community.
- Camille Coffee was 21 when she was committed theft. As a young parent, Coffee struggled financially to take care of her children. As an employee at a restaurant, Coffee made a series of fraudulent transfers to her personal accounts in which she used the money to pay bills. She is now married and resides in Waukesha.
- David Bennett was 19 when he was caught selling cannabis. He is now an ordained minister and owner of Bennett Consulting, providing IT services to non-profit organizations. Bennett is married and resides in Milwaukee.
- Penny Krauss was 28 when she committed theft. While struggling to support her daughter and additionally in an abusive relationship, Krauss stole \$3,000 from her workplace. Krauss has been employed as a program assistant since 2008. Krauss has raised three daughters and is a grandmother of two. She resides in Sparta, Wisconsin.
- Kathrine Barber was 40 when she suffered a mental health crisis in which she eluded an officer, operated a firearm while intoxicated, and endangered public safety with the use of a dangerous weapon. 26 years later, Barber has developed into an activist and leader within her community. She currently resides in Massachusetts with her partner.
- Sara Ochs was 31 when she committed forgery. Ochs was homeless and struggled with a significant addiction. She wrote a check out to herself and cashed it. Ochs is enrolled in school and is working towards a degree in human services. She has goals to help others who struggle with addiction. She currently resides in Milwaukee.

- Jada Denman was 19 when she operated a vehicle without consent. Denman is now a mother to three daughters. She recently obtained her CNA license and hopes to eventually operate her own healthcare facility. She currently resides in Neenah, Wisconsin.
- Debra Ross was 25 when she was convicted of failing to report receipt of income while receiving benefits. As a young mother, she struggled financially to provide for her children. She has raised three kids, and is employed in customer service in Round Rock, Texas.
- John Suchomel was 17 when he was caught receiving stolen property and manufacturing/delivering cocaine. 24 years later, Suchomel is now the owner of his own dry wall contractor company. He is the father to two children, and currently resides in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.
- Jeremy Ceballos was 17 when he was committed burglary. He has worked for the last eight years in construction. Ceballos resides in Janesville with his wife of 12 years, and three children.
- Veronica Warren was 17 when she committed forgery. Lang has now obtained a bachelor's degree and plans to pursue a master's degree in public health. She now has three children and currently resides in Milwaukee.
- William Phillips was 26 when he was charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine. He is currently a secretary at a transportation company in Kenosha, where he resides. He hopes to eventually go hunting with his grandkids.
- Max Mueller was 17 when he was caught selling cannabis. He is now married and is the father to two children. Mueller is the president of a manufacturing company and currently resides in Brookfield, Wisconsin.
- Tammy Wade was 28 when she used someone else's personal information to obtain utility and telephone service. She now lives in Milwaukee with her family, where she works as a CNA.

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- Joshua Bush was 19 when he and some friends committed a string of burglaries to furnish their own home. He lives in Shell Lake, Wisconsin with his family where he owns and operates a turkey farm.
- James Thao was just 16 when he and friends took and drove cars without the owners' consent. Now an EMT, he lives in Cottage Grove, Minnesota.
- Larry Wright was 23 when he fled police in his vehicle. He lives in Milwaukee where he and his wife own a daycare center.
- Daniel Schuldt was in his early 30s when he failed to pay child support. Now a truck driver, he resides in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- Jonathan Phillips was 22 and enrolled at UW-Whitewater when he sold Adderall to undercover police officer. He has since completed his bachelor's degree and now lives in Waterford, Wisconsin.
- Thomas Smith was in his late teens when he drove his friends as they burglarized several homes and businesses. Now a father of two, he lives in West Allis, Wisconsin and works as an auto technician.
- Trent Vetrone was 17 when he and others burglarized several retail businesses. He lives with his family in Coloma, Wisconsin and works in construction.
- Robert Bellinger was 16 when he and some friends broke into a friend's house and stole video games and consoles. He lives with his family in Plover, Wisconsin, where he works as a cook.
- Seng Lor was 17 when he drove friends who burglarized a bar and laundromat. He now lives in Sun Prairie with his family and works in for an architectural design consulting firm.
- Rebecca Sina was 18 and pregnant when she forged signatures on stolen checks to pay for food and rent. She now lives with her family in Ripon, Wisconsin, where she runs a farm.
- Jeffrey Soik was 40 when he grew cannabis at his residence. He now lives with his significant other in Sun Prairie.

- Nathan Malinoski was 21 when he sold an illegal substance to a confidential informant. He has owned his auto parts business for nearly ten years and lives in Baldwin, Wisconsin.
- Gary Bellis, Jr. was 21 when he sold an illegal substance to an undercover officer. Three decades later, he lives in Baraboo, Wisconsin with his spouse.
- Tamara Norwood Thomas was 20 when she was caught in possession of an illegal substance following the death of her mother. She lives in Milwaukee and is self-employed.
- David Pflughoeft was 21 when he agreed to sell an illegal substance to a police officer. He lives with his family in Fort Mill, South Carolina.
- Maxwell Rathke was 19 when he and two friends burglarized an electronics store. He now works professionally as a network administrator and serves as station manager for his church's FM radio station. He lives in Appleton.
- Timothy Easker was 42 when he was caught growing an illegal substance in his home. He and his family live in Mondovi, Wisconsin, where he works in public health, celebrating 18 years of sobriety.
- Timm Rosenthal was 19 when he and a friend stole automobile parts and tools. A father of two, he lives in Wisconsin Rapids and owns and operates a business.
- Jeffrey Fischer was in his late 30s when he failed to report income from a client and made false representations to state and federal agencies in relation to his company's environmental remediation work. He lives in Pickett, Wisconsin and works for an engineering consulting firm.

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- Timothy Tennant was in his 20s when he failed to pay child support for his kids to two women. He now works in construction and lives in Kimball, Nebraska.
- Justin Ellis was 18 when he sold an illegal substance to an undercover officer. A father and a grandfather, he lives in Eau Claire.
- Demitree Johnson was in his late teens when he sold liquor that he stole from the distributor he worked for and used a stolen credit card to make fraudulent purchases. Now a father of four, he is the successful owner of three small businesses and lives in Whitefish Bay.
- Andrew Schalk was 20 when he was found in possession of an illegal substance. After earning his associate degree, he now lives with his family in Brookfield, Wisconsin.
- Porsha Brown was 17 when she damaged a vehicle. She has since earned her associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees and is pursuing a doctoral degree. She lives with her family in Gilbert, Arizona.
- Kimberley Stevens was 17 when she mailed an illegal substance to a correctional facility. She now works in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, where she is also a volunteer firefighter.
- LaTanya Simmons was in her late teens when she failed to report her income while receiving public assistance. She has earned her bachelor's and master's degrees and provides clinical therapy in Milwaukee.
- Misty Krueger was 18 when she assisted in an armed robbery. She has since earned her associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees concentrating in business and accounting while working full-time and raising her daughter. She lives with her family in Fremont, Wisconsin.
- Danita Green was 30 with five kids when she failed to report her income while receiving public assistance. She has earned her associate and bachelor's degrees and works as a paraprofessional in the Milwaukee Public School District. She resides in Milwaukee.
- Daniel Balderas was 17 when he was caught in possession of an illegal substance. He earned his real estate broker's license and helps first-time homebuyers. He lives in Greenfield, Wisconsin.
- Audra Thompson-Rivers was a 23-year-old single mom when she sold an illegal substance to an undercover officer. An MATC graduate, she and her husband have a son and live in Milwaukee.

- Stephen Harris was 18 when he was caught in possession of a firearm in a school zone. He now owns and operates a hair studio in Racine, where he lives with his wife and kids.
- Patricia Ryan was a young mom at 17 when she stabbed her abusive partner trying to take her child from her. She earned her associate degree and is pursuing her bachelor's degree so she can become a bilingual teacher. She resides in Alvarado, Texas.
- Shirley Alexander was a single mom in her mid-30s when she was caught selling an illegal substance to an undercover officer. She went back to school to become a welder and volunteers her time encouraging young women to consider the career. Now a grandmother, she lives in Milwaukee.
- Adam Boettcher was 18 when he and friends committed a string of burglaries. He has earned his associate degree and has been employed by the federal government in information technology for nearly twenty years. He resides in Mosinee, Wisconsin.
- Sherri Schroeder was 26 when she tried to use a gift card she had stolen from her previous employer to purchase merchandise. She has earned her bachelor's degree, criminal justice certificate, two master's degrees, and certificates in grief support and clinical supervision. She works as a coordinator and clinical substance abuse counselor and lives in Madison.
- Elizabeth Miller was 20 when she sold an illegal substance to an undercover officer. She has earned two associate degrees and volunteers at her church. She lives in Grafton, Wisconsin.
- Donald Grant was 23 when he was caught driving a vehicle that did not belong to him. He has since earned his commercial driver's license and other driving certifications. He resides with his family in Milwaukee.
- Sheli Jo Metzger was 38 when she was found in possession of methamphetamine. She works as a substance abuse counselor and is pursuing her bachelor's degree. She lives in Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- Howard Larsen was 21 when he and a friend burglarized a bowling alley nearly forty years ago. He lives with his family in Rock Springs, Wisconsin.
- Edward Creggett was 21 when he participated in an armed robbery of a tavern forty-five years ago. He has been a youth mentor and coach through various charitable organizations and is a proud father of two. He resides in Milwaukee.
- Rokeshia Grant was 25 when she was caught in possession of an illegal substance she had obtained to try to manage her pain following a motorcycle crash. She works as a caregiver and is enrolled in technical college, continuing her education in childcare. She lives with her kids in Milwaukee.

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- Darwin Lamke was 20 when he stole a floor shifter and a grille from vehicles that didn't belong to him. Over 27 years later, he lives with his spouse in Watertown, Wisconsin.
- Joey Phillips was in his late 20s when he drove his friend's car without consent and failed to pay child support. He lives in Milwaukee.
- John Salmi was a 19-year-old UW-Stout student struggling to support himself financially when he took someone's checks and used one to pay court-related expenses. Almost 45 years later, he has built a successful career in information technology and lives with his family in Hudson, Wisconsin.
- Bradley Matson was a 19-year-old student at UW-Platteville when he sold cannabis to a confidential informant. More than ten years after this offense, he works as a project coordinator for his family business and lives in Madison.
- LaTonya McAfee was 20 when she used someone else's name and social security number to obtain telephone and utility service for her family. Over 20 years later, she lives in Milwaukee and works as a nurse.

