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Parole Board Quarterly Report of Actions October 1 through December 31, 2019 (Q2, FY2020)

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.
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- 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	956	182	1138
Discretionary Paroles Granted	586	159	745
Discretionary Paroles Denied	370	23	393
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	386	51	437
Mandatory Paroles Granted	275	46	321
Mandatory Paroles Denied	111	5	116
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	193	35	228
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	60	9	69
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	133	26	159
MPR Release Violation Hearings	35	3	38
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	2	0	2
MPR Violators Revoked	33	3	36
Total Decisions	1570	271	1841
Total Grant/Continued	923	214	1137
Total Denied/Revoked	647	57	704
Hearings with No Action	221	31	252
Rescissions (not eligible)	16	2	18
Pending PV Hearing	0	0	0
Total Hearings	1807	304	2111

Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	61.3%	87.4%	65.5%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	71.1%	90.2%	73.3%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	64.2%	88.0%	67.7%

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	169	10	94%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	332	114	74%
Consider Factors	243	220	52%
Deny Parole	1	48	2%
Total	745	393	66%
Mandatory Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	33	6	85%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	136	23	86%
Consider Factors	152	46	77%
Deny Parole	0	40	0%
Total	321	115	74%

* 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:	7
Total Number of Discretionary Denials:	393
Percent of Deviation:	1.8%

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:	1
Total Number of Discretionary Grants:	745
Percent of Deviation:	0.1%

* 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	95	382	174	331	39	117	1138
Disc. Parole Hearings Granted	45	191	155	244	34	76	745
Percent Favorable	47%	50%	89%	74%	87%	65%	65%

Mandatory Hearings	25	196	54	90	20	52	437
Mandatory Hearings Granted	21	131	50	65	15	39	321
Percent Favorable	84%	67%	93%	72%	75%	75%	73%

Total Disc. & Mand. Hearings	120	578	228	421	59	169	1575
Total Parole Grants	66	322	205	309	49	115	1066
Percent Favorable	55%	56%	90%	73%	83%	68%	68%

PV Hearings	12	40	59	112	4	39	266
PV's Reinstated	4	14	13	29	1	10	71
Percent Favorable	33%	35%	22%	26%	25%	26%	27%

Total	132	618	287	533	63	208	1841
Total Favorable	70	336	218	338	50	125	1137
Percent Favorable	53%	54%	76%	63%	79%	60%	62%

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>
381	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
138	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
48	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
268	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to incarceration.
47	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other assignment as community trustee.
72	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
306	The inmate has stable release plans.
125	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
86	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
10	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
503	There is community and/or family support.
2	Other:
1986	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
207	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
26	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
246	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
242	Repetitive criminal conduct.
168	Significant prior criminal history.
32	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
10	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.
40	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
107	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
55	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
222	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
5	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
4	Inmate has indicated an unwillingness to comply with the terms of parole.
33	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to return to prison.
6	Removal from community supervision program.
30	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the Board should deviate from the guideline.
10	Other:
6	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
17	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
29	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
1495	Total

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

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
1	Pending CS sentence or detainer.
1	Total

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

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
3	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
4	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
2	Repetitive criminal conduct.
3	Significant prior criminal history.
1	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
1	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
5	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
1	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
1	Other:
21	Total

Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
321	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.
321	Total

Reasons for Denying Mandatory Parole Release (NRS 213.1215)

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
52	The parole guidelines indicate the prisoner is a high risk to re-offend.
6	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.
9	The prisoner has made statements indicating he/she will refuse to comply with the terms and conditions of parole.
1	The prisoner has made threats against another person and release to the community could jeopardize public safety.
43	The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes.
7	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.
3	The prisoner has previously committed crimes while on community supervision.
2	The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time.
14	Other:
141	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.
36	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.
17	No action taken due to lack of information needed to make a recommendation.
14	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.
20	Prior action to deny parole.
6	Prior action to grant parole.
1	Inmate refused to attend hearing.
7	Inmate not eligible due to change or correction in sentence structure or credits earned/lost per NDOC Records.
16	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.
53	The inmate is pending new criminal charges. Will be rescheduled once the new charges have been adjudicated.
1	The attorney appointed to represent the inmate during parole revocation proceedings was not present at the scheduled time.
3	The inmate needs an interpreter and one was not available for the hearing.
6	Inmate not given proper notice of the hearing.
11	Inmate not eligible for parole for reasons other than new sentence or credit adjustment.
1	Inmate expired prior to eligibility.
16	Inmate or inmate's counsel requested a continuance.
12	Hearing continued pending outcome of disciplinary charges.
1	Inmate needs to be considered by three commissioners, and three were not available at the hearing.
5	Inmate expired after being scheduled, but before the hearing took place.
12	Other:
1	No PSI, or specific information related to the offense was available to the Board at the time of the hearing.
17	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.
302	Total

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