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## **Press Release**

## GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE PARDONS FIRMS CLIENT ELIZABETH GRIFFITH FOR POSSESSING FIREARM ON ELLIS ISLAND WHILE IN POSSESSION OF A FLORIDA CARRYING PERMIT

By: Joel Silberman, Esq. September 30, 2015

**JERSEY CITY, NJ –** Today, Governor Chris Christie issued an Order pardoning Elizabeth Griffith, of Daytona Beach, Florida on charges that she unlawfully possessed a firearm.

On July 14, 2015, Griffith, of Daytona Beach, Florida, was arrested by the U.S. Park Police and charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. Ms. Griffith possessed a valid Florida permit to carry a concealed weapon. The permit, however, was not valid in New Jersey. Under New Jersey's gun law Ms. Griffith faced up to 10 years in State Prison as a result of the charges.

Statement on behalf of Elizabeth Griffith:

"Ms. Griffith is incredibly grateful for Governor Christie's decision to exercise his discretion in this matter. Governor Christie unequivocally recognizes that New Jersey's tough gun laws were intended to deter and penalize illegal gun possession rather than lawful gun ownership. Hopefully our legislature follows the Governor's brave lead in an effort address this type of situation within our criminal code." – Joel Silberman, Esq. attorney for Elizabeth Griffith.

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