

7/18/2017 Additional Questions and Answers

Q: Is it true that the rate of inmates who are granted parole in discretionary hearings held as they approach their minimum sentence, like Simpson's averages about 82 percent?

A: We compile parole hearing statistics and post those regularly to our website. A link to those statistics is here:

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

Q. Is it true that the same four board members who granted him parole at his July 2013 hearing on the kidnapping, robbery and burglary charges are the same ones who will be present at Thursday's hearing – Connie Bisbee, Tony Corda, Adam Endel and Susan Jackson?

A: Yes this is correct.

Q: Is it true that Simpson is expected to be accompanied for Thursday's in the conference room at Lovelock by 15 individuals, including his lawyer, Malcolm LaVergne, friend Tom Scotto, daughter Arnelle Simpson, sister Shirley Baker, as well as the retired Las Vegas police detective Andy Caldwell and one of the two memorabilia collectors who was robbed, Bruce Fromong?

A: I am unable to verify this information.

Q: Is it true that the Board of Parole Commissioners has averaged about 8,300 annual hearings for the past four years?

A: In Fiscal Year 2016, the Board took 9,164 actions
In Fiscal Year 2015, the Board took 8,921 actions
In Fiscal Year 2014, The Board took 7,719 actions
In Fiscal year 2013, The Board took 7,607 actions

The numbers of actions listed above include hearings where a result of "no action" was taken to continue the hearing to a later date, or other reasons (upon review it was determined the inmate was not eligible, etc.).

Q: Is it true that the commissioners will have a parole hearing report that has not been made public, and a risk assessment report that will be made public after the decision?

A: This is correct.

Q: Is it true that the factors they will consider include Simpson's age, whether his conviction was for a violent crime, his prior criminal record and his plans after release?

A: This is correct.

Q: Are there any other factors you can enumerate, such as whether they consider whether he has expressed remorse for the crimes for which he was committed?

A: The following is a link to the guideline related forms. The forms pertinent in this parole hearing are:

The Discretionary Release Parole Guideline Worksheet

The Nevada Parole Risk Assessment

The Nevada Parole Guidelines, Aggravating and Mitigating Factors

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

Q: On the information web page, it says that if the four board members present cannot reach a unanimous decision, the others will be contacted 'immediately' to try and get a result. If the other members need to be contacted, would there still be a decision that day? Also, is it normal for only four of the members to be present?

A: The Board will issue a final decision on Thursday. Because of the Board's hearing caseload, it is not common for four commissioners to sit as a panel on a parole release hearing. However, two 4-panel hearings were conducted last month (June 2017), and there have been many other instances in the past two years where four commissioners participated on a panel to consider releasing inmates on parole.

Q: Is the Parole Hearing Report or any of the letters of support or opposition available to read or review before the hearing?

A: These documents will not be made publicly available before or after the hearing.

Q: If I am able to get there by about 3pm tomorrow (Wednesday) would you or someone else be available for a short on camera interview about what to expect at the proceedings Thursday?

A: The Board and Board staff are not conducting interviews. Someone will be available after the hearing on Thursday to answer questions at a press conference.