

7/13/2017 Questions and Answers:

**Q. The Parole Board will reportedly announce its conclusion the same day as the hearing – supposedly something that has never happened before. Is this true? If so, what motivates the decision to deliver the remarks the same day?**

The statement is not true. The Board occasionally holds hearings with a Board majority for various reasons. The last time the Board held a parole hearing on inmates with 4 members was June 19, 2017. When a majority of the Board comprises a hearing panel and their votes are unanimous, the results are given at the time of the hearing.

The Board opted to conduct this hearing with a majority panel because of the intense media interest. Over 800 release and violation hearings are held each month and the media interest in this one case is a disruption to our operation. A decision is being made at the time of the hearing so that the Board's operation can return to normal as soon as possible after the hearing.

**Q. Why are the media being permitted to cover the parole hearing when they were excluded in 2013?**

This question is untrue. Members of the media were present during the 2013 hearing. No media was excluded.

**Q. To what extent is the media being allowed access to the courtroom?**

Access is limited to designated pool reporters and local Nevada media who requested access before the national and international community expressed any interest.

**Q. Could the presence of the media affect the Board's final decision in this case?**

No. Nevada Parole Commissioners have taken an oath to faithfully execute their duties and have conducted numerous hearings in the presence of the media. The Commissioners are professional and experienced employees and will arrive at a decision without regard to the exceptional interest displayed by the media in this case.