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NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

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To: Lorne Malkiewich, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau

From: Connie S. Bisbee, Chairman

RE: Parole Board Quarterly Report of Actions April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Please find attached the Quarterly Report of Parole Board Actions for the period April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. This report is prepared in accordance with NRS 213.10887: "Board to compile, maintain, organize and tabulate information concerning decisions regarding parole."

This report is organized by sections as follows:

- Section 1: Summary of all parole decisions during the reporting period. Parole actions are categorized by discretionary parole decisions, mandatory parole decisions (MPR), and parole violation decisions.
- Section 2: Summary of parole actions based on the parole guideline recommendation.
- Section 3: Summary of parole actions that deviate from the guideline recommendation.
- Section 4: Summary of parole actions by offense group.
- Section 5: Summary of the reasons for parole actions, including reasons for deviating from the parole guideline recommendation. Reasons for actions on individual cases are on file at the Carson City Office of the Parole Board and are available upon request.

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Section 1. Summary of all parole decisions during the reporting period

Parole actions are categorized by discretionary parole decisions, mandatory parole decisions (MPR), and parole violation decisions. Hearings that resulted in 'No Action' being taken, and hearings resulting in the rescission of a parole as a result of ineligibility, are also displayed in the chart below.

Overview

	Male	Female	Total
Discretionary Parole Hearings	1089	136	1225
Discretionary Paroles Granted	645	118	763
Discretionary Paroles Denied	444	18	462
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	432	41	473
Mandatory Paroles Granted	278	39	317
Mandatory Paroles Denied	154	2	156
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	176	38	214
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	57	13	70
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	119	25	144
MPR Release Violation Hearings	7	2	9
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	1	0	1
MPR Violators Revoked	6	2	8
Total Decisions	1704	217	1921
Total Grant/Continued	981	170	1151
Total Denied/Revoked	723	47	770
Hearings with No Action	137	6	143
Rescissions (not eligible)	7	0	7

Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	59.2%	86.8%	62.3%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	64.4%	95.1%	67.0%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	60.7%	88.7%	63.6%

Section 2: Statistics of parole actions based on the parole guideline recommendation.

The following charts represent discretionary and mandatory parole actions based on the discretionary parole guideline. The MPR actions appear as reference only. The guideline for consideration for release under NRS 213.1215 (Mandatory Parole) is whether there is a reasonable probability that the prisoner would be a danger to public safety. When an inmate being considered for release under Mandatory Parole is denied, the underlying reason is the determination that there is a reasonable probability that the prisoner would be a danger to public safety if released on parole.

Discretionary Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation

	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	141	9	94%
Parole at 1st or 2nd	363	84	81%
Consider Factors	245	213	53%
Deny Parole	14	149	9%

Mandatory Parole Actions by Discretionary Guideline Recommendation

	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	36	4	90%
Parole at 1st or 2nd	130	20	87%
Consider Factors	123	65	65%
Deny Parole	28	65	30%

Section 3: Summary of parole actions that deviated from the discretionary parole guideline.

A guideline deviation occurs when the parole guideline recommendation suggests a specific parole action be taken, and the Board acts contrary to the recommendation.

The following represents the number of inmates who were denied parole when the guideline recommended parole should be granted (denials when the guideline recommends parole be granted at 1st or 2nd hearing would become a deviation when parole is denied at the 2nd hearing):

# of Actions to Deny Parole that Deviated:	10
Total Number of Denials:	462
Percent of Deviation:	2.2%

The following represents the number of inmates who were granted parole when the guideline recommended parole should be denied:

# of Actions to Grant Parole that Deviated:	14
Total Number of Grants:	763
Percent of Deviation:	1.8%

Section 4: Summary of parole actions by offense group

The following charts represent parole actions by offense group as defined by the Department of Corrections. Offenses appearing in the "Sex" category include offenses such as "Prostitution with HIV," "Pandering" and "Failure to Register as a Sex Offender." Offenses that involved violence during the commission of the offense, but with an actual conviction title that would not by itself appear to be violent will not appear in the "Violence" offense group (i.e., a Burglary conviction that included striking a resident would appear in the "Property" offense group). Offenses appearing in the "Other" offense group include offenses that can not be readily categorized into one of the other offense groups (i.e., Habitual Criminals, gaming related offenses and Victim Over 65 Enhancement which could be a property or violent offense).

