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De Jongh Commutation Orders BOC To Release Voluntary Manslaughter Criminal

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Aside from pardoning 16 people of criminal records incurred after being convicted of various offenses, Governor de Jongh, on January 3, 2015 signed a document ordering the commutation of Jeremy M. Chiuk -Davis, a move that orders the Bureau of Corrections to release Davis from prison.

According to the document, Jeremy M. Chiuk -Davis was born on October 23, 1985, and was a resident of St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Davis attended the Good Hope School and graduated from Laurel Springs Academy in Ojai, California.

On February 23, 2011, Davis plead guilty to the crime of voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to ten (10) years in prison, the document added. It went on to state that Davis has been "deeply remorseful for his actions that resulted in the death of another and has been a model inmate during his period of incarceration."

Giving reasons for ordering the release of Davis from prison by way of commutation, de Jongh wrote: "Taking together the facts and circumstances of the underlying conduct of offense charged, the numerous letters of support and commendation received by my office including those who have witnessed his rehabilitation during his incarceration and the fact that Jeremy M. Chiuk-Davis has no prior criminal history, the commutation of his sentence to time served is warranted.

The Order of Commutation was signed on December 31, 2014, read it [here](#).

Governor de Jongh also ordered the commutation of Henry Curtis Sampsons, who was convicted of Murder in the First Degree. Sampson, Born on May 10, 1956, was sentenced to life in prison in May, 1996. According to the document, de Jongh granted the commutation because Sampson is in the end stages of a terminal illness, and "in the spirit of mercy for the dying, it is appropriate to grant him a commutation of his sentence to the thirty-five (35) years he has already served in payment for his crime," the Governor wrote.

To read Sampson's full Order of Commutation, go [here](#). For more information on Commutation of Sentence, go [here](#).