

# COURT OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA

## RETURN NOTICE

September 25, 2015

To: Reverend Adren Bivins, Laymen Brotherhood Second Chance Outreach Center, Inc.,  
Post Office Box 7939, Bainbridge, Georgia 39818

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Lower Court: \_\_\_\_\_ County Superior Court \_\_\_\_\_

Court of Appeals Case Number and Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Your document(s) is (are) being returned for the following reason(s).

There are no cases pending in the Court of Appeals of Georgia under the name of Eric Porter.

You may want to write the Sentence Review Panel, Legislative Office Building, 18 Capitol Square, Suite 108, Atlanta, Georgia 30334 or the State Board of Pardons and Paroles located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, 5th Floor, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

I am returning your documents to you.

- A Notice of Appeal is filed with the clerk of the trial court and not with the Court of Appeals of Georgia. See OCGA §5-6-37. Once the trial court clerk has received and filed the Notice of Appeal, the trial court clerk will prepare a copy of the record and transcripts as designated by the Notice of Appeal and transmit them to this Court. Once the Notice of Appeal is docketed in the Court of Appeals of Georgia, a Docketing Notice with the Briefing Schedule and other important information is mailed to counsel for the parties or directly to the parties, if the parties are representing themselves. You do not need to provide this Court with a copy of the Notice of Appeal you filed with the superior court.
- The Notice of Appeal must include a proper Certificate of Service. A Certificate of Service must show service to the opposing counsel and contain the counsel's full name and complete mailing address. The opposing counsel must actually be served with a copy of your filing.
- An Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus should be filed in the superior court of the county in which you claim you are illegally detained. An appeal from a denial of an Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus is to the Supreme Court and not the Court of Appeals.
- An Application for Writ of Mandamus should be filed in the superior court of the county official whose conduct you intend to mandate. An appeal from a denial of an Application for Writ of Mandamus is to the Supreme Court and not the Court of Appeals.
- Your appeal was disposed by opinion (order) on \_\_\_\_\_ . The Court of Appeals \_\_\_\_\_ . The remittitur issued on \_\_\_\_\_ divesting this Court of jurisdiction. The case decision is therefore final.
- Your mailing/documents indicate that you intended to file your papers in another court rather than the Court of Appeals of Georgia. The address of the Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_ is: \_\_\_\_\_
- If an attorney has been appointed for you and you are concerned with the representation provided by that attorney, you should address that issue to the trial court. As long as you are represented by an attorney, you cannot file pleadings on your own behalf. Your attorney must file a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel and it must be granted, before you can file your own pleadings in this Court.
- A request for an out-of-time appeal should be made to the trial court from which you are appealing. If your motion is denied by the trial court, you can file an appeal of that decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with the clerk of the superior court.

THE LAYMEN BROTHERHOOD SECOND CHANCE OUTREACH CENTER, INC.

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(229) 254-7606

www.thelaymenbrotherhood.com

September 9, 2015

SEP 29 2015  
11:32 AM  
CALHOUN COUNTY

**State of Georgia Court of Appeal**

**RE: Mr. Eric Porter – 792754 DC# DOB: 01-07-76**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am Rev. Adren Bivins, Sr., the founder of the Laymen Brotherhood Second Chance Outreach Center, Inc. We have been operating since 2006. This letter is in regards to an inmate, Mr. Eric Porter incarcerated at Calhoun State Prison, age 39. Mr. Porter was sentenced by a jury trial, eighteen years ago for felony murder. Upon sentencing, the judge said he would be eligible for parole in fourteen years. Mr. Porter tried to file an appeal through his Public Defender, but the appeal was filed a day late and it was denied. He came up for parole and also was denied.

I have extensive experience as an ordained minister, a certified counselor and very active in helping people get second chances in life through this outreach ministry. Please take a look at our website for further information. Also, please find credentials enclosed.

Mr. Porter has since gotten married to Mrs. Valerie Porter for six years and they have four children together. He has taken several classes including anger and stress, certified in welding and other technical classes and studies. He acknowledges his mistake and is very remorseful and has turned his live over to God and not affiliated with any gangs. He is asking for a second chance. Since his incarceration, he has stayed over the limit that the judge allowed him eligible for parole. Due to his long time already served, I am asking for mercy and please give him an opportunity to be paroled out and monitored not to society at this time, but be sentenced to a half-way house from six months to a year to readjust to society. His wife says if this is done, she will furnish him a place to stay, love, and support along with his family who is very supportive. She said she married him because she loves him and she needs his companionship, support and friendship. If they need spiritual mentoring and counseling, they are welcome to the services of this outreach ministry free of charge. We do not only help young men as we have done in the past, but now help young ladies, older men and older ladies to turn their lives around and live for the Lord. Thank you and may God bless. We pray for a speedy positive reply. If I am needed to come and testify, my telephone number and address is listed in this correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Adren Bivins, Sr.

CC: Governor Nathan Deal & Pardon/Parole Dept. Atlanta Georgia

P.S.

Please when he get out  
that he do not have parole

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*EIN: 26-1477199*

SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

Temporary Shelter when available

Food and clothes when available

One on one mentoring

Anger and Stress: need this class to help them cope with their issues: Example: no father figure, nor role model, no motivation.