- Letitia McCoats was 22 raising two kids when she cashed a forged check and attempted to cash another. She has since earned her associate and bachelor's degrees, climbed the ranks in her employment, and remained active in her union. She lives in Milwaukee.
- LaKeidra Madison was 24 when she created fraudulent loan applications at the financial institution where she worked. Fifteen years later, she is an accomplished author, mother, and hardworking city employee. She lives with her family in Milwaukee.
- Talmadge Pinkston was in his early 30s, struggling with alcoholism and undiagnosed PTSD, and unable to hold down a job to be able pay his child support obligations. Celebrating his fifth year of sobriety and finally receiving care through his employer at the VA in Milwaukee, where he resides, he intends to obtain his social work degree.
- Precious Harris was 22, pregnant, and without a job or child support when she made fraudulent financial transactions. Now a mother of three, she works as a caregiver in a residential facility and aspires to obtain her social work degree so that she can help youth entangled in the juvenile justice system. She lives in Milwaukee.
- Jermaine Page was 24 when he was caught in possession of cannabis. After obtaining his technical degree, he has volunteered his time teaching his trade to young people. He lives with his family in Milwaukee.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants 15 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 278

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Gov. Evers Grants 15 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 278

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that he has granted another 15 pardons. The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on September 10, 2021, and applications that were selected for expedited review or recommended by the Board were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration. To date, the governor has granted 278 pardons.

"I am glad to grant another 15 pardons following the Board's September hearing and to recognize the hard but critically important work these folks have done to move forward, better themselves, and uplift their communities," said Gov. Evers. "I look forward to continuing to work with the Pardon Advisory Board to offer these official grants of forgiveness and encourage anyone who is eligible to apply."

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Erika Hinz was 17 and in high school when she and a friend took a classmate's and a teacher's purses and spent the money they took. She has since earned her bachelor's degree and volunteers at her children's school in Kenosha.
- Dominic McFerrin was 17 when he took a car from a dealership and helped a friend take merchandise without paying for it from the electronics store where he worked. He has since obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees, earned the support of the district attorney's office, and currently is a special education teacher in Milwaukee where he lives with his family.
- Rahn Hortman was 19 nearly 30 years ago when he and some friends robbed a woman, taking her purse. Now a father and a grandfather, he owns his own business by day and works on his stand-up comedy by night. He lives in New Port Richey, Florida.
- Rodney Poe was 17 when he and a friend robbed two men. He has since joined the Grammy award-winning R&B group Blackstreet, mentored children and incarcerated people, and opened a barbershop. He lives in Milwaukee.

- Shane Rabe was 22 when he refused to pull over for a police officer. He has worked for over two decades as a driver and lives in Oshkosh with his family.
- Alicia Sorel was 26 when she was found in possession of a controlled substance. She now works as a manufacturing technician and lives in Green Bay with her rescue dogs.
- Thomas Pocian was 17 when he accepted and cashed stolen checks and 43 when he illegally possessed a gun. He has earned the support of the victim of his crime and is now a small business owner living in Kewaskum.
- Dale Schott was 20 when he sold controlled substances to an undercover officer and 29 when a search of his residence revealed controlled substances. Now a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he has the support of the court on his pardon. He lives in Sobieski where he farms yellow perch.
- Crystal Duran was 17 and pregnant when she translated to facilitate her boyfriend's sale of controlled substances. She now works as a caregiver and lives with her family in Sheboygan.
- James Stewart was struggling to make ends meet in his early thirties when he was found in possession of a controlled substance. He has earned his CNA license and lives in Milwaukee.
- Keith French was 28 when a search of his home revealed controlled substances. He has since earned an associate degree and professional certificate, retired from a successful career in printing, and now works part-time for the school district where he lives in Hudson.
- Bertha Redd was 24 and raising her three kids alone when she failed to report income and obtained excess food stamps. In addition to raising her children, she has earned her associate degree and is working toward her bachelor's degree. She lives in Milwaukee, where she has worked for the city for over 10 years.
- Anthony Regalia was 25 when a search of his home turned up controlled substances. He has since focused on his family and employment as an industrial mechanic. He lives in Wisconsin Rapids.
- Alinda Masse was 19 nearly 30 years ago when she was caught in possession of a controlled substance. She has since earned her associate degree and maintained consistent employment while raising her son in Cedarburg.
- Evan Williams was a senior in high school at 18 when he was caught in possession of a controlled substance. He has earned his bachelor's and master's degrees and plans to pursue a Ph.D. He works as a senior sales executive and lives with his family in Wauwatosa.

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Under [Executive Order #30](#), individuals convicted of a Wisconsin felony may apply for a pardon if they completed their sentence at least five years ago and have no pending criminal charges. Individuals currently required to register on the sex offender registry are ineligible for a pardon. [Executive Order #130](#) established an expedited review process for applications that meet stricter criteria, including a greater length of time elapsed since sentence completion and nonviolent nature of the offenses.

The pardon application, instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions about the pardon process can be found on the governor's website at www.evers.wi.gov/Pages/pardon-information.aspx.

The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board will continue to meet virtually monthly and will be reconvening again on October 8, 2021. That hearing will air on wiseye.org/live from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants 29 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 307

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Gov. Evers Grants 29 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 307

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that he has granted another 29 pardons, bringing total pardons granted by the governor since reinstating the Governor’s Pardon Advisory Board in 2019 to 307. The Governor’s Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on Oct. 8, 2021, and applications that were selected for expedited review or recommended by the Board were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration.

“A pardon can be a powerful message for individuals who have worked hard to establish themselves as contributing members of their community—one that recognizes that people are more than their past and acknowledges their efforts to build a brighter future,” said Gov. Evers. “I am proud to grant these 29 pardons today and the more than 300 pardons I’ve been able to grant since 2019. Reaching this milestone is a tremendous feat, and we’ll work to continue this important process.”

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Lateasha Nicole was 28 when she was found in possession of marijuana. A successful small businesswoman, she continues to give back to her community helping domestic violence survivors and those struggling with substance use in Racine.
- Anthony Keys was 27 when he sold a controlled substance to undercover officers to try to make ends meet to support his family. In the 18 years since, he has volunteered with youth in his community in Milwaukee and found rewarding work as a personal caregiver.
- Alan Torres was 20 when he and friends took and drove a vehicle that did not belong to them and attempted to take another vehicle. He has been a reliable employee at the same company for over fifteen years and lives with his family in West Bend.
- Kenn Denniston was 20 when he took a check from his roommate, made it out to himself, and cashed it, then later issued his own checks without sufficient funds. He started and runs his own video production company in Middleton, where he lives with his family.

- Matthew Ryan struggled in his mid-twenties with substance use and took money for contracted work without completing the project before writing a series of checks without sufficient funds in his account. He is a veteran and a small business owner who lives with his family in Saukville.
- Benjamin Reinwand was 20 when he and two other individuals sold a controlled substance to undercover officers. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he takes care of his nephews while his active-duty sister is deployed overseas. He lives in Marshfield.
- Yussef Morales was 20 when he was pulled over and an officer found marijuana in the vehicle. An active community leader, he founded the Wisconsin Puerto Rican Festival, flew to Puerto Rico to help after Hurricane Maria with the Red Cross, and today, coaches youth sports. He lives with his family in West Allis.
- Cortni Crum was 23 when she took checks from a classmate's purse and used them without permission. She earned her associate degree and has made significant contributions to her community in Milwaukee as a volunteer.
- Caroline Williams was 18 when she took her college roommate's credit card and made unauthorized purchases. A mother of three, she has owned and operated a small business for fifteen years in Milwaukee.
- Latoya Williams was 27 when she was found in possession of controlled substances. She earned the support of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office for her pardon. A mother of four, she lives in Milwaukee and works as a caregiver, aspiring to open her own daycare.
- Marche Zeeb-Wilks was 36 when she and another individual cashed checks without the permission of the account holder. Now a grandmother, she works as a caregiver in her hometown of Milwaukee and hopes to start a group home for children. She earned the support of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office for her pardon.
- Hope Wachendorf was 22 when she helped her friend sell marijuana. She is now a project assistant in the construction industry and looks forward to becoming a notary public. She and her two daughters live in Waukesha.
- Marsha Ashley was 21 when she escalated a verbal altercation with her daughter's school principal to a physical one. She earned her associate degree as a medical administrative assistant, works for a warehousing company, and volunteers at homeless shelters. A mother and grandmother, she and her family live in Milwaukee.
- Brandi Shisler was 19 when she made unauthorized purchases on her college roommate's father's credit card. After graduation, she went to work in human resources and got involved in her daughter's school. She lives with her family in Everett, Washington.
- Steven Zoske was 20 when he attempted to obtain a controlled substance with a fraudulent prescription and 23 when he was found in possession of another controlled substance. After completing a recovery program, he stayed on as the house manager to mentor others through his experience. A shipping manager, he lives in Waterford with his wife and new twins.
- Wayne Weidner was 29 when he sold marijuana to undercover officers over 30 years ago. He earned the support of the Washington County District Attorney's Office for his pardon and has long been a caregiver to family in Menomonee Falls—even after surviving two heart attacks himself.
- Steven Beloungy was 20 when he sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer and 30 when he unlawfully purchased a firearm. More than 30 years later, he has started his own jerky business, owned a sandwich shop, and worked across the service industry. He lives in Lodi with his wife and dreams of operating an outfitter lodge.
- Dominic Orrico was 35 when he sold a controlled substance to an informant. After helping law enforcement, he raised his son as a single parent and earned his associate degree before working in the medical field until his retirement in 2018. He was an active member of the U.S. Army Reserve until 2008 and now lives in Sparta, where he continues to play music and hopes to one day run for public office.
- Stephen Rowe was 23 when he sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer on three occasions. In the almost 40 years since, he has worked as a mortgage consultant and is now aiming to enter the insurance agency. He lives in Azusa, California, where he is active in the local theater.
- Dwayne Bland, Jr., was 17 when he sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. He now owns a small business and works as a sales agent for a health insurance company. A published

