



STATE OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

January 28, 2003

Jim O. Stuckey, II
Senior Counsel to the Governor
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 11829
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: William Ernest Downs Jr.

Dear Mr. Stuckey:

At the request of Governor Perdue, I am enclosing the Governor's Executive Agreement requesting extradition of the above-named individual to the State of Georgia.

Upon approval for the Temporary Transfer of the above-named individual, please contact:

District Attorney Daniel J. Craig
501 Green Street Suite 400
Augusta, GA

All future correspondence, including notice of any hearing, should be directed to the district attorney, with a copy to this office. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Billy C. Johnson, Jr.
Extradition Coordinator

cc: District Attorney Daniel J. Craig

EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER
TO GEORGIA AND RETURN TO SOUTH CAROLINA
OF WILLIAM ERNEST DOWNS, JR.**

TO THE GOVERNOR OF
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS the undersigned as Governor of the State of Georgia is informed and believes that William Ernest Downs, Jr. has been tried, convicted and sentenced to death in the State of South Carolina for certain crimes, including Murder, within the said State, and

WHEREAS, following said convictions, he was incarcerated in the State of South Carolina, and remains so incarcerated at this time, and

WHEREAS the said William Ernest Downs, Jr. has been indicted in Richmond County, Georgia for various crimes, including Murder, and the State of Georgia, by and through the District Attorney for the Augusta Judicial Circuit, has filed a notice of its intention to seek the death penalty for said crimes, and

WHEREAS the Sheriff of Richmond County, Georgia will assume responsibility for the temporary transfer and temporary custody of the said William Ernest Downs, Jr. from the State of South Carolina to the State of Georgia for the purpose of attending pre-trial hearings and the trial of the aforesaid indictment and, at the direction of the designated representatives of the South Carolina Department of Corrections, will return said prisoner to the State of South Carolina;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the temporary transfer of William Ernest Downs, Jr. to the State of Georgia,

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IT IS HEREBY AGREED by the undersigned, Governor of the State of Georgia, that the said William Ernest Downs, Jr. shall be held in custody at all times within the State of Georgia, for the aforementioned purposes, by law enforcement officers of the State of Georgia who shall accompany the said William Ernest Downs, Jr. to the State of Georgia pursuant to this agreement and the said William Ernest Downs, Jr. shall be lodged in the Richmond County, Georgia jail on any occasion when he is not returned to the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that, at the direction of the South Carolina Department of Corrections, but not later than three days after the conclusion of his trial in the State of Georgia on the aforementioned charges, the said William Ernest Downs, Jr. shall be returned to the South Carolina Department of Corrections without the necessity of extradition proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that all costs for the transfers of the said William Ernest Downs, Jr. to the State of Georgia, and housing of said prisoner while in the State of Georgia, shall be borne by the State of Georgia and/or Richmond County, Georgia.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that all conditions, obligations, privileges, and immunities provided by this agreement shall terminate upon the completion of the purpose of effectuating the trial of the said William Ernest Downs, Jr. upon the aforesaid indictment, and his return to the State of South Carolina Department of Corrections.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Atlanta, Georgia, and caused

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to be affixed hereto, the Seal of the State of Georgia, on this 29 day of January, 2003.

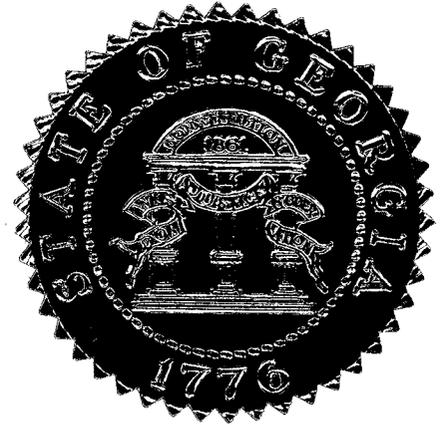
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GOVERNOR
STATE OF GEORGIA

Attest:

Cathy Cox

SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF GEORGIA



WHEREAS, the undersigned, Governor of the State of South Carolina, acknowledges and consents to the foregoing terms, provisions, and conditions for the temporary and periodic transfer of the said William Ernest Downs to the State of Georgia, until the purpose of effectuating his trial has been served in the State of Georgia, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State of South Carolina.

This _____ day of January, 2003.

GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Attest:

SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA