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Governor Bryan Grants Clemency to Nine Individuals, Commuting Sentences for Four Inmates and Issuing Five Pardons

Governor Bryan granted clemency to nine individuals effective Jan. 12, commuting the sentences of four inmates and pardoning five others, citing clean institutional records, rehabilitation efforts, and personal growth demonstrated during incarceration.

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The John A. Bell Correctional Facility on St. Croix. By. ERNICE GILBERT, V.I. CONSORTIUM.

Governor Albert Bryan Jr. has granted clemency to nine individuals, commuting the sentences of four inmates and pardoning five others, with the actions taking effect Monday, January 12, 2026,

according to a release from Government House.

The commutations apply to inmates who, the governor said, demonstrated sustained rehabilitation during incarceration, including clean disciplinary records, completion of educational programs, and service to others while imprisoned.

Emanuel Greer, 55, received a commutation of his sentence to time served due to what the release described as exemplary institutional adjustment.

Lester Greenidge, 71, also had his sentence commuted to the years he has already served. According to the release, Greenidge maintained a clean record throughout his incarceration, completed numerous certificates of completion, and served as a mentor to fellow inmates.

Sholome Akeemo Francis, 39, who has been incarcerated for 17 years, received a commutation reducing his sentence to 30 years, with the remainder of the sentence suspended as of January 12. The release stated that Francis maintained a clean record, completed multiple certificates, and acquired job skills during his incarceration.

Alston Lambertis Sr., 68, had his sentence commuted to the time already served after maintaining a clean record throughout 43 years of incarceration, according to the governor's office.

In addition to the commutations, Governor Bryan issued five pardons for prior offenses. Those pardoned are:

- Joseph A. Eastman, 58
- Keith Benjamin, 68
- Ras Desho Emanuel Afamefuna Joshua, also known as Larry Emanuel Joshua, 65
- Ranold Lionel Jackson, 33
- Steven R. Jackson, 40