- journalist covering social issues, he is also an active volunteer in his home community of Madison.
- Tarah Hillard was 20 when she sold marijuana to an undercover officer. While working as a bartender, she has studied for a culinary arts degree and aspires to start her own catering company. She lives in Milwaukee with her three kids.
 - Kermiath McClendon was 22 when he was found in possession of a controlled substance. In the 19 years since, he has completed his associate and bachelor's degrees and become active in his community. He is a program officer with a community organization, while also having worked for and sat on the board of other similar organizations, including a previous job in economic development with the city of Milwaukee. He lives in Glendale, where he raises his young cousin.
 - Nicholas Stauff was 20 when he sold a controlled substance to a confidential informant while attending UW-Whitewater. He completed his bachelor's degree and has worked his way up to vice president in his career. He lives in Pewaukee with his wife and two children.
 - Benjamin Schmidt was 19 when officers found marijuana in his apartment. He now works as an insurance underwriter and looks forward to completing his degree in Spanish. He lives in Plover with his wife and daughter.
 - Sandra Gillespie was 31 when she failed to report her income, resulting in a grant of public assistance to which she was not lawfully entitled. She has since completed nursing school and is excited to advance her career in that field. She lives with her children in Milwaukee.
 - Tom Thomas was 25 when he sold marijuana to a confidential informant. He has been a network architect for a credit union for over ten years, and he now lives in Roseville, California with his wife and daughter.
 - Czaka Bogan was 19 when she was convicted of maintaining a drug trafficking place. She has since received her CNA license and has worked as a caregiver for over ten years. She lives in Racine.
 - Alan Moore was 19 when he sold controlled substances to a confidential informant. He has raised his four children and worked in manufacturing for 25 years. He now lives in Two Rivers.
 - Richard Reid was 19 when he was found in possession of a controlled substance more than 30 years ago. He lives in Phoenix, Arizona, where he runs his own event promotion and marketing business.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants More Pardons Than Any Governor in Contemporary History

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Gov. Evers Grants More Pardons Than Any Governor in Contemporary History

Governor announces another 30 pardons granted, bringing total to 337

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that he has granted another 30 pardons, bringing his total number of pardons granted to 337 during his first three years in office. Gov. Evers has now granted more pardons during his first three years in office than any governor in contemporary history.

“I’m proud of our work to give a second chance to folks who’ve made amends and paid their debt to society,” said Gov. Evers. “These individuals have recognized and acknowledged their past mistakes, and this sends a powerful message of redemption as each of them work to build a brighter, better future for themselves and their communities.”

The Governor’s Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on Nov. 12, 2021, and applications that were selected for expedited review or recommended by the Board were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration. Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Serena Genisus was 19 years old when police officers found a controlled substance while searching her home. Now more than two decades later, she has is committed to her personal growth, has earned the support of the court, and has found her faith attending her local church in Florida.
- Nicholas Smith was 18 years old when officers pulled him over and found marijuana in his vehicle. Since then, he has earned his associate and bachelor’s degrees in electrical engineering and remains dedicated to his career and his family in Missouri.
- Jeffrey Collins was 21 years old when officers pulled him over and found marijuana in his vehicle nearly 40 years ago. He has worked hard to support his family as a project supervisor in Chetek.
- Joseph Ross Jr. was struggling to support his family when he failed to disclose employment in an application for public assistance. Now, 46 years later, Mr. Ross is retired and lives in Mississippi.
- Dwight Swacina sold marijuana to an undercover law enforcement officer. Almost 40 years later, he gives back to his community by helping neighbors who are facing challenges or difficulties. He also earned his bachelor’s degree and received robust support from his community in Beloit.

- Joshua Schilling was 20 years old when he sold marijuana and a controlled substance to an undercover law enforcement officer. He is a professional entertainer and performance artist in Chicago.
- Adam Hanke was still a teenager when he sold a controlled substance to a police informant. Nearly 20 years later, he is pursuing his master's degree in social work to help others experiencing the same problems he overcame. He has tremendous support from his community in Oakfield.
- Charles Leggett sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. A proud father now more than two decades later, he works to provide for his family in Milwaukee.
- Matthew Callaway was in his late teens when he sold marijuana to an officer 16 years ago. He resides in Colorado, where he aspires to become a firefighter.
- Antonio Small was 19 when officers pulled him over and found a controlled substance in the vehicle. Since then, he has earned his dual cosmetology/barber license and currently owns a barbershop with his wife where he has provided free services to community members in need in River Falls.
- Alicia Reed was 18 when officers found a controlled substance in her vehicle two decades ago. She lives in Milwaukee with her family and cares for her son full time.
- Patrick Moran sold marijuana to an undercover police officer. He has since been committed to his personal development and earned the support of the court. He lives in McFarland and has been a reliable worker for two decades.
- Kirby Hammonds was 17 years old when police found him in possession of a controlled substance. Over two decades later, he is a father, man of faith, and hard worker. He lives in Madison.
- Douglas Wynboom sold marijuana to an undercover officer. He lives in Kaukauna where he has remained committed to his employment since 1988.
- Antonio Robertson was found by officers in possession of a controlled substance. He is now a caregiver for people with disabilities and plays an active role in the lives of his children.
- Michael Adams was a teenager when he attempted to elude officers after he was observed speeding. Since then, he has served 14 years in the United States Marine Corps where he has earned many accolades in military and air traffic control training. Now working as an air traffic controller, he has also volunteered to tutor and read to kids. He now lives in Arizona with his family.
- Joyce Pierce was 19 years old when she cashed forged checks. Since then, she has become devoted to teaching and childcare, making these her career ambitions as she's earned her associate degree and is pursuing a bachelor's degree. She lives in Milwaukee.
- Nicole Dayton was 26 years old when she embezzled funds from her employer. She has since become active in her church group and worked to redeem her reputation as a trustworthy employee. She lives in Stoddard and looks forward to traveling for mission work.
- Leon Howard was 19 years old when officers found marijuana at his residence. Living in Milwaukee, he has supported his neighborhood by organizing back-to-school block parties and street clean-ups on top of working two jobs.
- Damian Spiropoulos was 21 when officers found marijuana in his residence 25 years ago. A father of two, he lives in Milwaukee and is committed to self-improvement.
- Albert Taylor was a teenager and trying to pay for college when officers found a controlled substance in his vehicle. Now a driven entrepreneur, he has pursued education and training to help him excel in his business and provide for his family.
- Jamie Gyr was 18 when he and others stole from several storage units. In the almost 30 years since, he has grown personally and professionally into a husband, father, and businessman. He lives in Brownsville.
- Marcie Gibson was facing housing instability when she sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. She lives in Milwaukee, where she dreams of opening a group home for girls.
- Clinton Mallett's medical transportation service billed services that were never rendered. He has volunteered through his church and aspires to open a community center in Mississippi.
- Harry Miller was with friends when they decided to try to steal soft drinks from a vending machine in a locked laundromat and later resisted arrest by officers responding to break up a bar fight he was involved in, assaulting officers and damaging a police vehicle. In the three decades since, he has focused on his work and family, and looks forward to doing more traveling. He lives in Mount Pleasant.

- Terrell Harper was 21 when he drove a friend to sell marijuana. He has since earned his associate degree, completed treatment, and is involved in young family members' lives. He is active in web design and lives with his partner in Milwaukee.
- Mark Randa was in his 20s when he sold marijuana and other controlled substances to undercover police nearly 40 years ago. He is a father of three and has built a career in 3D printing and design and aspires to run for public office in De Soto where he lives.
- David Stout was 17 when he broke into houses after the homeowners had left to take cash and belongings and tried to escape police custody. He earned support from the circuit court and the district attorney's office as well as his friends and family. He lives in Beloit.
- Elijah Reaves was twice found in possession of controlled substances. He has continued his path of self-improvement through professional training, volunteer service, and time with his family in Milwaukee.
- Adrian Taylor previously stole a woman's purse and also took his girlfriend's car during an argument. He has since earned his associate degree and raised his family in Brown Deer.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants 54 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 391

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced that he has granted another 54 pardons. As [previously announced](#), the governor has granted more pardons during his first three years in office than any other governor in contemporary history. To date, Gov. Evers has granted 391 pardons.

“Since the beginning of my administration, we’ve remained committed to granting pardons to eligible individuals, and we intend to continue this momentum into this new year because we know that people are so much more than the sum of their past mistakes,” said Gov. Evers. “These pardon recipients have the support of many local officials, neighbors, and community members and have earned a second chance.”

The Governor’s Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on Dec. 10, 2021, and applications that were selected for expedited review or recommended by the Board were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration.

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Jennifer Lemberger was 21 years old when she wrote bad checks and drove a friend to rob a pizza parlor. Lemberger is now an active member of her local church and takes care of her grandson in Stevens Point.
- Carter Evans III was 18 years old when he and some friends burglarized a home and robbed an individual. Evans has helped others avoid the mistakes he once made, and he has the support of community leaders and the district attorney’s office. He now resides in Racine with his family.
- Jill Wagner was 27 years old when she committed retail theft. Now a successful business owner, she runs marathons and resides in Shawano with her family.
- Neil Verbanac was 24 years old when he stole materials from job sites he worked on over three decades ago. He is now a truck driver and has raised his children in Random Lake, where he resides.

