

State Farm, Va.
Oct. 10th 1938.

Gov. James H. Price
Capitol Building
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir:

I was tried for second degree murder in Culpeper County April 1935 and given a sentence of twenty years although the evidence and facts showed conclusively that my act was committed in self defense.

It is my desire to petition your excellency for clemency in the form of a time cut Namely, to ten years or such other clemency that you may feel justified in granting me.

I have been totally blind for the past twenty one years, But I have a trade as a Musician (over)

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and will be capable of supporting myself at the time of my release.

I have a nephew in Maryland who has assured me of a home and such assistance as I may need to help me in getting life started anew.

It is my earnest prayer that you may give my petition and plea careful investigation and consideration and trusting you will feel justified in granting my request.

Assuring your excellency that I will prove my self wholly worthy, and lead an exemplary life, and show and prove my profound appreciation for your favor. Your humble servant

Jim Strother
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