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# Blanton Says He Signed All Clemency Cases During Term

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ton in the grand jury investigation, while the state attorney's office is advising Blanton, on the Chancery Court suit seeking to block him from further exercise of his executive clemency powers.

Chancellor Robert Brandt ruled earlier this week that Blanton's powers to free convicts are granted by the state constitution and are not subject to judicial review. But he also held that Blanton cannot delegate those powers to anyone and said any of the executive clemency documents signed by Blanton appointments secretly Kenneth D. Lavender without specific authorization from the Governor are void. Further motions in the case are to be filed next week.

Lavender preceded Blanton in appearing before the grand jury Friday. He refused to comment on any aspect of the case as he left.

Correction Commissioner C. Murray Henderson said he spent "a few minutes" answering questions before the panel, most of them on the case of Eddie Denton, convicted in a 1975 shootout at a Newport tavern that left four persons dead. He is serving a 60-year sentence and has been recommended for parole.

"They asked me about that (the Denton case) and several others that I wasn't even familiar with," said Henderson after his testimony. "I answered every question they asked."

Henderson earlier repeated a denial of statements included in an FBI affidavit that he had a "piece of the pie" from an alleged planned payoff.

Meanwhile, two-time Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Jay Hooker Friday renewed his call for Blanton's resignation following reports that the Governor may issue more commutations before leaving office Jan. 20.

## Bennett Takes New Job

Edward K. Bennett, UT personnel director since 1972, has been named assistant vice chancellor for business and finance at UT's Knoxville campus. Mr. Bennett was identified incorrectly Friday in The News-Sentinel as assistant vice president for business and finance.

"The arrogance of Gov. Blanton in indicating that he will issue further commutations under these circumstances is an affront to every Tennessean," Hooker said.

"I think the Democratic party should speak with one voice and call for the resignation of Ray Blanton. A lot of people are saying, 'why are you trying to get him out when he only has 30 days left.' It doesn't make any difference whether he has 30 days or 30 minutes as long as he has that fountain pen and can let dangerous criminals out on the street."

## Blanton's Pardons Set Record, More Likely

NASHVILLE (UPI) — Gov. Ray Blanton has issued a record number of pardons, commutations and early releases to Tennessee inmates. His newly appointed legal aide says there will likely be more coming before the Governor leaves office next month.

"We didn't get into specific cases, but he told me that he probably will issue some more commutations before the end of his term," said Robert Lillard, Blanton's legal aide.

Blanton has granted 392 commutations, 184 early releases and 38 pardons and revoked 35 commutations during his four-year term — a record for one administration in recent history.

Tennessee's last four governors have issued a total of 1698 pardons, commutations and early releases to inmates since 1963, according to state records.

Although the late Gov. Frank Clement handed out more commutations, Blanton signed more early releases, in part, because of a court order to relieve prison overcrowding.

Clement issued 483 commutations, eight reprieves, 20 pardons and three revocations.

Democrat Buford Ellington issued 178 commutations, 12 reprieves and 22 pardons while serving as governor.

Republican Gov. Winfield Dunn signed 349 commutations, 13 reprieves and 25 pardons.

## Rites Set for McMurray, Truck Accident Victim

Services for a former Knoxville man who was killed Sunday in a truck accident in mountains north of Los Angeles, Calif., will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Lynnhurst Cemetery.

Authorities said Timothy Daniel McMurray, 25, who lived in the Los Angeles area, was killed when the pickup truck he was in plunged 250 feet down a mountainside. He was dead when rescuers reached the wreckage, according to the Los Angeles County coroner's office.

Officials said Mr. McMurray and his stepbrother, William Anderson, were riding on a service trail in the San Gabriel Mountains where there had been heavy snowfall. The road was blocked by an avalanche, and the truck went off the road as they attempted to turn around.

Mr. Anderson was in critical condition Friday night at Foothills Presbyterian Hospital in Glendora, Calif.

Mr. McMurray was a member of Park City Presbyterian Church.

He leaves a daughter, Kimberly Marie; son, Timothy Daniel, and three brothers. The body is at Mann's.

## Grainger Man Killed, Wife Hurt in Head-on Collision

RUTLEDGE (Special) — A 65-year-old Grainger County man died in a head-on collision about 6 p.m. Friday, the Highway Patrol reported.

James O. Gray, Lakeshore Road, Rt. 3, Rutledge was killed and his wife, Kathleen, 60, was injured in the accident on Lakeshore Road, about eight miles south of here, troopers said. Also injured in the crash was Ronald K. Jones, 20, Rt. 3, Rutledge.

Troopers said Jones' car was westbound in the eastbound lane of the road.

## Hendersonville Man Stabbed

A Hendersonville man was admitted to St. Mary's Medical Center Friday with stab wounds in his back, hand and stomach, sheriff's deputies said. Marvin Mynatt, 26, refused to tell who stabbed him or where the stabbing occurred, deputies said. His condition was listed as satisfactory.

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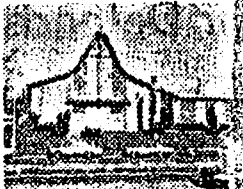
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