- Kelly Sears was 20 years old when he drove drunk and crashed a vehicle, injuring his two friends who were passengers. In the 33 years since this conviction, he has earned the support of the victims and now resides in Blue Mounds with his family.
- Harlan Hurt was 16 years old when he sold marijuana to an undercover officer. He now works with the iron workers union and keeps bees in West Bend, where he resides with his family.
- Michelle Roberson was 20 years old when she used customers' credit cards at K-Mart to purchase goods. Roberson has worked as a preschool teacher and now resides in Milwaukee with her children.
- James Larson was 18 years old when he stole a truck from a dealership almost three decades ago. Larson has provided for his family through steady employment and now resides in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.
- Jason Janiszewski was 27 years old when he tried to purchase a controlled substance on the internet. He now works in security in Phoenix, Arizona.
- Aaron Bushar was 19 years old when he drove friends to break into a beer distributor to steal beer. He hosts a music history podcast and works in Old Hickory, Tennessee, where he resides with his family.
- Alysia Mullins was 30 years old when she stole credit cards and used them to buy groceries and axles for her car. Mullins resides in Milwaukee, where she owns a business and volunteers in her local community by helping those struggling with addiction.
- Tasha Williams was 21 years old when she wrote fraudulent checks to buy essentials for her children. She is now a licensed certified nursing assistant (CNA) and resides in Milwaukee with her family.
- Steven Johnson was 19 years old when he and some friends burglarized a tattoo parlor. He volunteers with his church and resides in Pardeeville with his family.
- Cynthia Branton was 30 years old when she forged customers' names on withdrawal slips and took money from the bank where she worked. She now resides in Glendale, Arizona, with her husband, to whom she recently donated a kidney.
- Craig Jorgensen was 19 years old when he and some friends burglarized and vandalized a home. He has maintained steady employment and has volunteered in the Chilton community, where he resides with his family.
- Kenneth Simmons was 18 years old when he drove his friend's car without their consent. A couple years later, he was also caught selling marijuana to an undercover officer. These offenses occurred over four decades ago. Simmons now resides in Waukesha with his family.
- Brook Haasl was 22 when she sold prescription medication to undercover officers. She received support for her pardon from the district attorney's office, and she now resides in Stevens Point with her children.
- Joseph Waid was 18 years old when he sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. Waid now resides in Lawrenceville, Georgia, with his family and is an active member of his local church.
- Alison Youngs was 21 years old when she was found with a controlled substance in her car. She now owns a successful salon and is a leader in her business community. She resides in Hagar City with her wife.
- Amy Knox was in her thirties when she used and sold marijuana. She is now involved in her local community and resides in Milwaukee.
- David Parker was 23 years old when he sold marijuana to an undercover officer 37 years ago. Parker now works as janitorial staff at a local school. Previously, he owned and operated an auto repair shop for many years while raising his family in Prairie du Chien.
- Thomas Elsen was 23 years old when he purchased a placebo controlled substance from a confidential informant. He now volunteers with a local nonprofit and the court has no objection to a pardon. He resides in Franklin with his family.
- Julie Feilbach was in her thirties and struggling with addiction when officers found her in possession of a controlled substance. The Washington County District Attorney's Office supports a pardon, and Feilbach now works to help others in drug recovery. She resides in Omro.
- William Rauscher was 32 years old when he and a friend sold a controlled substance to a confidential informant nearly three decades ago. He now resides in Marenisco, Michigan, where he cares for his elderly parents.
- Thomas Gilbert was 20 years old when he sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer over four decades ago. Since retirement, he has enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

in Greenfield, where he resides.

- Kaleb DeVries was 21 years old and a student at UW-Whitewater when he sold marijuana. He is now dedicated to his family and community in Ixonia, where he resides and regularly volunteers.
- Brian Wulf was in his thirties when he helped his friend unload marijuana that had been transported into Wisconsin. The court supports a pardon, and Wulf has maintained employment and volunteered in his community. He now resides in Rhinelander.
- James Richards was 20 years old when he sold controlled substances to an undercover officer nearly 50 years ago. Richards is an ordained minister and, in his retirement, spends time with his grandchildren and volunteers with recovery-focused organizations. He resides in Milwaukee and the district attorney's office supports a pardon.
- Benjamin Friberg was 25 years old when he and his friends grew and sold marijuana in their apartment. He now resides in Portland, Oregon, with his family and works painting and restoring old houses.
- Ebony Hyter was 25 years old when she sold a controlled substance to support her family. She has since pursued higher education and is currently working on her master's degree, focused on racial and health justice. She now resides in La Crosse and has the support of both the court and the district attorney's office.
- Christopher Sanders was 23 years old when he was found in possession of marijuana. He now works as an IT engineer and resides in Milwaukee with his family.
- Rhantwane Mayers was 17 years old when he sold marijuana to an undercover officer. He now owns and operates his own trucking business and volunteers in his community. He resides in Germantown with his family.
- Joseph Turcotte was 17 years old when he sold marijuana to a confidential informant. He is now a proud father and "dance dad" and has maintained steady employment. He resides in West Bend with his family.
- Mary Masters was 41 years old when she sold a controlled substance to make ends meet three decades ago. She dedicated her career to a local nonprofit that provides emergency services to those in need and, since retirement, has remained actively involved with several charitable organizations. Both the court and district attorney's office support a pardon. She resides in Sparta.
- David Lutz was 30 years old when he sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer over three decades ago. He has maintained steady employment and is an avid angler in Wisconsin Rapids, where he resides.
- Migdalia Rivera was 32 years old when she lived with someone who was selling controlled substances. She is now involved in her local church and has raised her children in Milwaukee, where she resides.
- Richard Bouril was 17 years old when he sold marijuana to a confidential informant 38 years ago. He owned and operated a local café, through which he was deeply involved in the Manitowoc community, where he resides.
- Jerome Fechter was 19 years old when he sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer over three decades ago. He has maintained steady employment as a welder and now resides in West Bend with his family.
- Angela Harper was 19 years old and struggling to make ends meet as a young mother when she failed to report her income to social services, resulting in an overpayment of public assistance and food stamps. She has since raised her children, earned a bachelor's degree, and volunteered at community events. She resides in Milwaukee.
- Tammy Lease was 19 years old when she sold marijuana to an undercover officer three decades ago. She has raised her children and now works for the Wausau School District. She resides in Merrill with her family.
- Jennifer Bisterfeldt was 16 years old when she sold a controlled substance to some friends. She has dedicated her career to helping those in need, becoming the executive director of a local homeless shelter and volunteering with numerous charitable organizations. She resides in Shawano with her family.
- Robert Erickson was 32 years old when he sold controlled substances to an undercover officer. He now works as a foreman and runs a wedding photography company with his wife in West Bend,

where they reside. The district attorney's office supports a pardon.

- Jesse Smith was 29 years old when he was with a group of people purchasing controlled substances outside of a concert. He has since earned his master's degree and is pursuing a career in maritime. The district attorney's office supports a pardon, and he now resides in Kiln, Mississippi.
- Terri Martin was 22 years old when she sold marijuana to an undercover officer. She earned her associate degree with honors and now resides in West Bend with her family.
- Jeannetta Edwards was 18 years old when she was a new mother and failed to report her income resulting in an overpayment of public assistance 44 years ago. She is now a licensed CNA and ordained minister. She resides in Milwaukee.
- Prentice Davis was 19 years old when he was caught in possession of marijuana. He has earned his associate degree and resides in Milwaukee.
- Joshua Schams was 18 years old when he sold marijuana to an undercover officer. He now owns and operates a supper club, through which he is active in his community. He resides in Sparta.
- Marvell Knight was 22 years old when he sold a controlled substance to help his family make mortgage payments. Before sentencing, he was also charged with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor carrying a concealed weapon. He is now an educator and coach at a Catholic school and has support from the court. He serves as a mentor to underprivileged youth in Milwaukee, where he also resides with his family.
- Craig Kroening was 19 years old when he and his roommate were caught growing marijuana. He is a Tribal Council Member for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and has worked as a first responder and firefighter. He resides in Bowler with his family and plans to use a pardon to continue empowering his community.
- Deshawn Griffin was 21 years old when he sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. He worked as a caregiver and volunteers in his community. He resides in Milwaukee with his family.
- Mark Blaser was 22 years old when he sold marijuana to an undercover officer 40 years ago. He has maintained steady employment, and the court supports a pardon. He resides in Sobieski with his family.
- Juanita Beeman was in her twenties when she fraudulently received an overpayment of public assistance and food stamps over three decades ago. She has earned a master's degree in theology and is now a minister. She resides in Milwaukee taking care of her family, and the court supports a pardon.
- Nicholas Deviley was 22 years old when he mailed himself marijuana from California. The court supports a pardon, and he now owns and operates several successful businesses with his wife in Sister Bay, where they reside.
- Arthur Hoffman was 23 years old when a friend mailed him hash and officers found marijuana in his residence. He has since earned his bachelor's degree and Doctor of Chiropractic degree. He now owns and operates a chiropractic and acupuncture practice in Minnetonka, Minnesota, where he resides with his family. The court supports a pardon.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants 25 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 416

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that he has granted another 25 pardons. As [previously announced](#), the governor has granted more pardons during his first three years in office than any other governor in contemporary history. To date, Gov. Evers has granted 416 pardons.

The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on Jan. 14, 2022, and applications that were selected for expedited review or recommended by the Board were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration.

"I'm proud to grant these 25 pardons today to recognize the hard work these folks have done in their communities and lives to make amends and give back to their communities," said Gov. Evers. "When we re-established the Pardon Advisory Board in 2019, we knew there were many folks worthy of a second chance who simply didn't have the opportunity to apply for years. Now, we have surpassed more than 400 pardons in less than three years, and I look forward to continuing to continuing this critically important work."

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Tarlesha Hughes was 26 when she took someone's credit card and deposited a fraudulent check at a bank. She now resides in Indianapolis, Indiana, with her family, where she works as a medical assistant.
- Chad Adelmeyer was 18 years old when he broke into a supermarket and took cash and checks. He has since earned an associate and bachelor's degree and works in Appleton with his family.
- Heidi Tlatelpa was 18 years old when she stole change and electronics from a family residence. Now a devoted mother, she works as a medical assistant at a cancer center in Oshkosh, where she resides.
- Jennifer Massey was 20 years old when she was pregnant and got in a physical altercation with her then-boyfriend. She is now licensed to work in healthcare facilities and has earned a certified nursing

assistant (CNA) and phlebotomist license. She resides in Dallas, Texas, with her family.

