

Absolute Pardon

Shifflett, Wesley Gonzalez

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, it has come to my attention that on April 7, 2025, through the public report IPA-23-01, the Independent Police Auditor of Fairfax County concluded that it was objectively reasonable for Sgt. **Wesley Gonzalez Shifflett** to believe he was in significant danger of death or serious physical injury during a foot pursuit on February 22, 2023, which means that the deadly force used by Sgt. **Wesley Gonzalez Shifflett** on February 22, 2023, was both lawful and consistent with the department's policy and training; and

WHEREAS, this information was not readily available in the trial of Sgt. **Wesley Gonzalez Shifflett**, but has since been discovered by him and shared with the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of justice for law enforcement officers acting within the lawful scope of their duties, pursuant to policy, and within their training to be free from punishment by either the courts or the officers of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, I have exercised the executive clemency authority granted by the Constitution of Virginia with the discretion and deliberation this authority demands.

NOW, THEREFORE, this day, I, Glenn Youngkin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in accordance with the authority granted to me under Article V, Section 12 of the Constitution of Virginia, do hereby grant unto Sgt. **Wesley Gonzalez Shifflett** this Absolute Pardon from all acts, known or unknown, related to his conviction regarding the February 22, 2023, incident.

Given under my hand and the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this 15th day of January in the year of Two Thousand and Twenty-Six and this 250th year of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
