

THE STATE OF



TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

PARDON

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in October of 2006, in the Criminal Court for Blount County, Tennessee, Charles Benjamin Diffie (TOMIS #417129) was convicted of burglary of a building and sentenced to two years of supervised probation after serving six months in jail (case no. C-16360). In February of 2008, in the Criminal Court for Blount County, Tennessee, he was convicted of burglary of a building, theft of property over \$1,000, vandalism under \$500, and evading arrest (case nos. C-17258 and C-17259) and was sentenced to three years of Community Corrections; and

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

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

Mr. Diffie has taken responsibility for his actions and committed to a life of serving others. He has been steadily employed as a first responder since 2015 and is currently enrolled in the South Carolina Fire Academy for a certification in firefighting and rescue and the Texas A&M Extension Service for emergency management and emergency services. He has extensive community support testifying to his transformed life. The Tennessee Board of Parole recommended pardoning Mr. Diffie.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article III, Section 6 of the Tennessee Constitution and by the laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby grant a pardon in favor of Charles Benjamin Diffie, pardoning him for his 2006 conviction of burglary and his 2008 convictions of burglary, theft of property, vandalism, and evading arrest.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Nashville, Tennessee on this 2nd day of December, 2021.



GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE

