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Parole Board Quarterly Report of Actions July 1 through September 30, 2017 (Q1, FY2018)

This report is organized by sections as follows:

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

Quarterly Totals

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 following table.

	Male	Female	Total
Discretionary Parole Hearings	1,046	182	1,228
Discretionary Paroles Granted	591	150	741
Discretionary Paroles Denied	455	32	487
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	525	54	579
Mandatory Paroles Granted	303	45	348
Mandatory Paroles Denied	222	9	231
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	129	28	157
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	22	5	27
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	107	23	130
MPR Release Violation Hearings	36	3	39
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	1	0	1
MPR Violators Revoked	35	3	38
Total Decisions	1,736	267	2,003
Total Grant/Continued	917	200	1117
Total Denied/Revoked	819	67	886
Hearings with No Action	198	18	216
Rescissions (not eligible)	9	1	10
Total Hearings	1,943	286	2,229

Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	56.5%	82.4%	60.3%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	57.8%	83.3%	60.2%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	56.9%	82.6%	60.3%

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	153	22*	87%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	373	127	75%
Consider Factors	208	224	48%
Deny Parole	7*	114	6%
Total	741	487	60%
Mandatory Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	38	11	78%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	159	43	79%
Consider Factors	142	92	61%
Deny Parole	9	85	7%
Total	348	231	60%

* Source: NOTIS PARPAG report. May vary from numbers reported in Section 3 when a guideline recommendation is overridden by another assessment or when sentences are aggregated.

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

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:	21
Total Number of Discretionary Denials:	487
Percent of Deviation:	4.3%

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:	9
Total Number of Discretionary Grants:	741
Percent of Deviation:	1.2%

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 includes offenses that cannot 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 Hearings	97	349	229	397	28	128	1228
Disc. Parole Hearings Granted	32	153	181	276	23	76	741
Percent Favorable	33%	44%	79%	70%	82%	59%	60%

Mandatory Hearings	34	228	79	170	28	40	579
Mandatory Hearings Granted	16	118	60	109	21	24	348
Percent Favorable	47%	52%	76%	64%	75%	60%	60%

Total Disc. & Mand. Hearings	131	577	308	567	56	168	1807
Total Parole Grants	48	271	241	385	44	100	1089
Percent Favorable	37%	47%	78%	68%	79%	60%	60%

PV Hearings	5	37	43	81	4	26	196
PV's Reinstated	1	10	5	6	1	5	28
Percent Favorable	20%	27%	12%	7%	25%	19%	14%

Total	136	614	351	648	60	194	2003
Total Favorable	49	281	246	391	45	105	1117
Percent Favorable	36%	46%	70%	60%	75%	54%	56%

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. Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release:

Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
510	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
486	There is community and/or family support.
272	The inmate has stable release plans.
181	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to incarceration.
167	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
105	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
86	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
72	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
54	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
51	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
19	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other assignment as community trustee.
7	Other
2,010	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
254	Repetitive criminal conduct.
235	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
219	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
214	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
188	Significant prior criminal history.
123	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to commit a new felony.
92	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
86	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the Board should deviate from the guideline.
62	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
44	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
42	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
36	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
33	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
25	The prisoner was assessed in accordance with NRS 213.1214 and was determined to be a high risk, or higher than moderate risk to re-offend.
21	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
14	Other
11	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
3	Removal from community supervision program.
2	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
1	Refusal to participate in a treatment program.
1,705	Total

Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Recommends Denial

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
7	Pending CS sentence or detainer.
5	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing the behavior that led to incarceration.
4	Community and/or family support.
3	Stable release plans.
2	The inmate has been infraction free for two years or more to hearing month.
1	Positive adjustment to HWH/work release program.
1	Prior successful completion of supervision.
1	The case history demonstrates remorse on the part of the inmate.
1	Other Factors
25	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Suggests Parole Should be Granted

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
16	Repetitive criminal conduct.
13	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
13	Significant prior criminal history.
12	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
4	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
2	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
2	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
2	Inmate requested to expire sentence.
1	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
1	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
1	Inmate has indicated an unwillingness to comply with the terms of parole.
1	The case factors in conjunction with the reported progress and institutional adjustment suggest that parole release is not appropriate at this time.
68	Total

Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
348	The inmate is eligible for release in accordance with NRS 213.1215 and the case factors do not suggest that the inmate would be a danger to public safety if released on parole.

Reasons for Denying Mandatory Parole Release (NRS 213.1215)

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
110	The parole guidelines indicate the prisoner is a high risk to re-offend.
79	The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes.
30	Other
17	The prisoner has made statements indicating he/she will refuse to comply with the terms and conditions of parole.
15	The prisoner was evaluated in accordance with NRS 213.1214 and was determined to be a high risk, or higher than moderate risk to re-offend.
8	The prisoner has previously committed crimes while on community supervision.
4	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.
1	The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time.
268	Total

Reasons for Taking No Action

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
47	The inmate is pending new criminal charges. Will be rescheduled once the new charges have been adjudicated.
31	The inmate has a current or prior conviction for an offense listed in NRS 213.1214 and the required assessment was not provided to the Board by the hearing date. A parole hearing will be re-scheduled and conducted once the Board is in receipt of the evaluation.
30	Inmate not eligible due to new felony conviction. Inmate will be re-scheduled when eligible.
27	Inmate was not available at the time of the hearing.
22	Other
18	Inmate or inmate's counsel requested a continuance.
16	Inmate was moved after hearing date was set. Will be rescheduled upon publication of new eligibility list.
13	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.
10	Inmate not given proper notice of the hearing.
9	Hearing continued pending outcome of disciplinary charges.
6	No action taken due to lack of information needed to make a recommendation.
6	No PSI, or specific information related to the offense was available to the Board at the time of the hearing.
4	The attorney appointed to represent the inmate during parole revocation proceedings was not present at the scheduled time.
4	Inmate not eligible for parole for reasons other than new sentence or credit adjustment.
3	Prior action to deny parole.
3	Inmate not eligible due to change or correction in sentence structure or credits earned/lost per NDOC records.
3	The Board did not have access to the NDOC NOTIS database because of networking issues which resulted in a lack of access to information necessary to conduct the hearing or make an action recommendation.
2	The inmate needs an interpreter and one was not available for the hearing.
2	The inmate indicates an interest in aggregating his/her consecutive sentence(s). No Action is taken to allow the inmate time to research and make a determination whether to opt-in.
1	Inmate refused to attend hearing.
1	Inmate expired prior to eligibility.
1	Inmate expired after being scheduled, but before the hearing took place.
259	Total