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Press Release – Pardons Issued by Governor Polis

Governor Polis has granted clemency to two individuals who had been convicted of crimes in our jurisdiction. Our office strongly supported their clemency requests.

- Eric P. Christensen received a full and unconditional pardon on 83CR391.
- Robbie J. Finley received a full and unconditional pardon on 83CR390.

In 1983, these two men broke into a church's music room at 2:30 a.m. and took various pieces of equipment. They made two trips to load up their truck and ended up taking more than \$10,000 worth of equipment. Following the offense, each of them had successfully completed probation, including community service, and paid restitution to the victims.

Mr. Christensen is now 60 years old and has done much with his life since the completion of his sentence. He worked hard to acquire an education, achieving a GED, then an undergraduate degree, and then an MBA from New York University, all while working nightshifts. He has had long-term stable employment with several companies, been active in his community, and has a family.

Mr. Finley is, also, 60 years old and maintained steady employment. Additionally, Mr. Finley received an education at Front Range Community College and the University of Northern Colorado. He has been happily married for 33 years and has cared for two individuals with special needs. He now hopes to become a special education teacher.

This DA's Office often supports clemency applications to the Governor.

DA Michael Dougherty stated, "Both individuals took full responsibility for this crime. In their clemency applications, each one recognized their mistake and did not minimize the consequences of their actions. Each went on to build a successful life, career, and family. This office strongly supported their requests for a pardon because they have demonstrated that the barriers associated with a felony conviction are no longer necessary or appropriate. I appreciate Governor Polis seeking our input and granting clemency to these two people."