

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 02-264

DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS
THOMAS D. PAUL

OCT 02 2002

CLERK, SUPREME COURT
BY _____

(Dissolution of Temporary Stay of Execution Imposed by Executive Order 02-262)

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2002, the Governor was informed that Aileen Wuornos, who is an inmate at Florida State Prison, under sentence of death, may not be competent to be executed, and

WHEREAS, Section 922.07, Florida Statutes, required a temporary stay of execution upon the receipt of such notice, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 922.07, Florida Statutes, Executive Order 02-262 was entered imposing a temporary stay of execution and appointing three competent, disinterested psychiatrists (the Commission) to examine the mental condition of Aileen Wuornos, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has completed its examination of Aileen Wuornos, and based upon its report to the Governor, the Governor finds that Aileen Wuornos has the mental capacity to understand the nature of the death penalty and the reasons why it was imposed upon her, and

WHEREAS, there is no reason for a continued stay of the execution of Aileen Wuornos;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, as Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order:

1. The temporary stay of execution of the death sentence imposed upon Aileen Wuornos granted by Executive Order 02-262, is hereby dissolved and terminated.

2. The death warrant for Aileen Wuornos, signed on September 5, 2002, and under which her execution was scheduled for October 9, 2002 at 9:30 a.m., remains in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 2nd day of October, 2002.



Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jim Smith
SECRETARY OF STATE

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October 2, 2002

The Honorable Robert Butterworth
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Dear General Butterworth:

As you are aware, a temporary stay of the execution of Aileen Wuornos was entered on September 30, 2002, after I was informed that Ms. Wuornos's attorney had grave doubts about her competency to be executed.

Pursuant to Executive Order 02-262, the stay of execution was entered and a commission of three psychiatrists was appointed to examine Ms. Wuornos and report on whether she understands the nature and effect of the death penalty and why it is to be imposed on her. The Commission examined Ms. Wuornos on October 1, 2002, and advised me in writing that Aileen Wuornos has "no major psychiatric illness and understands the nature and effect of the death penalty and why it is being imposed upon her." Therefore, she is competent to be executed.

Pursuant to Section 922.07, Florida Statutes, I have entered an Executive Order lifting the stay of execution of Aileen Wuornos effective immediately. Further, the date and time of execution for Ms. Wuornos shall remain October 9, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeb Bush".

Jeb Bush

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