

## **“Support Donte’ Gwynn” Change.org Petition**

### [Grant Conditional Pardon to Donte’ Gwynn – Change.org](#)

*Editor’s note: Donte’ Jamar Gwynn (1363175), 39, is incarcerated at Greensville State Prison in Jarratt, Va. He is asking that people sign his petition for a conditional pardon and has asked us to publicize the statement below.*

#### **ADVOCATING FOR SIGNATURES TO SUPPORT DONTE’ GWYNN BEING GRANTED A CONDITIONAL PARDON/MODIFICATION OF SENTENCE/2nd CHANCE**

In 2007, at the age of 20, Gwynn was still an immature youth. He turned himself in to face criminal charges. Gwynn was sentenced to forty (40) years for Second Degree Murder and three (3) years for Use of a Firearm. He has served 18 years of his sentence. Gwynn has a remaining sentence of 18 years to serve. In 2020, Gwynn filed a conditional pardon in the Secretary of the Commonwealth Office. That pardon was denied in 2022. In 2025, Gwynn reapplied for a conditional pardon, arguing that he has shown and submitted "substantial evidence of extraordinary circumstances" of his maturity, remorse, good conduct, reform, rehabilitation, and a reentry plan back into society as a positive and productive member of the community, warranting a modification of sentence. His pardon is pending investigation and waiting on a decision from the Governor's Office of Virginia.

I come forward to express my remorse for my actions and the harm that I have caused towards the victim in my case. I understand that my behaviour was unacceptable and that it has had a significant impact on the victim.

I was selling drugs to the victim. It was a drug deal gone bad. I was in the wrong for selling drugs, and that led up to the point where I had to take the life of another person. "No matter the circumstances that I was protecting my life from the victim". I was still in the wrong, and I have acknowledged that.

I also pray for the family of the victim for the loss of their loved one. I express my sympathy to the victim and his family. I accept full responsibility for the crimes I committed. I am remorseful and apologetic for my actions. Accountability is the most important part of accepting responsibility for the crimes I committed. I have the understanding to know that the crimes I committed have affected society, the community, and the victim's family. My actions have also affected my family. I know I will always be judged for the crimes I have committed.

I think of my past actions. If I had made a mature decision at that time, things would have been a lot different. I have redeemed my faults to make amends for the crimes I committed and the harm that I have caused to others. "I ask forgiveness".

What restitution can I make to the community or the victim's family?

Gwynn has taken the effort to focus on reform and rehabilitation from his participation in prison programs and self-help courses. Gwynn has a list of accomplishments that he has acquired while being incarcerated. See Gwynn's Accomplishments below.

I would like to volunteer a speech of wisdom and experience to the incarcerated youthful offenders who committed crimes under the age of 21. My experience can give them insight into how to build a foundation of being a responsible adult and to have a game plan to reenter back into the community. I want the youth to know that recovery is possible and there are people who will assist them.

## GWYNN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Certificate of Achievement. Improving in all Areas of TABE. Date: 4-3-2025.
- Certificate of Completion for Genie Operator Training Course Aerial Working Platform Super Series. Date: 3-21-2025.
- Certificate of Training in Bloodborne Pathogens in the Workplace. Date: 3-21-2025.
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration. 10-Hour Construction Safety and Health. Date:3-20-2025.
- Anger Management Group in the Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinic Date: 2-23-2024.
- Criminal Thinking Errors Education Utilizing Dr. Stanton E. Samenow, Cognitive, Structuring Paradigm. Date: 10-31-2023. Helper/Laborer. Date:6-21-2023.
- Mason State Corporation Commission Accomplishing Goalz In Life Nonprofit. Date: 4-26-2023.
- Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Accomplishing Goalz In Life Nonprofit. Date:4-26-2023.
- Plumbing Diploma. Date:1-5-2023.
- Pen Programs Workshop. Date:1-11-2022.
- Employment Course. Date: 12-03-2021.
- Dreaming In Color. Date:6-28-2021.
- Perspective Personified. Date:2-15-2021.
- Goal Gaining. Date: 10-28-2020.
- Self-Awareness. Date:7-21-2020.
- Mindset Makeover. Date: 3-6-2020.
- Adult Education Level IV Program. Date: 3-8-2016.
- Thinking for a Change. Date:2-6-2014.
- Individual Incentive Level 1. Date:9-15-2013.
- WAITING LIST FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS
  - THERAPEUTIC Support Group
  - Resources for Successful Living
  - Identity Development
  - Matrix Model Substance Abuse
  - Advanced Anger Management
  - Victim Impact
  - Alcoholics Anonymous
  - Recover Route

- CBI-SA Program
- HVAC Training Course