- Courtney Robertson was 28 years old when she used someone else's credit cards to purchase merchandise and attempted to cash fraudulent checks at a bank. She now resides in Waukesha with her family and has earned a bachelor's degree in conservation and environmental sciences.
- Eric Dailey was 17 years old when he burglarized a home with friends and took food and several pistols. He is now married and resides in Rhinelander, where he works in quality control.
- Timothy Hindman was 32 years old when he caused harm to his then-girlfriend's child. He has since made amends with the victim and victim's family and has earned the victim's support. He now resides in Cottage Grove.
- Michael Blume was 25 years old and employed at a department store when he took cash and made fraudulent refunds. He resides in Shawano, where he is involved in the community and serves as the secretary for the Veterans of the Menominee Nation. The district attorney's office supported his pardon application.
- Michael Spice was 19 years old when, over four decades ago, he agreed to drive someone out of state who had escaped from the Wisconsin State Reformatory. He now resides in Green Bay where he enjoys conversing with other weather spotters as a ham radio operator.
- Lori McClain was 28 years old when she attempted to deposit a fraudulent check into her bank account. She is now pursuing a career in the medical field and resides in Milwaukee.
- Dariu Kirk was 23 years old when he and a friend robbed several individuals. He resides in Milwaukee where he has mentored youth and coached basketball.
- Andre Brown was 17 years old when he got in a fight at high school and, several years later, was caught in possession of a firearm. He has since earned a bachelor's degree and has worked to provide returning offenders with livelihood resources. He resides in Milwaukee with his family.
- William and Mary Gruber were in their thirties when a fire destroyed their house and they filed a fraudulent insurance claim. They actively volunteer in their community in Friendship, where they reside.
- Jordan Lungstrom was 21 years old when she was found in possession of a controlled substance. She has since earned an associate degree and now helps people experiencing mental illness and homelessness. She resides in Green Bay.
- Joseph Anny was 26 years old when he was found in possession of a controlled substance and, several years later, sold a firearm to an outdoors retail company when he was not supposed to be in possession of it. He now resides in Hartford with his family.
- Dwight Jackson was in his early thirties when he sold marijuana to an undercover officer. He now resides in Brown Deer and owns and operates a successful Jamaican restaurant, through which he stays active in the community. The district attorney's office supported his pardon application.
- Samuel Reyes Burgos was 39 years old when he sold marijuana to an undercover officer. He has since earned a master's degree in engineering management and has volunteered in the Milwaukee community, where he resides.
- Dante Biancardi was 21 years old when he was twice found in possession of a controlled substance. He has since held stable employment and helps others struggling with addiction through a local ministry. He resides in West Bend with his family.
- Lyle Narloch was 20 years old when a friend used his gun to rob a bank. He resides in Milwaukee and works as a union carpenter.
- Jeffrey House was 33 years old when he was caught purchasing a controlled substance with intent to sell. He now works for a telecommunications provider and resides in Milwaukee with his family.
- Isaac Melendez was 22 years old when he was caught selling marijuana. He now resides in Waukegan, Illinois, where he cares for his family.
- Andrea Williams was 25 years old when officers found controlled substances in her residence. She has since earned an associate and bachelor's degree and works for a law firm in Neillsville, where she resides with her family.
- Danna Madlock was 28 years old when she sold controlled substances to an undercover officer. She is now active in her community, and her former probation officer supports a pardon. She resides in Milwaukee with her family.

- Terry Moss was 23 years old when he was twice caught with a controlled substance after being pulled over for minor traffic violations. He now owns and operates a successful barbershop with his wife, through which he gives back to the community by organizing events and providing free haircuts. He resides in Madison.

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The pardon application, instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions about the pardon process can be found on the governor's website at www.evers.wi.gov/pardons.

The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board will continue to meet virtually monthly and reconvene again on Feb. 11, 2022. That hearing will air on wiseye.org/live from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Appoints Two Additional Members to the Pardon Advisory Board, Grants Another 33 Pardons

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Gov. Evers Appoints Two Additional Members to the Pardon Advisory Board, Grants Another 33 Pardons

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today announced he has appointed two additional members to the Governor's Pardon Advisory Board. Additionally, the governor also announced today he has granted another 33 pardons, bringing his total number of pardons granted to 449.

"Anthony Cooper and Reverend John McVicker will bring necessary and unique perspectives to the Board, and I am glad to be making these two appointments who will be assets to the pardon review process moving forward," said Gov. Evers. "I look forward to continuing our work together to pardon those who have worked hard to move forward and make amends, including the 33 individuals I am announcing today who have received a pardon."

Gov. Evers' new appointees to the Pardon Advisory Board include:

- **Anthony Cooper, Sr.** serves as the vice president of Strategic Partnership and Reentry Services at Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development. He was granted a pardon from Gov. Evers in January 2021.
- **Reverend John McVicker, Sr.** is the founding pastor of Christ the King Baptist Church in Milwaukee. He additionally serves as board chairman for King's Academy Christian School, is an associate chaplain for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., a member of 100 Black Men of Greater Milwaukee, and serves as vice chair of the Board of Directors for So Sent I You.

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Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Eddie Anthony was 17 when he refused to pull over for officers. He now works as an accountant, payroll processor, and tax specialist in Milwaukee, where he resides with his family.
- John Armstrong was 18 when he sold a small amount of fake hash to an undercover officer. In the two decades since, he has obtained a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and has volunteered with the local fire department and several environmental groups. He resides in Mazomanie with his daughter. Both the court and the district attorney's office supported his pardon application.
- Jack Barnum was 25 when he twice attempted to purchase a controlled substance from a confidential informant. He and his family now reside in San Antonio, Texas, where he works as an insurance agent and teaches yoga.
- James Bauer was 50 when he turned to selling marijuana after the stock market crashed. He resides in Spooner with his family and has worked as a welder since his conviction.
- Kareem Bearden was in his twenties when he was caught in possession of THC and other controlled substances. He now owns his own trucking company and resides in Milwaukee.
- Katheryn Buskager was 17 when she and her friends broke into one of their parents' homes and took money and jewelry. In the two decades since, she has earned associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees in business administration. Buskager and her children reside in Madison.
- Joseph Christensen was 19 when he was arrested for selling marijuana to fellow college students. He has since earned a bachelor's degree in finance and resides in Austin, Texas, where he is the CEO and owner of a protein snack bar company.
- Michelle Christman was 26, when she drove while intoxicated and led police on a high-speed chase. Later, she was also arrested for attempted retail theft. Since her conviction, Christman has remained sober, obtained two master's degrees to accompany her existing Ph.D. in clinical psychology, and is now a faculty member at two universities in Chicago.
- Farrah Coles was 29 when she sold a controlled substance to an undercover police officer. She now resides in Fond du Lac with her children, where she has worked with disadvantaged youth.
- Darkis Davis was 19 when he sold marijuana to undercover officers and was caught in possession of controlled substances. More than 20 years later, he and his family now live in Milwaukee, where he works as an industrial equipment sales manager.
- Jacob Dredske was 18 when he drove friends to purchase a controlled substance. He now resides in Palmyra and has maintained steady employment with a car dealership.
- Jonathan Erickson was 18 when he and some friends broke into a deer camp and stole several items. He is now a firefighter, swiftwater rescue technician, and auto mechanic in Marinette.
- Amy Espe was in her thirties and struggling with substance use when she forged a friend's checks, took a car from a dealership, failed to report information for public assistance, and fraudulently used another's credit card. She has since maintained sobriety and resides in Onalaska with her husband and dogs.
- Friedrich Glas was 20 when he and some friends stole a soda machine from a car racing track. He and his wife now live in Kansasville, where they own and operate a building excavation business. Glas also volunteers with his local fire department.
- Lane Glasbrenner was 31 when he physically assaulted a minor working on his dairy farm. The victim and the victim's parents supported his pardon application, along with the court. Glasbrenner resides in Boscobel.
- Allen Holmes was 18 when he was involved with the robbery of a credit union. Three decades later, he and his family now live in Milwaukee, where he has worked on the city's sewer repair crew for nearly two decades.
- Brian Kaspar was 19 when he sold marijuana to undercover officers on three occasions nearly thirty years ago. He now resides in Burlington, where he owns and operates an auto dent removal business.
- John Klose, Jr. was 24 years old when he was caught smoking marijuana. He now resides in Brookfield, has obtained his master's degree in business administration, and owns his own real estate business.
- Myles Kunnanz was 17 when he was involved in a home invasion during which he took an individual's wallet. He is now a commercial diver and remote medical EMT, volunteering his skills to help communities impacted by hurricanes. He resides in Houston, Texas.

- James Last was 18 when he got in a physical altercation with his friend. Over 23 years later, he is now a proud husband and father who helped establish a scholarship fund in honor of his daughter. He works as a property manager in North Fond du Lac, where he resides.
- Brittany Lincicum was 20 when she assisted in the burglary of the gas station where she worked and twice drove away from a gas station without paying. She now resides in Madison and is a proud mother.
- Tenisha Love was 21 when she used a hospital patient's records to purchase a stereo. Now two decades later, she has pursued a career in nursing and manages caregiving for elderly adults. She resides in Milwaukee with her family.
- Cheryl Meeks was in her twenties when she robbed an individual and attempted to steal a refrigerator from a residence. She has since earned an associate and bachelor's degree in theology, a license of evangelism, and master's and doctorate degrees in Christian counseling. She resides in Milwaukee, where she shares her story and works as a caregiver.
- Rose Ann Moran was 25 years old when she sold marijuana to an undercover officer three times. Nearly four decades later, she has retired from working in manufacturing and now enjoys gardening in her Racine neighborhood.
- Peter Orlando was 27 years old when he paid someone to steal a car for him. In the 32 years since, he has retired from a career in construction. He now resides in Greenfield with his family.
- Rebecca Pressley was 18 when she and other family members physically assaulted a woman who she later discovered was a witness in a court case. She was also later caught selling a controlled substance to a confidential informant. Over two decades later, she has worked towards an associate degree and now resides in Milwaukee with her children. The court supports her pardon application.
- Lance Reyzer was 22 when he sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. Forty years have passed since this offense, and he has had stable employment as a mechanist. He resides in Roberts with his family, and the court has no objection to his pardon application.
- John Soletski was in his mid-fifties when he sold marijuana out of his residence. A proud father, he now resides in Green Bay with his family.
- Lawanda Toney was 23 when she deposited a fraudulent check in her bank account. Over two decades later, she now works as a certified nursing assistant and resides in Milwaukee with her children.
- Dara Vang was 17 when he stole a car so he could drive to school. After graduating high school, he earned an associate degree in mechanical design technology. A proud father, he now resides in Milwaukee with his family.
- Ryan Voegeli was 19 when he sold controlled substances to a confidential informant and undercover officer. He received resounding support from community members, in addition to support from both the court and district attorney's office. He owns a small excavating business in Monroe, where he resides with his family.
- Keith Williams was 19 when he was found with a controlled substance. Now 26 years later, he is a father and grandfather and works as a semi driver. He resides in Milwaukee.
- Wayne Wilson was 19 when he robbed a paperboy. In the over four decades since, he has worked as a warehouseman and resided in Milwaukee. The district attorney's office supports his pardon application.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants 49 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 498

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Gov. Evers Grants 49 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 498

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that he has granted another 49 pardons. As [previously announced](#), the governor has granted more pardons during his first three years in office than any other governor in contemporary history. To date, the governor has granted 498 pardons.

