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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: Please stay the execution of Curtis Windom and commute his sentences

Dear Governor DeSantis:

We write to ask you to grant a stay of the execution of Curtis Windom and to commute his sentences to life without parole.

Windom was convicted of and sentenced to death for the first-degree murders of Johnnie Lee, Valerie Davis, and Mary Lubin in 1992. We mourn the tragic deaths of Mr. Lee, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Lubin, and we feel sorrow for the terrible suffering their loved ones have had to live with ever since. May they find comfort in God. Indeed, the Church remains available to assist them with pastoral care.

Windom's actions were terrible. It is entirely proper for the state to punish crimes of this nature very severely. Nevertheless, even as we pray for the repose of the souls of the victims and for the consolation of their survivors, we urge you to spare Mr. Windom's life. Every human life, given by God, is sacred.

There is a way to punish without ending another human life: life-long incarceration without the possibility of parole. It is a severe yet more humane punishment that ensures societal safety, offers finality much more quickly than a death sentence, and allows the guilty the possibility of repentance.

We pray for you, too, Governor, as you consider this request.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Sheedy

cc: Jason Weida, Esq., Chief of Staff, Executive Office of the Governor
Catholic Bishops of Florida