

Parole Hearing Fact Sheet

Orental Simpson #1027820

Hearing Date: July 20, 2017
Hearing Time: 10:00 AM
Hearing Location: Parole Board office in Carson City, NV
Video Conference to: Lovelock Correctional Center

Parole Board Panel Members conducting the hearing:

Connie S. Bisbee, Chairman
Tony Corda, Commissioner
Susan Jackson, Commissioner
Adam Endel, Commissioner

Hearing Participants and Testimony:

Parole hearings in Nevada are open to the public, however testimony is limited to:

- The inmate;
- A representative of the inmate (if any);
- Victim(s) of the crime for which parole is being considered; and
- One family member or supporter of the inmate.

The Board does not generally know if an inmate will have representation, or whether a victim or family member of the inmate intends to attend a hearing until the actual date of the hearing. However, even if the Board becomes aware of persons who may attend a hearing, it will not release the names of these persons.

The general public is not permitted to testify at parole hearings. Victims or family members who choose to attend parole hearings are not required to testify.

Hearing Process and Documents:

The Nevada Parole Board will consider information from a number of sources for the hearing. These documents are confidential and may not be released to the public. The documents include but are not limited to:

- A presentence investigation (PSI). The PSI is prepared prior to the court imposing the sentence in the case. It will contain: any prior criminal convictions; information concerning the characteristics of the defendant; circumstances affecting the defendant's behavior and circumstances of the offense; the effect the offense may have had upon the victim including physical or psychological harm or financial loss; and other information that may have been compiled and submitted to the court prior to sentencing.
- A Parole Hearing Report. The Parole Hearing Report is prepared by the Department of Corrections and will provide information relative to the inmate's adjustment and conduct in prison; any disciplinary misconduct; completion or participation in any programs or educational activities; sentence and credit information; work history and performance; and proposed release plans.

- The Nevada Parole Guideline and Parole Risk Assessment. The Nevada Parole Board utilizes a guideline when making decisions to grant or deny parole. The guideline consists of several elements including: a validated risk instrument which predicts general recidivism, the crime severity, and factors that may mitigate or aggravate the consideration of parole release. The final parole order contains the assessment and factors applied at the hearing. Once the order has been issued it becomes a public record and will be made available at that time. Sample forms and information regarding the Nevada Parole Guideline can be found here: <http://parole.nv.gov/Information/Forms/>
- Letters of support or opposition to parole, if any.

Deliberations and panel votes:

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the panel members will deliberate in private. Parole Board deliberations are confidential under Nevada law. Once the panel has deliberated, the public hearing will resume and each member will vote on the record. A majority of four of the seven members of the Board is required to reach a decision to grant or deny parole.

The panel for this hearing consists of four members which constitutes a majority of the Board. If the panel is unanimous in its decision, it will become the decision of the Board and no additional voting is necessary.

If the panel is not unanimous, additional board members will be immediately contacted to review the case and vote until there are four votes to grant or deny parole.

Sentences on which parole is being considered:

NOTE: The State of Nevada utilizes a criminal sentencing system that consists of concurrent, consecutive and aggregated sentences. Concurrent sentences are sentence terms served at the same time. Consecutive sentences are sentence terms served separately from each other (one after the other). A consecutive sentence will not start until the sentence it follows has been paroled or discharged. An aggregated sentence is created by adding the minimum and maximum terms of consecutive sentences together to form one sentence for the purpose of parole eligibility and sentence expiration.

Mr. Simpson elected to have several of his sentences aggregated into a single aggregated term. The aggregated sentence term being considered for parole consists of:

- Four concurrent sentences of 12-72 months each for the Use of a Deadly Weapon Enhancement to Robbery and Kidnaping; and
- Two consecutive sentences of 18-72 months each for Assault with a Deadly Weapon. These sentences are running consecutive to each other and consecutive to the four concurrent 12-72 month terms.

These sentences form a single aggregated term of 48-216 months or 4-18 as stated in years (12+18+18 months for the minimum term, and 72+72+72 months for the maximum term).

Parole Eligibility Date: October 1, 2017

Hearing Outcomes

If parole is denied: A rehearing date will be set by the panel. Denial periods are generally set at periods of one to three years from the eligibility date of the inmate.

If parole is granted: Inmates may not be released on parole until reaching the minimum parole eligibility date. If Mr. Simpson is granted parole, the panel will set release and supervision conditions and the case will be referred to the Nevada Division of Parole and Probation. The Division will investigate the release plans and if acceptable, approve them. Inmates may not be released on parole until the release plans have been approved by the Division. **If Mr. Simpson is granted parole, he may not be released until on or after October 1, 2017.**

Resources:

The Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners maintains a website that contains general information related to the parole hearing process. The Parole Guidelines and Risk Assessment forms and instructions can be found at:

<http://parole.nv.gov/Information/Forms/>

Information related to this hearing is being consolidated on a webpage for ease of dissemination. The webpage will be updated with pertinent information as it becomes available.

<http://parole.nv.gov/Information/Simpson/Simpson-Hearing/>

Questions:

In an effort to limit responses to redundant questions and to facilitate the dissemination of information to the media and interested persons, the Parole Board requests that questions related to this hearing or parole board processes from the media be submitted via email to dmsmith@parole.nv.gov. Responses to common questions will be provided to media representatives and/or updated on the webpage maintained by the Board.

Questions may be directed to:

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*this document revises an earlier version that contained a typographical error and omitted that the aggregated sentence structure includes weapons enhancements to robbery and kidnaping.