Through a private agency, help is available for chemical dependency. For those who are drop outs and want to further their education, we have an agency to help them get their GED or diplomas or equivalent, tutoring.

We provide transportation to Job Corps facility, vocational schools, or to take military exams. We provide a class on sex educations, health and hygiene issues, Health Department volunteers, Defensive Driving classes. We have qualified staff to work with these individuals. We also, mentor to parents, especially young teen parents.

These services are offered to these individuals until they can function and become self-sufficient. We have a clothes closet, a 15 passenger van, 8 passenger van, a telephone answering service that is on call 24/7. We have a web page: [www.thelaymenbrotherhood.com](http://www.thelaymenbrotherhood.com). We also have a jail and prison ministry, evangelist street ministry and spiritual preaching/teaching by ordained pastors and deacons. Assist persons who have loved ones who are or have been incarcerated, on probation or parole. Assist in spiritual counseling and marriages.

Assist in court hearings for young people who are in trouble. The ultimate goal is for each individual to turn their life around and live according to fulfilling their God given purpose.

SUBMITTED BY:

REV. ADREN BIVINS, SR.

FOUNDER-DIRECTOR





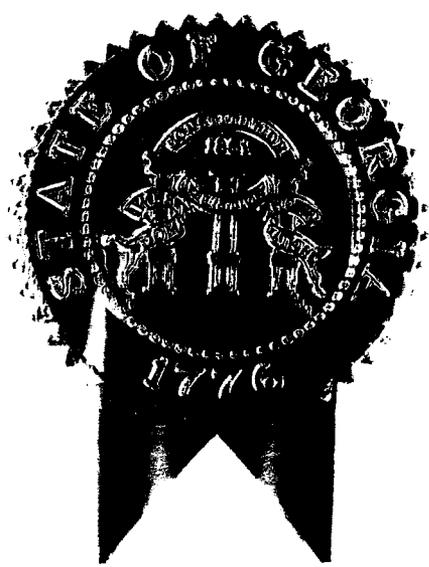
# SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Cathy Cox, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby recognize

**Rev. Adren Bivins**

for

**Your Spiritual Leadership And  
Outstanding Service To The  
Community**



Given this 2nd day of October in the year Two Thousand Five

  
Cathy Cox, Secretary of State



## STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

2 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, S.E.  
Balcony Level, East Tower  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-4909  
(404) 656-5651  
[www.pap.state.ga.us](http://www.pap.state.ga.us)

December 21, 2012

ERIC PORTER, EF-400366  
C/O WARDEN,  
TELFAIR STATE PRISON

Dear ERIC PORTER,

Your case was recently reconsidered in accordance with Board policy.

The Board's decision is to deny parole at this time. The Board determined that your parole release would not be compatible with the welfare of society (see O.C.G.A. 42-9-42(c)) due to the severe nature of the offense(s) for which you were convicted.

In accordance with Board Policy your case will again be reviewed by the Board during NOVEMBER 2017.

Sincerely,

Thurman L. Henderson, Assistant Director  
Clemency/Parole Selection

cc: Warden  
Inmate Administration

# Marriage License

STATE OF GEORGIA, CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY

*To any clergy or any other person authorized to solemnize: You are hereby authorized and permitted to join the persons named below in matrimony*

**Eric Roydell Porter and Valerie Lashan Harrison**

*according to The Constitution and Laws of this State, and for doing so this shall be your sufficient license.*

*Given under my hand and seal, on this February 10, 2009.*



James W. McGlaun, Probate Judge

*I hereby certify that* Eric Roydell Porter  
*and* Valerie Lashan Harrison *were joined*  
*together in Matrimony on this* 19 *day of* May *,* 2009  
*by me in the City of, County of, Georgia*

Recorded Date: June 01, 2009

Officiant: Rev. John Warrener

Book No: J Page: 99

Title: Chaplain/Pastor

 Probate Clerk

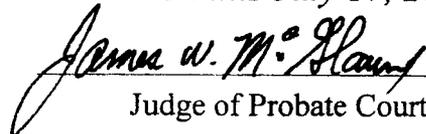
Address: P.O.Box, Oglethorpe, GA 31068



*I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Marriage Record as it appears in my office.*

*Given under my hand and seal,*

*on this July 17, 2009.*



Judge of Probate Court

# Georgia Department of Corrections



Certificate of Commendation

This certifies that

**Eric Porter**

Has successfully completed

**New Beginnings Lifer's Group**

**"Men of a Second Chance"**

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

Miss Ciers

D/W Care & Treatment

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Porter", is written over a horizontal line.

Facilitator

WASHINGTON STATE PRISON

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Porter, Eric 792754

Has Successfully Completed the Requirements for

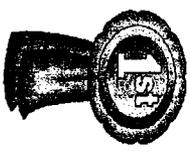
Motivation For A Change

And Is Therefore awarded This Certificate of Completion

This 22nd Day of February 2011

*Delester N. Jenkins*

Facilator



# WASHINGTON STATE PRISON

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Porter, Eric 792754

Has Successfully Completed the Requirements for

## Reentry Skills Building

And Is Therefore awarded This Certificate of Completion

This 26th Day of May 2011

*Gelester N. Jenkins*

Facilitator

