

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

WARRANT OF REPRIEVE

WHEREAS, Melvin Bonnell, #A204-019, is currently incarcerated in the custody of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction ("ODRC") under sentence of death; and

WHEREAS, an execution date for said inmate has been set for November 18, 2026, and has not been stayed by any court; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 2967.08 provides that the Governor may grant a reprieve for a definite time to a person under sentence of death, with or without notices or application; and

WHEREAS, circumstances exist justifying the grant of a temporary reprieve;

THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the laws of this state, I do hereby direct that the said sentence of death be reprieved for Melvin Bonnell until October 18, 2029. This inmate is to remain incarcerated on Death Row at the Ross Correctional Institution or such other facility as may be deemed appropriate by the Director of ODRC. Said sentence is to be carried out at 10:00 A.M., October 18, 2029, unless further reprieve or clemency is granted.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 17th day of April, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.


Mike DeWine, Governor

Filed this ___ day of April 2026, with the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Clerk of Court by