The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on March 11, 2022, and March 25, 2022, and applications that were selected for expedited review or recommended by the Board were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration.

"There is power in redemption and forgiveness, especially for folks who've been working to move beyond their past mistakes to be productive, positive members of their communities," said Gov. Evers. "I'm grateful for being able to give a second chance to these individuals who've worked hard to do just that."

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Katrina Allen was 22 when officers found controlled substances at her residence. Now over 24 years later, Allen resides in Fitchburg and works for a social services organization and the state.
- Danielle Arrigo was 22 when she twice sold marijuana to a confidential informant. She now resides in Burlington with her daughter and has earned her associate degree.
- Eric Asmus was 20 when he entered his local high school's construction site and stole tools and vandalized the property with a group of friends. About a year later, the group broke into a liquor store to steal beer and a concession stand to steal candy. Now 20 years later, he resides in Fond du Lac with his family.
- Corin Banks was 24 when he was found in possession of a controlled substance. Now 27 years later, he resides in Wauwatosa.
- Michael Bartkowiak was 24 years old when he disrupted police officers breathalyzing underage drinkers at a concert and then resisted arrest. He now resides in Madison and works as a carpenter.

- Robert Beasley was 39 when he was struggling with an undiagnosed mental health disorder and had several contacts with law enforcement including fleeing an officer, disorderly conduct, and bail jumping. Now two decades later, he resides in Greenwood, Mississippi, and has since obtained his master's degree and serves as an advocate for the veteran community.
- Dashun Beck was 23 when he deposited a fraudulent check into his account at a credit union. He now resides in Milwaukee, has obtained his associate and bachelor's degrees, and works as an educator at a Catholic school while pursuing his master's degree.
- Jeremy Busch was 18 when he was pulled over for suspected drunk driving and police discovered he had been drinking and smoking marijuana. Now 22 years later, he resides in Genoa City and has obtained an associate and bachelor's degree in the fields of civil engineering and architecture, graduating magna cum laude.
- Yasmina Ayanna Carroll was 21 and a single mother when she used a stolen credit card to purchase a stereo. Now over two decades later, she resides in Glendale, Arizona, and has earned her certified nursing assistant (CNA) license and bachelor's degree in human services focusing on addiction studies, graduating magna cum laude.
- Melvin Collins was 18 when he and several friends robbed a gas station wielding a metal pipe and also twice went joyriding. Nearly three decades later, he now resides in Barron and works as a truck driver.
- Harold Cross was 22 when he was found in possession of a controlled substance and several firearms. Now 20 years later, he resides in Milwaukee where he worked as a sanitation worker for the city for over 15 years.
- Christina Darby was 22 when officers found marijuana in her home. She has since moved to California with her children, earned an associate degree, and works as a property manager.
- Gary Davis, Jr. was around 20 years old when he was found in possession of marijuana and other controlled substances. Three decades later, he now resides in Madison and has worked as a youth/juvenile counselor with local social services organizations. The court supports his pardon.
- Kathryn Diaz was 18 when she was the getaway driver for her boyfriend who robbed a video game rental store and she failed to cooperate with officers during the subsequent investigation. She now resides in Pleasant Prairie with her husband and two children.
- Elizabeth Eklove was 23 when she forged her mother's check to purchase Suboxone, a medication for opioid dependence. She now resides in Trevor, has remained sober, and works as a vocational coordinator in Illinois. Her pardon received support from the court, district attorney, and her mother.
- Jerome Getchell was 18 when he and two friends committed a string of burglaries, taking miscellaneous home goods, firearms, and other valuables. Three decades later, he now resides in Berlin and works in the trucking industry.
- John Givens was in his mid-20s when he returned from military service overseas and committed several armed robberies in Milwaukee and Chicago. Nearly five decades later, he now resides in Madison and has dedicated his life to supporting formerly incarcerated individuals with both the state and community-based organizations.
- Maenell Hendricks was 28 when she sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. Now 22 years later, she resides in Milwaukee and has obtained her bachelor's degree and MBA while raising five children. The court supports her pardon.
- Adam Henning was 23 when he robbed a cash store with a weapon. He now resides in Milwaukee with his family and is pursuing a degree in psychology.
- Henry Hong was 20 when he sold a controlled substance and was also found in possession of marijuana and a stolen pistol. He now resides in Raeford, North Carolina, where he owns a restaurant and has earned a master's degree.
- Mark Howard was 17 when he sold marijuana to an undercover officer. He now resides in Stevens Point with his family and works for a cheese manufacturer. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Stephen Hynek was 37 when, 23 years ago, he was under financial stress and stole a tractor from an auction. He now resides in Hillsboro with his family and has owned a farm machinery business and operated his family's farm for over 20 years.

- John Jezuit was a teenager when he punched someone while on probation for selling marijuana. Nearly two decades later, he now resides in Madison and has earned his bachelor's degree in social welfare.
- Crystal Keller was 29 and serving jail time with Huber privileges when she left without permission and failed to return. She has since moved to California with her children and earned an associate degree in social science while volunteering for legal advocacy organizations.
- Gregory Mallett was 23 when he was caught selling a controlled substance. Four decades later, he now resides in Milwaukee and has earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate in the business and finance fields.
- Daniel Moeller was 18 when he and a friend broke into a bar to steal liquor and cash. Over three decades later, he now resides in New London and has maintained steady employment working as a millwright.
- Chris Morgan was 20 when, nearly 40 years ago, he stole a car with the keys in the ignition and drove it to California to find a job. He received support from the victim for his pardon and now resides in Plover.
- Luis Navarro was 28 when he trespassed on his ex-girlfriend's home and continued to contact her while on probation. He now resides in Kenosha, was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps Reserves, and has maintained steady employment as a technical specialist for a major manufacturing company. His ex-girlfriend supports his pardon.
- Travis Nelson was 18 when he sold marijuana to a confidential informant. He now resides in Denmark with his family and founded his own trucking business over 13 years ago.
- Lawrence Riche was 20 when officers found marijuana in his residence, and several years later, he was again found with marijuana, controlled substances, and firearms. Now 40 years later, he resides in Menomonee Falls, has remained sober, and has maintained long-term employment as a steamfitter.
- Adrian Roberson was 22 when he broke into and robbed an individual in their apartment. He now resides in Milwaukee, has completed a welding program at Milwaukee Area Technical College, and enjoys teaching others his craft.
- Felicia Robertson was 19 when she wrote a fraudulent check at the mall. Over three decades later, she now resides in Cudahy with her family and works as a personal care worker.
- Phillip Roh, Jr. was 25 when he sold a controlled substance to a confidential informant. He now resides in Madison and works as an equipment manager for a local high school.
- Terrance Ross was 19 and working at a rental car company when he began using one of the company's vehicles without permission, resulting in the car sustaining minor damages. He now resides in Milwaukee and has worked as a technician for a cable company for 14 years. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Daniel Schmidt was 17 when, almost 30 years ago, he ran away from home, forged two checks, and cashed them at a gas station. He now resides in Winneconne, where he actively volunteers in his community. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- William Schmidt was 18 when, 34 years ago, he and a group of friends ordered a pizza, took it from the delivery driver without paying, and stole his cash. He now resides in Brookfield with his family, is the owner of a concrete installation business, and is an ordained minister in Milwaukee.
- Corey Schwamman was 19 when he drove two friends to a gas station and stayed in the car while his friends attempted to commit several robberies. Now 28 years later, he resides in Mosinee and works as a welder.
- Benjamin Seipel was 21 when he was found with controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. He now resides in Mequon, has maintained his sobriety, and is the general manager of a wakeboard products manufacturer.
- Myron Smith was 19 when he was pulled over and officers found him with controlled substances. He now resides in Milwaukee and founded a home healthcare agency with his wife.
- James Sterner was 18 when he failed to pull over for an officer who recognized his car as unregistered. Now 25 years later, he resides in Ripon, volunteers locally, and works in utilities.
- James Stevens was 17 when he used his employer's master key to take a truck for a joyride, driving through a company fence. Nearly three decades later, he now resides in Merrill with his family and owns a successful tattoo shop.

- Brian Taylor was 20 when he broke into several apartments, stealing cash, change, and prescription medications. He now lives in Griffin, Georgia, has maintained his sobriety, and works as a counselor for a faith-based boarding school for struggling teens. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Catherine Tease was 19 when she worked at a shoe store and falsified refunds for herself. Nearly four decades later, she now resides in Manitowoc working as a health and well-being educator at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Manitowoc Campus.
- Marsha Vann was 25 when she failed to return to the Milwaukee County House of Correction after being released for childcare purposes. Several years later, she robbed someone with a weapon, and 15 years later, again failed to return to the House of Correction after being granted work release. She now resides in Milwaukee, and since receiving treatment for substance use disorder, she has obtained an associate and bachelor's degree and works in the drug treatment field. The district attorney's office supports her pardon.
- Joseph Vaughn was 19 when he found a checkbook in someone's driveway and fraudulently cashed two checks. Four decades later, he now resides in Pleasant Prairie and volunteers with local sports and youth programs. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Kristin Waite-Labott was 38 when she attempted to use a fraudulent prescription to obtain a medication. She now resides in Hales Corners, has had her nursing license reinstated, and works in healthcare, specifically helping other medical professionals who have struggled with substance use disorder. The district attorney's office supports her pardon.
- Joshua Webb was 18 when he broke into a dog daycare center with friends and stole cash. Several weeks later, he and his friends broke into a used car dealership, taking money, candy, and soda. He now resides in Pulaski and works as a team supervisor for a keg company.
- Quentin Williams was 16 and driving a group of friends when an individual in a separate car made an obscene gesture, causing Williams to chase them and injure a pedestrian, who supports his pardon. Now 25 years later, Williams resides in Milton with his family.
- Gary Wilson was 38 when he worked at U-Haul and used his credentials to enter the store after hours to steal money. He now resides in Milwaukee, working as an automotive technician and is an active member of his church.

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The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board meets twice a month. The next meeting will take place on Fri., May 13, 2022. These hearings will air on wiseye.org/live and on [YouTube](#) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Press Release: Gov. Evers Grants 56 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 554

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Gov. Evers Grants 56 Pardons, Brings Total Pardons Granted to 554

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that he has granted another 56 pardons, bringing his total number of pardons granted to 554. The Governor’s Pardon Advisory Board heard from applicants virtually on April 8, 2022, and April 22, 2022, and applications that were selected for expedited review or recommended by the Board were forwarded to Gov. Evers for final consideration.

