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Oklahomans for Criminal Justice Reform launches #ProjectCommutation Video - Juanita Peralta's Story

OKLAHOMA CITY - Oklahomans for Criminal Justice Reform (OCJR) today launched a video featuring Juanita Peralta, one of the commutation applicants the organization is assisting through its commutation campaign. The campaign is helping Oklahomans who are in prison for offenses no longer carrying long prison terms under reforms recently approved by voters and legislators. The Pardon and Parole Board has advanced 31 individuals to Phase 2 hearings, with the first hearings scheduled for Nov. 7.

"Hundreds of Oklahomans like Juanita Peralta are still serving the type of unjust, draconian drug possession sentences Oklahoma voters roundly rejected two years ago," said John Estus, chief of staff, Oklahomans for Criminal Justice Reform. "The Pardon and Parole Board has a historic opportunity approaching to use its authority as intended, follow the law, uphold the will of the voters and commute Juanita's destructive, decade-long drug possession sentence. Stories like Juanita's matter because they are shared by families all across Oklahoma who also deserve the type of restorative justice we are seeking for Juanita. We want those families to know they are not alone, and there is hope."

The new video telling Peralta's story can be viewed on the OCJR website at <https://okjusticereform.org/project-commutation/>.

About Oklahomans for Criminal Justice Reform

OCJR is a bipartisan coalition of community leaders and experts from across the state working to safely reduce incarceration, save taxpayer dollars, and make Oklahoma's communities safer by addressing the root causes of crime. It is comprised of some of Oklahoma's most prominent faith leaders, law enforcement, elected officials, health professionals, and business leaders. To learn more, visit <https://okjusticereform.org/>.

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