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To: Richard Combs, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau

From: Connie S. Bisbee, Chairman *CSB*

RE: Parole Board Quarterly Report of Actions October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Please find attached the Quarterly Report of Parole Board Actions for the period October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. (FY 2015, Quarter 2.) 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

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	900	114	1014
Discretionary Paroles Granted	405	93	498
Discretionary Paroles Denied	495	21	516
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	467	53	520
Mandatory Paroles Granted	239	45	284
Mandatory Paroles Denied	228	8	236
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	156	33	189
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	50	10	60
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	106	23	129
MPR Release Violation Hearings	22	4	26
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	6	0	6
MPR Violators Revoked	16	4	20
Total Decisions	1545	204	1749
Total Grant/Continued	700	148	848
Total Denied/Revoked	845	56	901
Hearings with No Action	257	15	272
Rescissions (not eligible)	1	2	3
Totals	1803	221	2024

Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	45.0%	81.6%	49.1%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	51.2%	84.9%	54.6%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	47.1%	82.6%	51.0%

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	78	34	70%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	262	151	63%
Consider Factors	156	219	42%
Deny Parole	2	112	2%
Total	498	516	49%
Mandatory Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	48	13	79%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	136	55	71%
Consider Factors	96	96	50%
Deny Parole	4	72	5%
Total	284	236	55%

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:	28
Total Number of Discretionary Denials:	516
Percent of Deviation:	5.4%

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:	2
Total Number of Discretionary Grants:	498
Percent of Deviation:	0.4%

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 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 Hearings	77	338	158	312	30	99	1014
Disc. Parole Hearings Granted	23	121	108	178	17	51	498
Percent Favorable	30%	36%	68%	57%	57%	52%	49%

MPR Hearings	30	190	78	150	30	42	520
MPR Hearings Granted	13	87	60	85	16	23	284
Percent Favorable	43%	46%	77%	57%	53%	55%	55%

Total Parole Hearings	107	528	236	462	60	141	1534
Total Parole Grants	36	208	168	263	33	74	782
Percent Favorable	34%	39%	71%	57%	55%	52%	51%

PV Hearings	13	36	39	103	1	23	215
PV's Reinstated	3	9	15	32	0	7	66
Percent Favorable	23%	25%	38%	31%	0%	30%	31%

Total	120	564	275	565	61	164	1749
Total Favorable	39	217	183	295	33	81	848
Percent Favorable	33%	38%	67%	52%	54%	49%	48%

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:

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
19	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other assignment as community trustee.
34	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
35	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
57	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
67	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
75	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
117	The inmate has stable release plans.
127	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
153	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to incarceration.
259	There is community and/or family support.
316	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
1,259	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
3	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
3	Removal from community supervision program.
6	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
14	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.
16	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
17	Other
35	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
35	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
38	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
44	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
52	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
70	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the Board should deviate from the guideline.
103	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to commit a new felony.
105	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
191	Significant prior criminal history.
225	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
233	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
241	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
261	Repetitive criminal conduct.
1,692	Total

Reasons for Recommending Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Recommends Denial

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
1	The inmate has been infraction free for two years or more to hearing month.
1	Community and/or family support
1	Pending CS sentence or detainer
2	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing the behavior that led to incarceration.
5	Total

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

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
1	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
1	Inmate has indicated an unwillingness to comply with the terms of parole.
2	Other
2	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
4	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
4	Inmate requested to expire sentence.
5	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
14	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
19	Significant prior criminal history.
22	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
22	Repetitive criminal conduct.
96	Total

Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
284	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>
1	The prisoner has made threats against another person and release to the community could jeopardize public safety.
1	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.)
3	The prisoner was evaluated in accordance with NRS 213.1214 and was determined to be a high risk to re-offend.
6	The prisoner has made statements indicating he/she will refuse to comply with the terms and conditions of parole.
7	The prisoner has engaged in violent behavior while incarcerated.
8	The prisoner has been convicted of multiple felony offenses of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.
16	The prisoner has previously committed crimes while on community supervision.
20	The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time.
60	Other
80	The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes.
94	The parole guidelines indicate the prisoner is a high risk to re-offend.
296	Total

Reasons for Taking No Action

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
1	Prior action to grant parole.
1	The attorney appointed to represent the inmate during parole revocation proceedings was not present at the scheduled time.
1	Conversion problem. Inmate not eligible
1	Hearing continued pending outcome of disciplinary charges
2	Inmate expired prior to eligibility.
2	No PSI, or specific information related to the offense was available to the Board at the time of the hearing.
3	Inmate not eligible for parole for reasons other than new sentence or credit adjustment
4	Prior action to deny parole.
4	Inmate needs to be considered by three commissioners, and three were not available at the hearing.
5	Inmate not eligible due to change or correction in sentence structure or credits earned/lost per NDOC records.
5	Inmate expired after being scheduled, but before the hearing took place.
6	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.
7	Inmate or inmate's counsel requested a continuance
9	Inmate not given proper notice of the hearing.
11	No action taken due to lack of information needed to make a recommendation.
11	The NDOC NOTIS database was not available at the time of the hearing or a database issue resulted in a lack of access to information necessary to conduct the hearing or make an action recommendation.
14	Inmate was not available at the time of the hearing.
21	Inmate was moved after hearing date was set. Will be rescheduled upon publication of new eligibility list.
23	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.
26	Other
33	Inmate not eligible due to new felony conviction. Inmate will be re-scheduled when eligible.
34	The inmate is pending new criminal charges. Will be rescheduled once the new charges have been adjudicated.
76	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.
300	Total

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

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