“The folks receiving pardons today have worked hard to be contributing members of their communities and workplaces and to make amends for their past mistakes,” said Gov. Evers. “Every pardon is an official act of forgiveness that allows these individuals to continue their important work giving back to their communities and reach their full potential.”

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Allen Berntgen more than two decades ago now failed to pull over for an officer while driving an ATV and fled. He now works as a truck driver and resides in Potosi with his family. The district attorney’s office supports his pardon.
- Bennie Brown was caught selling a controlled substance from his apartment. He is now a grandfather who works at a VA Medical Center and resides in Oak Creek.
- Victoria Brown was 19 when officers found a controlled substance in her residence. She now resides in Minnesota and recently obtained her associate degree in childcare and education.
- Edward Bullock was 20 when he used stolen checks to make purchases at a sporting goods store and also robbed an individual selling speakers. Nearly three decades later, he now works as a mason in Milwaukee and serves as the vice president of his local union.
- Erma Bush was almost 30 when, two decades ago, he sold a controlled substance to a confidential informant and failed to appear in court. He now resides in Milwaukee with his family and owns several businesses in music production and food.

- Tyron Canady was 27 when he sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Brad Dormady was 21 when he was out on bond for possession of marijuana and entered a stranger's residence without permission. He now resides in Weyauwega with his family and has since obtained his associate degree in renewable energy.
- Vickie Drake was 18 three decades ago when she sold a controlled substance to a confidential informant. She now resides in Mount Horeb with her children and strives to help those who have experienced substance use disorders and domestic violence.
- Mortez Evans was in his 30s when he failed to pay child support. He now resides in Milwaukee with his family and volunteers in his community. The court supports his pardon.
- Kendra Ferguson was found to be in possession of marijuana and sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. Nearly two decades later, she now resides in Milwaukee with her children and volunteers with her local church as a Sunday school teacher and choir director.
- Katrina Gilbert was 18 when she sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. Now a dedicated advocate, she resides in Milwaukee and works as an Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) counselor and a crisis advocate for domestic abuse and sexual assault survivors.
- Leonard Givens was 20 when police found marijuana in his vehicle. Now 25 years later, he remodels homes and volunteers in his community. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Chad Gulseth was 29 when he sold marijuana to a confidential informant. Now 27 years later, he resides in Two Rivers with his family and owns his own landscaping business, participates in competitive community fishing teams, and mentors youth.
- Sharonda Guthrie was 18 when, 24 years ago, officers found her in possession of a controlled substance. Guthrie has since obtained her associate degree in applied science, and now resides in Glendale with her children. The court supports her pardon.
- Jeremy Hall was 20 when he sold marijuana to a confidential informant. Now 28 years later, he resides in Seattle, Washington, with his family and has built a successful career in the tech industry.
- Ellis Hargrove was 36 when a police officer found him with marijuana in his possession. He now resides in Milwaukee with his child.
- Jerry Henderson was 31 when officers found him in possession of a controlled substance. Now 25 years later, Henderson resides in Pleasant Prairie with his family and has worked with the same manufacturing company for 20 years. The court supports his pardon.
- Taylor Herman was 41 when officers found him with a controlled substance over three decades ago. Herman has since earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and master's degree in education and had his artwork exhibited in Milwaukee and Chicago. He is now a great-grandfather and resides in Milwaukee with his family.
- Veronda Jackson was 18 when, over two decades ago, she used someone else's credit card information to make purchases at an electronics store. Currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, she now resides in Milwaukee and works for a nonprofit that teaches trades skills to formerly incarcerated individuals. The district attorney's office supports her pardon.
- Jeremy Jaeger was 18 when he sold marijuana to a confidential informant. He now resides in Milwaukee with his family and has obtained his bachelor's degree in business administration.
- Dewayne Johnson was 24 when he sold a controlled substance to a confidential informant. He now resides in Madison with his family, working as a custodian.
- LaQuita Johnson was 26 when officers found marijuana in her residence over three decades ago. She now resides in Racine and received her associate degree in early childhood education.
- Max Kappus was 19 when officers found marijuana at his residence. He now resides in Eau Claire and has obtained two associate degrees: one in audio engineering and another in mechanical design. The court supports his pardon.
- Nicosia King was 19 when she helped a friend cash stolen payroll checks. Now an entrepreneur, King has received recognition as a successful business owner and volunteer in her community from the city of Milwaukee, where she now resides.
- Gloria Kirchoff was 33 when, 30 years ago, she sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer and, a year later, was caught in possession of a controlled substance. Now a grandmother, she resides in Madison, has obtained her associate degree, and has been a member of the Wisconsin Association

of Black State Employees and the Wisconsin Women in Government Board. The court supports her pardon.

- Andrew Krizan IV was 28 when he stole from his employer by falsifying cash refunds 24 years ago. Now a self-employed carpenter, Krizan resides in Pardeeville with his family and volunteers with veterans in his community.
- Kevin Martin was 19 when officers found marijuana plants in his residence. Now 25 years later, Martin resides in Sheboygan and volunteers in his community.
- Robert McPherson was 24 when, over three decades ago, he stole a car, drove it to Florida, and sold it without the owner's permission. He now resides with his family, where he works as a laborer and lends his skills to help the elderly. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Courtenay Miner was 20 when officers found him in possession of a controlled substance over two decades ago. Miner now resides in Milwaukee, where he volunteers in his child's school.
- Chad Minnier was 20 when he sold a controlled substance to a confidential informant. He now resides in Eden with his family, owns a towing company, and volunteers in his community.
- James Nilles was 18 when officers found him in possession of marijuana in his residence. Now, nearly 24 years later, Nilles resides in Cross Plains with his family, where he has maintained steady employment for over two decades.
- Paul Petit was 21 when he sold marijuana out of his apartment. Petit obtained an associate degree in marketing and now resides in Waunakee with his family.
- Angela Rands was 31 when she issued worthless checks to support her family. She now resides in Chippewa Falls with her family and actively volunteers in her community.
- Aaron Ries was 20 when he and several friends burglarized and damaged eight summer cottages. Two decades later, Ries now uses his carpentry skills working on a farm in Kiel, where he resides.
- Jasson Roeglin was 19 when, 26 years ago, officers pulled him over and found marijuana in his vehicle. An avid outdoorsman, Roeglin now spends his time hiking, fishing, and kayaking with his family in Coos Bay, Oregon, where he resides and works as a hospital plant operations technician.
- Joshua Rosenbalm was 18 when he sold a controlled substance to a confidential informant over two decades ago. He now resides in Milwaukee where he volunteers in his community and works in the restaurant and bar industry.
- Thomas Ruetten was 21 when he sold marijuana to an undercover officer three times. Now 34 years later, Ruetten is a respected member of his community in Markesan, where he resides with his children and owns a floor coating business. The court supports his pardon.
- Richard Schmidt was 40 and in financial trouble when he stole products from his employer. He now resides in McFarland with his family and volunteers with youth sports in his community.
- Gary Shilts was 19 when he stole a county-owned vehicle with friends. Now over two decades later, he resides in Ladysmith with his family and has worked in the construction industry for over 20 years.
- Vadim Srug was 24 when officers caught him in possession of marijuana. Srug now resides in Stoughton and his pardon will help him travel to Ukraine to visit his family.
- Frank St. John was 26 when he and several friends stole auto parts from a salvage yard. Now 27 years later, he is a grandfather and resides in Oshkosh with his family. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Derek Taycher was 18 when, nearly 30 years ago, he entered someone's home, stole checks, and cashed them. Several years later, Taycher failed to pay child support and again stole others' checks to cash. He now resides in Green Bay with his family and has been a carpenter for over 20 years.
- Lucas Thienes was 17 when he and several friends broke into two homes, stealing jewelry and firearms from one and significantly vandalizing the other. Thienes now resides in La Crosse with his family. The victims support his pardon.
- Karen Thomas was 19 when she stole someone's purse and used their credit cards. Now 27 years later, Thomas resides in Milwaukee, earned her bachelor's degree in human services, and has worked in the social service field as an AODA counselor, paraprofessional at Milwaukee Public Schools, and youth service counselor. The court supports her pardon.
- Nicole Tingle was 21 when she and another individual fraudulently purchased and sold three motor vehicles. Almost two decades later, she earned her associate degree and bachelor's degree in business

management. Tingle now resides in Santee, California, with her family, where she owns two skincare businesses.

- Paul Vance was 21 when, 25 years ago, he stole electronics from his employer with several coworkers. Vance now resides in Racine with his family and has worked as an emergency medical technician (EMT) for nearly 10 years.
- Jim Vang was 21 when he and a friend stole from their employer. Now two decades later, Vang works for a pulp and paper manufacturer and resides in Appleton with family, where he is an active member of his church.
- Dale Varney was 18 when he helped burglarize a home with several friends. Varney obtained his GED and a welding certificate while in prison. Now 25 years later, he resides in Two Rivers and works for a construction company.
- Jonathan Verser previously failed to pay child support. He now resides in Georgia with his family and has spent most of his career working in social services and treatment centers.
- Athelstran Wagner was 31 when the police were called to his residence and he refused to come out, leading to a stand-off with officers. Now a proud father and uncle, Wagner resides in Milwaukee and obtained a machine tools operations diploma.
- Jennifer Westling was 19 when, 24 years ago, she and another individual entered several vehicles and garages, taking items of value. She now resides in Grandview with her children and serves as a caregiver to those with intellectual disabilities.
- Theresa Williams was 26 when officers executed a search warrant on her residence and found controlled substances. Now 27 years later, she resides in Milwaukee and volunteers in her community through her church.
- Johnny Willis was 22 when, 22 years ago, he failed to pull over for an officer, leading them on a high-speed chase. Now married with grandchildren, Willis resides in Trevor with his family and has worked as a heavy equipment operator for the last 20 years. Willis received robust community support for his pardon.
- Trever Witt was 19 when, 21 years ago, he led police on a high-speed chase after failing to pull over. Witt now resides in Stanley with his family where he volunteers in his children's sports.
- James Wright was 19 when he operated a stolen car 22 years ago. Wright now works as a water meter investigator and actively volunteers in his community. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Marito Yang was 19 when he attended a street race and fled the scene, failing to pull over for an officer. Yang obtained an associate degree in computer drafting and design and now resides in Green Bay with his family.

