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Greg Lovelace, Commissioner
Alabama Department of Corrections
301 S. Ripley Street
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Commissioner Lovelace:

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Governor of Alabama by the Alabama Constitution, I hereby commute the death sentence of Toforest Johnson to life imprisonment without parole. *See* Ala. Const. art. V, § 124 (governor's power to grant reprieves and commutations to persons under sentence of death); Ala. Code § 15-22-27(b) ("[a]ny person whose sentence to death has been commuted by the Governor shall not be eligible for a parole").

Prior to exercising this power, I notified a designated member of the family of the victim, Ms. Beverly Hardy. I also notified the Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Ivey".

Kay Ivey
Governor

cc: Hon. Steve Marshall, Attorney General
Hon. Danny Carr, Jefferson County District Attorney
Ty Alper, counsel for Toforest Johnson
Megan Rhodebeck, Clerk, Alabama Supreme Court
Jacqueline Anderson-Smith, Clerk, Jefferson County Circuit Court