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Parole Board Quarterly Report of Actions October 1 through December 31, 2018 (Q2, FY2019)

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	1167	188	1355
Discretionary Paroles Granted	665	151	816
Discretionary Paroles Denied	502	37	539
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	477	55	532
Mandatory Paroles Granted	307	44	351
Mandatory Paroles Denied	170	11	181
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	168	31	199
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	34	2	36
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	134	29	163
MPR Release Violation Hearings	29	3	32
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	2	0	2
MPR Violators Revoked	27	3	30
Total Decisions	1841	277	2118
Total Grant/Continued	1008	197	1205
Total Denied/Revoked	833	80	913
Hearings with No Action	230	19	249
Rescissions (not eligible)	5	2	7
Pending PV Hearing	0	0	0
Total Hearings	2076	298	2374

Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	58.7%	78.3%	60.9%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	65.4%	85.5%	67.7%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	60.8%	80.5%	63.0%

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	159	23	87%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	385	141	73%
Consider Factors	266	271	50%
Deny Parole	6	104	5%
Total	816	539	61%
Mandatory Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	35	6	85%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	190	26	88%
Consider Factors	122	80	60%
Deny Parole	4	64	6%
Total	351	176	67%

* 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:	19
Total Number of Discretionary Denials:	539
Percent of Deviation:	3.5%

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:	6
Total Number of Discretionary Grants:	816
Percent of Deviation:	0.7%

* 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 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	125	440	232	385	38	135	1355
Disc. Parole Hearings Granted	48	194	193	283	23	75	816
Percent Favorable	38%	44%	83%	74%	61%	56%	60%

Mandatory Hearings	22	217	57	146	30	60	532
Mandatory Hearings Granted	15	116	45	113	26	36	351
Percent Favorable	68%	53%	79%	77%	87%	60%	66%

Total Disc. & Mand. Hearings	147	657	289	531	68	195	1887
Total Parole Grants	63	310	238	396	49	111	1167
Percent Favorable	43%	47%	82%	75%	72%	57%	62%

PV Hearings	7	35	49	101	2	37	231
PV's Reinstated	2	10	9	12	1	4	38
Percent Favorable	29%	29%	18%	12%	50%	11%	16%

Total	154	692	338	632	70	232	2118
Total Favorable	65	320	247	408	50	115	1205
Percent Favorable	42%	46%	73%	65%	71%	50%	57%

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>
496	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
212	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
129	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
243	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to incarceration.
31	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other assignment as community trustee.
65	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
377	The inmate has stable release plans.
117	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
85	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
27	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
549	There is community and/or family support.
5	Other:
2336	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
257	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
59	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
283	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
271	Repetitive criminal conduct.
219	Significant prior criminal history.
44	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
18	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.
52	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
141	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
81	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
287	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
3	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
3	Inmate has indicated an unwillingness to comply with the terms of parole.
75	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to commit a new felony.
8	Removal from community supervision program.
61	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the Board should deviate from the guideline.
2	The Board does not have enough adequate information to allow it to make a decision to grant parole.
11	Other:
13	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
10	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
37	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
1935	Total

Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Recommends Denial

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
1	The inmate has no prior or a minimal criminal conviction history.
2	Positive adjustment to HWH/work release program.
4	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.
3	Pending CS sentence or detainer.
1	The case history demonstrates remorse on the part of the inmate.
18	Total

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

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
10	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
1	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
9	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
15	Repetitive criminal conduct.
11	Significant prior criminal history.
2	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
4	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
2	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
2	Other:
2	Inmate requested to expire sentence.
1	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
1	The case factors in conjunction with the reported progress and institutional adjustment suggest that parole release is not appropriate at this time.
60	Total

Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
350	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.
350	Total

Reasons for Denying Mandatory Parole Release (NRS 213.1215)

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
77	The parole guidelines indicate the prisoner is a high risk to re-offend.
8	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.
12	The prisoner has made statements indicating he/she will refuse to comply with the terms and conditions of parole.
88	The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes.
11	The prisoner has engaged in violent behavior while incarcerated.
3	The prisoner has been convicted of multiple felony offenses of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.
14	The prisoner has previously committed crimes while on community supervision.
11	The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time.
2	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)
13	Other:
1	The prisoner has met the minimum requirements in accordance with subsection of NRS 213.1215 however the Board has determined that there is a reasonable probability that the prisoner would be a danger to public safety if released on parole for the following reasons:
240	Total

Reasons for Taking No Action

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
19	Inmate was moved after hearing date was set. Will be rescheduled upon publication of new eligibility list.
41	Inmate not eligible due to new felony conviction. Inmate will be re-scheduled when eligible.
26	Inmate was not available at the time of the hearing.
21	No action taken due to lack of information needed to make a recommendation.
11	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.
5	Prior action to deny parole.
1	Prior action to grant parole.
1	Inmate refused to attend hearing.
9	Inmate not eligible due to change or correction in sentence structure or credits earned/lost per NDOC Records.
14	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.
5	The inmate is a community trustee and did not appear for the hearing at the scheduled time.
61	The inmate is pending new criminal charges. Will be rescheduled once the new charges have been adjudicated.
7	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.
5	Inmate not given proper notice of the hearing.
6	Inmate not eligible for parole for reasons other than new sentence or credit adjustment.
1	Inmate expired prior to eligibility.
13	Inmate or inmate's counsel requested a continuance.
18	Hearing continued pending outcome of disciplinary charges.
1	Inmate needs to be considered by three commissioners, and three were not available at the hearing.
6	Inmate expired after being scheduled, but before the hearing took place.
17	Other:
6	No PSI, or specific information related to the offense was available to the Board at the time of the hearing.
11	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.
306	Total