The Wisconsin Constitution grants the governor the power to pardon individuals convicted of a crime. A pardon is an official act of forgiveness that restores rights lost when someone is convicted of a felony, including the right to serve on a jury, hold public office, and hold certain professional licenses. A pardon does not expunge court records.

Under [Executive Order #30](#), individuals convicted of a Wisconsin felony may apply for a pardon if they completed their sentence at least five years ago and have no pending criminal charges. Individuals currently required to register on the sex offender registry are ineligible for a pardon. [Executive Order #130](#) established an expedited review process for applications that meet stricter criteria, including a greater length of time elapsed since sentence completion and nonviolent nature of the offenses.

The pardon application, instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions about the pardon process can be found on the governor's website at www.evers.wi.gov/pardons.

The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board meets twice a month. The next meeting will take place today, Fri., June 10, 2022. These hearings will air on wiseye.org/live and on [YouTube](#) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

An online version of this release is available [here](#).

Gov. Evers granted pardons to the following people:

- Derek Ace fled from police and crashed into a streetlight. Now 15 years later, he resides in Janesville and has started a photography business in addition to maintaining employment with the same employer for two decades.
- John Acker was in his 20s when he committed a string of burglaries with several friends, stealing miscellaneous items from homes, and sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. Now 40 years later, he is a father and grandfather, lives in Lone Rock, and does maintenance for his local church.
- Stacey Barwick was 21 when she was arrested for disorderly conduct and fleeing from an officer. Now over three decades later, she resides in Westin and has obtained her insurance license and maintained steady employment.
- Theresa Beans was in her mid-20s when she stole money from her employer. Now 20 years later, she resides in Milwaukee with her family, has earned an associate degree and various licenses related to cosmetology, and works as a hair stylist.
- Bernard Bowman stole a freight line truck and lied to officers after it broke down on the side of the road. Over three decades later, he now resides in Bowler with his family and has worked for several decades as an emergency medical technician and firefighter for the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.
- William Brabender was 18 when he stole cash and electronics from a home. Now three decades years later, he resides in Prairie du Sac, works as a handyman, volunteers with his local church, and takes care of his family. Brabender received robust community support for his pardon, including from the Court and district attorney's office.
- Peter Brunzelle was 17 when he committed a string of property crimes, including stealing vehicles and breaking into residences to steal food, clothes, and cash, causing damage to property. Now, nearly three decades later, he has been committed to self-study and giving back to his community. A prominent advocate in the substance use recovery community, he has served on local boards and helped open nonprofits and health clinics in the Waukesha area, where he resides.
- Rebecca Clark failed to report her income and committed fraud. Now over 30 years later, Clark, a mother, has received her associate degree in early childhood education and resides in Milwaukee with her family.
- Cynthia Cook was 31 when she participated in selling marijuana to a confidential informant. A mother and caretaker, she now resides in Oconto Falls.
- Candace Davis was 40 when she sold a controlled substance to an informant and was subsequently found in possession of marijuana and controlled substances. Now 28 years

later, she has maintained steady employment in Beloit, where she resides with her family.

- Emil Falck attempted to steal a car. Now nearly three decades years later, he has obtained his technical diploma and commercial driver's license (CDL) and resides in Milwaukee where he works as an electrician.
- Matthew Fox was 17 when he fled from an officer who caught him speeding. He now works as a certified technician and is pursuing a degree in criminal justice. Today, he is dedicated to his family, actively volunteers with the Red Cross, and both the Court and district attorney's office support his pardon.
- Tanisha Garrett was 19 and struggling to provide for her young child when she cashed fraudulent checks at a bank. She has since received a certificate in childcare and resides in Racine with her family.
- Leonard Harmon was 27 when he cashed a counterfeit check at a bank. Now, over two decades later, he lives in Milwaukee and regularly volunteers in his church, where he serves as a deacon.
- Jennifer Harris was 18 when she and a friend broke into a truck service station, taking money, cigarettes, and soda. In the 25 years since, she has earned an aesthetician license and a certificate in massage therapy. She resides in Port Washington with her family.
- Deontae Hodges was 24 when he was found in possession of marijuana during a traffic stop. He resides in Milwaukee where he has maintained steady employment. The Court supports his pardon.
- Tomica Holland was 18 when she stole money from a bank account while working as a bank teller. Now decades later, she resides in Milwaukee with her family, has earned a bachelor's and master's degree, and works in the childcare field. The Court supports her pardon.
- David Hood, nearly two decades ago, used corporal punishment on a victim who supports his pardon. He completed parenting classes and now, nearly two decades later, is regarded as a mentor and an active community leader. His local district attorney's office supports his pardon, as well as community leaders and members of the law enforcement community.
- Pin Hsu was 16 when he participated in a fraudulent check scheme. Now more than two decades later, he operates several businesses and is an active volunteer in his community.
- Jacob Jansen was 29 when he sold a controlled substance to a confidential informant. He has since obtained a bachelor's degree, which he began pursuing while incarcerated. An advocate in the recovery community, he has helped open several substance use treatment and prevention centers in his community. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.

- Eric Johnson was 18 when he burglarized two storage units. Now nearly three decades later, he has earned his degree in electro-mechanical technology and resides in Oconto with his family. The Court supports his pardon.
- Joshua Johnson was 17 when he committed several armed robberies over the span of two weeks. Now over two decades later, he has dedicated his career to creating apprenticeship programs and employment opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals. A community leader, he volunteers with local and national organizations and boards, sharing his story and perspective with others.
- Rolanda Jones was 22 when she failed to report her income and committed fraud. Now three decades later, she resides in Brown Deer, has earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice management and master's degree in human services community counselling, and works as a psychiatric clinician. The Court supports her pardon.
- Matthew Kasel was 20 when he purchased marijuana from an undercover officer. Now nearly two decades later, he owns an HVAC business and resides in Kaukauna with his family.
- Nathaniel Kojis was not yet 20 when he and several others stole an individual's jacket. Now 28 years later, he resides in Mequon, has earned an associate, bachelor's, and master's degree, and has built a successful career in the healthcare field. Both the Court and district attorney's office support his pardon.
- Benjamin Kunhart was 17 when he and a friend robbed a gas station. Now 25 years later, he has opened an HVAC business in Strafford, where he resides with his family. The Court supports his pardon.
- Kenneth Lewis was found in possession of a controlled substance. He now resides in Milwaukee where he volunteers in the local community.
- Gerald Love was 27 when he was found in possession of marijuana. Since, he has earned his GED and CDL. He now resides in Milwaukee with his family.
- Leonard Maland was 25 when police caught him selling marijuana. Now, nearly three decades later, he drives trucks and owns a small mobile restaurant with his spouse in Eau Claire, where he now resides.
- Teresa McClung was 31 when she fraudulently used someone else's information to purchase merchandise. Now over two decades later, she resides in Milwaukee where she works as a medical assistant and is pursuing higher education in human services and nursing.
- Ricardo Monteen was 25 when police found him in possession of a controlled substance during a traffic stop. Two decades later, he has obtained a bachelor's degree in Native American studies and now resides in Waukesha with his family where he has built a successful career.

- Anthony Naber was not yet 20 when he sold marijuana to a confidential informant two decades ago. Residing in Wisconsin with his family, he has since obtained two associate degrees and volunteers in his community. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Charles Paschke was 21 when, more than four decades ago, he participated in a burglary of a warehouse. Now retired from a career in carpentry and building design, he resides in Pickett and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and as an auctioneer for charity events.
- Adam Pawlowski was 20 when he broke into several vehicles, taking stereo equipment. Now 24 years later, he resides in Fenwood and works as a technician for manufacturing companies. The Court supports his pardon.
- Wilfred Pieper sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. Now over three decades later, Pieper resides in East Troy where he volunteers with his church and has worked with the same paving company for nearly 40 years.
- Matthew Raap was 18 years old when he sold marijuana and controlled substances to undercover officers. Now years later, he resides in Richfield where he has built a successful career in the cybersecurity field and volunteers to help incarcerated individuals receive their college degree. He received resounding community support for his pardon, including from both the Court and district attorney's office.
- Jason Revelle was not yet 20 when he and others committed a string of burglaries, taking electronics, beer, and cigarettes from taverns and restaurants in several counties. Now more than 27 years later, he resides in Eau Claire, has obtained a bachelor's degree in business management, and has maintained steady employment. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Jack Rucker was 21 when he and others robbed a bank. Rucker has since obtained an associate degree in computer networking systems and a bachelor's degree in project management. He works with a manufacturing company and resides in Michigan.
- Jim Swanson was 25 when he sold marijuana to an undercover officer 28 years ago. He now resides in Ellsworth where he cares for his mother.
- Joseph Sazama was 24 when he was a farmer and stole six calves with a friend. Now 34 years later, he operates a beef farm and flatbed trucking company.
- Ulfrica Talley attacked her then-partner during a confrontation. Now she's a caretaker and seeking to continue her career in the healthcare profession. The Court supports her pardon.
- Kenneth Ulberg served as look out while a friend attempted to break into an inn. Now 20 years later, he resides in Eau Claire with his family, where he works at a garage door company.

- Lazar Vukicevic was 18 when he was found in possession of a controlled substance. He now resides in Milwaukee where he works as a programmer and machinist. The Court supports his pardon.
- John Walstead was 20 when he participated in a string of burglaries of construction sites and warehouses. He has since earned two associate degrees in biomedical science and electronics, as well as a bachelor's degree in electronics. He currently resides in Cambridge with his family.
- Marcus Watson was 16 when he and a friend robbed someone in their car at a drive thru. He has since obtained his associate degree in applied science, bachelor's degree in healthcare administration, and is currently pursuing his master's degree. He resides in Milwaukee with his family.
- Errick Weiser had marijuana growing on his property. He earned his bachelor's degree and volunteers with his county's fair board and the Wisconsin Parasite Museum. The district attorney's office supports his pardon.
- Lee Whiting Jr. was not yet 18 when he stole cash from his employer. Now over four decades later, he works to better his community. Both the Court and district attorney's office support his pardon.
- Donte Wren sold a controlled substance to an undercover officer. He's now a father and husband and resides with his family.
- Peter Wussow was in his 30s when he was mailed a package of marijuana, which he intended to sell with others. He has since built a career in welding and now resides in Oshkosh with his family.