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Parole Board Quarterly Report of Actions October 1 through December 30, 2017 (Q2, FY2018)

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	1063	157	1220
Discretionary Paroles Granted	660	128	788
Discretionary Paroles Denied	403	29	432
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	473	62	535
Mandatory Paroles Granted	290	52	342
Mandatory Paroles Denied	183	10	193
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	129	26	155
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	19	5	24
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	110	21	131
MPR Release Violation Hearings	25	4	29
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	0	0	0
MPR Violators Revoked	25	4	29
Total Decisions	1690	249	1939
Total Grant/Continued	969	185	1154
Total Denied/Revoked	721	64	785
Hearings with No Action	198	31	229
Rescissions (not eligible)	11	3	14
Pending PV Hearing	0	0	0
Total Hearings	1,899	283	2,182

Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	62.1%	81.5%	64.6%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	61.3%	83.9%	63.9%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	61.3%	61.3%	61.3%

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	159	21	88%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	389	100	80%
Consider Factors	233	205	53%
Deny Parole	7	106	6%
Total	788	432	65%
Mandatory Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	49	9	84%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	145	31	82%
Consider Factors	139	78	64%
Deny Parole	9	72	11%
Total	342	190	64%

* 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:	17
Total Number of Discretionary Denials:	432
Percent of Deviation:	3.9%

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:	7
Total Number of Discretionary Grants:	788
Percent of Deviation:	0.9%

Section 4: Summary of parole actions by offense group

	Sex	Violence	Drug	Property	DUI	Other	Total
Discretionary Parole Hearings	93	338	219	393	34	143	1220
Disc. Parole Hearings Granted	38	162	188	275	29	96	788
Percent Favorable	41%	48%	86%	70%	85%	67%	65%

Mandatory Hearings	32	209	74	136	27	57	535
Mandatory Hearings Granted	22	110	61	91	23	35	342
Percent Favorable	69%	53%	82%	67%	85%	61%	64%

Total Disc. & Mand. Hearings	125	547	293	529	61	200	1755
Total Parole Grants	60	272	249	366	52	131	1130
Percent Favorable	48%	50%	85%	69%	85%	66%	64%

PV Hearings	6	31	47	80	1	19	184
PV's Reinstated	1	8	5	8	0	2	24
Percent Favorable	17%	26%	11%	10%	0%	11%	13%

Total	131	578	340	609	62	219	1939
Total Favorable	61	280	254	374	52	133	1154
Percent Favorable	47%	48%	75%	61%	84%	61%	60%

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>
523	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
521	There is community and/or family support.
270	The inmate has stable release plans.
191	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to incarceration.
166	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
135	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
88	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
61	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
59	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
54	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
14	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other assignment as community trustee.
4	Other
2,086	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
232	Repetitive criminal conduct.
223	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity
222	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
179	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
175	Significant prior criminal history.
90	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to commit a new felony.
87	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
76	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the Board should deviate from the guideline.
48	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
40	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
40	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
33	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
29	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
21	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.
10	Other
9	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
7	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
5	Inmate has indicated an unwillingness to comply with the terms of parole.
2	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
1	Removal from community supervision program.
1,529	Total

Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Recommends Denial

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
1	The inmate has no prior or a minimal criminal conviction history.
4	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing the behavior that led to incarceration.
4	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing the behavior that led to incarceration.
4	Stable release plans.
3	Community and/or family support.
3	Other Factors
2	Pending CS sentence or detainer.
1	The inmate has been infraction free for two years or more to hearing month.
1	The inmate has no prior or a minimal criminal conviction history.
1	The inmate has been infraction free for two years or more to hearing month.
18	Total

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

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
8	Repetitive criminal conduct.
6	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
3	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
2	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
2	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
11	Significant prior criminal history.
10	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
10	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
1	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
1	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
1	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
1	Other:
56	Total

Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
342	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.

Reasons for Denying Mandatory Parole Release (NRS 213.1215)

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
90	The parole guidelines indicate the prisoner is a high risk to re-offend.
12	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.
85	The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes.
4	The prisoner has engaged in violent behavior while incarcerated.
1	The prisoner has been convicted of multiple felony offenses of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.
6	The prisoner has previously committed crimes while on community supervision.
4	The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time.
2	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)
26	Other
239	Total

Reasons for Taking No Action

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
52	Inmate not eligible due to new felony conviction. Inmate will be re-scheduled when eligible.
38	The inmate is pending new criminal charges. Will be rescheduled once the new charges have been adjudicated.
35	Inmate was moved after hearing date was set. Will be rescheduled upon publication of new eligibility list.
19	Inmate was not available at the time of the hearing.
19	Hearing continued pending outcome of disciplinary charges
16	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.
12	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.
12	Inmate not given proper notice of the hearing.
11	Inmate or inmate's counsel requested a continuance
10	No action taken due to lack of information needed to make a recommendation.
8	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.
7	Inmate not eligible for parole for reasons other than new sentence or credit adjustment
6	Other
5	Inmate expired after being scheduled, but before the hearing took place.
5	No PSI, or specific information related to the offense was available to the Board at the time of the hearing.
4	The attorney appointed to represent the inmate during parole revocation proceedings was not present at the scheduled time.
3	Inmate not eligible due to change or correction in sentence structure or credits earned/lost per NDOC records.
2	Inmate needs to be considered by three commissioners, and three were not available at the hearing.
2	The Board did not have access to the NDOC NOTIS database because of networking issues which resulted in a lack of access to information necessary to conduct the hearing or make an action recommendation.
1	Prior action to deny parole.
1	Inmate refused to attend hearing.
1	Inmate expired prior to eligibility.
269	Total

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