	Sex	Violence	Drug	Property	DUI	Other	Total
Discretionary Parole	119	378	230	381	45	72	1225
Discretionary Parole Granted	48	176	191	276	30	42	763
Percent Favorable	40%	47%	83%	72%	67%	58%	62%
MPR Hearings	32	180	49	129	49	34	473
MPR Granted	14	115	39	87	43	19	317
Percent Favorable	44%	64%	80%	67%	88%	56%	67%
Total Parole Hearings	151	558	279	510	94	106	1698
Total Parole Grants	62	291	230	363	73	61	1080
Percent Favorable	41%	52%	82%	71%	78%	58%	64%
PV Hearings	17	32	48	100	6	20	223
PV's Reinstated	7	11	17	30	3	3	71
Percent Favorable	41%	34%	35%	30%	50%	15%	32%
Total	168	590	327	610	100	126	1921
Total Favorable	69	302	247	393	76	64	1151
Percent Favorable	41%	51%	76%	64%	76%	51%	60%

Section 5: Reasons for Each Parole Action

The following provides a summary of the reasons for each decision to grant, deny, continue or revoke parole, including reasons for deviating from the parole guideline recommendation. When acting to grant or deny parole, more than one reason may be selected. Reasons for each specific case are available upon request in the Carson City office of the Board of Parole Commissioners. When the "Other" reason is selected written comments are manually entered. Those comments are also available upon request at the Carson City office of the Parole Board.

Frequency	Reason
85	The parole guidelines indicate the prisoner is a high risk to re-offend.
10	The prisoner was evaluated in accordance with NRS 213.1214 (psych panel) and was determined to be a high risk to re-offend.
14	The prisoner has made statements indicating he/she will refuse to comply with the terms and conditions of parole.
37	The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes.
1	The prisoner has engaged in violent behavior while incarcerated.
4	The prisoner has been convicted of multiple felony offenses of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.
12	The prisoner has previously committed crimes while on community supervision.
5	The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time.
7	The prisoner has demonstrated an attitude or behavior which indicates that the prisoner favors a criminal lifestyle (i.e., gang activities, planning escapes or other criminal activity, etc)
16	Other:
192	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

Frequency	Reason
185	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
32	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
154	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
161	Repetitive criminal conduct.
127	Significant prior criminal history.
46	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
30	The prisoner was evaluated in accordance with NRS 213.1214 (psych panel) and was determined to be a high risk to re-offend.
33	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
66	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
65	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
195	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
1	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
4	Inmate has indicated an unwillingness to comply with the terms of parole.
172	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to commit a new felony.
1	Refusal to participate in a treatment program.
6	Removal from community supervision program.
101	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the Board should deviate from the guideline
13	Other:
4	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
6	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
24	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
1,426	Total

Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release:

Frequency	Reason
483	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
108	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
78	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
223	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to incarceration.
23	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other assignment as community trustee.
47	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
223	The inmate has stable release plans.
130	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
108	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
52	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
318	There is community and/or family support.
11	Other:
1,804	Total

Reasons for Taking No Action:

Frequency	Reason
8	Inmate was moved after hearing date was set. Will be rescheduled upon publication of new eligibility list.
7	Inmate not eligible due to new felony conviction. Inmate will be re-scheduled when eligible.
18	Inmate was not available at the time of the hearing.
5	No action taken due to lack of information needed to make a recommendation.
8	Prior action to grant parole.
6	Inmate not eligible due to change or correction in sentence structure or credits earned/lost per NDOC Records.
8	The inmate is in the custody of another jurisdiction and not enough information was provided to make an informed decision to grant or deny parole.
51	The inmate is pending new criminal charges. Will be rescheduled once the new charges have been adjudicated.
3	The attorney appointed to represent the inmate during parole revocation proceedings was not present at the scheduled time.
1	The inmate needs an interpreter and one was not available for the hearing.
9	Inmate not given proper notice of the hearing.
4	Inmate not eligible for parole for reasons other than new sentence or credit adjustment
14	Inmate or inmates counsel requested a continuance
1	Inmate needs to be considered by three commissioners, and three were not available at the hearing.
9	Hearing continued until a psychological panel is conducted in accordance with NRS 213.1214.
1	Inmate expired after being scheduled, but before the hearing took place.
12	Other:
165	Total

***Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release when the
Guideline Recommends Denial***

Frequency	Reason
4	The inmate has no prior or a minimal criminal conviction history.
2	The inmate has been infraction free for two years or more to hearing month.
1	The inmate had a lesser involvement in the instant offense, but received a penalty similar to the co-offenders.
11	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing the behavior that led to incarceration.
10	Community and/or family support
3	Stable release plans.
9	Pending CS sentence or detainer
3	Other Factors:
44	Total

Reasons for Revoking and Reinstating Parole are on file at the Carson City office of the Board of Parole Commissioners

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