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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	1155	214	1369
Discretionary Paroles Granted	663	173	836
Discretionary Paroles Denied	492	41	533
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	495	70	565
Mandatory Paroles Granted	306	63	369
Mandatory Paroles Denied	189	7	196
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	139	30	169
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	22	7	29
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	117	23	140
MPR Release Violation Hearings	18	1	19
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	2	1	3
MPR Violators Revoked	16	0	16
Total Decisions	1807	315	2122
Total Grant/Continued	993	244	1237
Total Denied/Revoked	814	71	885
Hearings with No Action	250	39	289
Rescissions (not eligible)	18	0	18
Pending PV Hearing	0	0	0
Total Hearings	2075	354	2429

Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	57.4%	80.8%	61.1%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	61.8%	90.0%	65.3%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	58.7%	83.1%	62.3%

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	196	28*	88%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	411	167	71%
Consider Factors	221	218	50%
Deny Parole	8*	120	6%
Total	836	533	62%
Mandatory Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	57	7	89%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	186	45	81%
Consider Factors	116	70	62%
Deny Parole	10	74	12%
Total	369	196	66%

* 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:	25
Total Number of Discretionary Denials:	533
Percent of Deviation:	4.7%

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:	836
Percent of Deviation:	1.1%

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	103	366	272	452	37	139	1369
Disc. Parole Hearings Granted	37	162	220	309	26	82	836
Percent Favorable	36%	44%	81%	68%	70%	59%	61%

Mandatory Hearings	33	174	81	184	33	60	565
Mandatory Hearings Granted	24	82	71	129	28	35	369
Percent Favorable	73%	47%	88%	70%	85%	58%	65%

Total Disc. & Mand. Hearings	136	540	353	636	70	199	1934
Total Parole Grants	61	244	291	438	54	117	1205
Percent Favorable	45%	45%	82%	69%	77%	59%	62%

PV Hearings	7	37	29	87	2	26	188
PV's Reinstated	3	9	6	9	1	4	32
Percent Favorable	43%	24%	21%	10%	50%	15%	17%

Total	143	577	382	723	72	225	2122
Total Favorable	64	253	297	447	55	121	1237
Percent Favorable	45%	44%	78%	62%	76%	54%	58%

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>
580	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
539	There is community and/or family support.
245	The inmate has stable release plans.
202	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to incarceration.
199	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
125	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
86	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
83	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
77	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
48	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
29	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other assignment as community trustee.
16	Other
2,229	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
279	Repetitive criminal conduct.
253	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
253	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
208	Significant prior criminal history.
205	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
111	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to commit a new felony.
89	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the Board should deviate from the guideline.
80	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
67	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
56	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
50	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
39	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
32	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
26	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.
14	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
8	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
4	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
4	Other
2	Inmate has indicated an unwillingness to comply with the terms of parole.
1	Removal from community supervision program.
1,781	Total

Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Recommends Denial

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
5	Pending CS sentence or detainer
4	Community and/or family support
3	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing the behavior that led to incarceration.
2	Positive adjustment to HWH/work release program.
2	Stable release plans.
2	Other Factors
1	The case history demonstrates remorse on the part of the inmate.
19	Total

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

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
19	Repetitive criminal conduct.
17	Significant prior criminal history.
16	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
14	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
5	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
4	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
2	Other
2	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
2	Inmate requested to expire sentence.
2	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
1	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
1	Sex Offender - high risk to re-offend. Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
1	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
1	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
1	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
88	Total

Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
367	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.
2	Other
369	Total

Reasons for Denying Mandatory Parole Release (NRS 213.1215)

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
95	The parole guidelines indicate the prisoner is a high risk to re-offend.
69	The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes.
19	The prisoner has made statements indicating he/she will refuse to comply with the terms and conditions of parole.
16	Other
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.
10	The prisoner has previously committed crimes while on community supervision.
6	The prisoner has engaged in violent behavior while incarcerated.
5	The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time.
4	The prisoner has been convicted of multiple felony offenses of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.
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.)
240	Total

Reasons for Taking No Action

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
64	The inmate is pending new criminal charges. Will be rescheduled once the new charges have been adjudicated.
63	Inmate not eligible due to new felony conviction. Inmate will be re-scheduled when eligible.
29	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.
24	Inmate was moved after hearing date was set. Will be rescheduled upon publication of new eligibility list.
21	Other
18	Inmate was not available at the time of the hearing.
16	No action taken due to lack of information needed to make a recommendation.
15	No PSI, or specific information related to the offense was available to the Board at the time of the hearing.
11	Inmate not eligible for parole for reasons other than new sentence or credit adjustment
11	Hearing continued pending outcome of disciplinary charges
9	Inmate or inmate's counsel requested a continuance
8	The attorney appointed to represent the inmate during parole revocation proceedings was not present at the scheduled time.
7	Prior action to deny parole.
5	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	Inmate expired after being scheduled, but before the hearing took place.
4	Inmate not eligible due to change or correction in sentence structure or credits earned/lost per NDOC Records.
4	Inmate not given proper notice of the hearing.
3	Inmate expired prior to eligibility.
3	Inmate needs to be considered by three commissioners, and three were not available at the hearing.
2	Prior action to grant parole.
1	The inmate needs an interpreter and one was not available for the hearing.
1	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.
324	Total

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