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Parole Board Quarterly Report of Actions January 1 through March 31, 2018 (Q3, FY2018)

This report is organized by sections as follows:

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- 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	1049	171	1220
Discretionary Paroles Granted	627	145	772
Discretionary Paroles Denied	422	26	448
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	445	37	482
Mandatory Paroles Granted	279	29	308
Mandatory Paroles Denied	166	8	174
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	152	24	176
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	18	2	20
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	134	22	156
MPR Release Violation Hearings	23	5	28
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	0	0	0
MPR Violators Revoked	23	5	28
Total Decisions	1669	237	1906
Total Grant/Continued	924	176	1100
Total Denied/Revoked	745	61	806
Hearings with No Action	251	20	271
Rescissions (not eligible)	9	3	12
Pending PV Hearing	0	0	0
Total Hearings	1494	208	1702

Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	59.8%	84.8%	63.3%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	62.7%	78.4%	63.9%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	60.6%	83.7%	63.5%

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	145	12	92%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	386	119	76%
Consider Factors	234	213	52%
Deny Parole	7	104	6%
Total	772	448	64%
Mandatory Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	30	7	81%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	128	37	78%
Consider Factors	138	73	65%
Deny Parole	12	55	18%
Total	308	172	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:	12
Total Number of Discretionary Denials:	448
Percent of Deviation:	2.7%

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:	772
Percent of Deviation:	0.9%

* 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	76	386	214	391	29	124	1220
Disc. Parole Hearings Granted	28	168	181	297	20	78	772
Percent Favorable	37%	44%	85%	76%	69%	63%	63%

Mandatory Hearings	25	213	51	117	32	44	482
Mandatory Hearings Granted	15	114	39	89	24	27	308
Percent Favorable	60%	54%	76%	76%	75%	61%	64%

Total Disc. & Mand. Hearings	101	599	265	508	61	168	1702
Total Parole Grants	43	282	220	386	44	105	1080
Percent Favorable	43%	47%	83%	76%	72%	63%	63%

PV Hearings	9	33	23	107	3	29	204
PV's Reinstated	1	6	2	7	0	4	20
Percent Favorable	11%	18%	9%	7%	0%	14%	10%

Total	110	632	288	615	64	197	1906
Total Favorable	44	288	222	393	44	109	1100
Percent Favorable	40%	46%	77%	64%	69%	55%	58%

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>
508	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
176	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
75	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
207	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to incarceration.
19	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other assignment as community trustee.
45	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
265	The inmate has stable release plans.
101	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
66	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
52	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
538	There is community and/or family support.
6	Other
2,058	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
217	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
30	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
226	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
248	Repetitive criminal conduct.
186	Significant prior criminal history.
20	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
14	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.
31	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
85	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
57	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
205	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
1	Inmate has indicated an unwillingness to comply with the terms of parole.
100	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to commit a new felony.
4	Removal from community supervision program.
73	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the Board should deviate from the guideline.
14	Other
5	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
15	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
51	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
1,582	Total

Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Recommends Denial

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
3	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.
2	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing the behavior that led to incarceration.
7	Community and/or family support.
4	Stable release plans.
2	Other Factors
19	Total

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

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
7	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
2	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
7	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
10	Repetitive criminal conduct.
6	Significant prior criminal history.
1	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
1	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
1	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
1	Removal from community supervision program.
1	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
2	Inmate requested to expire sentence.
39	Total

Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
305	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.
2	The prisoner was under the age of 16 when he committed the crime which resulted in a sentence of life with parole, and the Board is required by statute to grant parole in accordance with NRS 213.1215(2).
3	Other
310	Total

Reasons for Denying Mandatory Parole Release (NRS 213.1215)

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
70	The parole guidelines indicate the prisoner is a high risk to re-offend.
7	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.
8	The prisoner has made statements indicating he/she will refuse to comply with the terms and conditions of parole.
89	The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes.
7	The prisoner has engaged in violent behavior while incarcerated.
5	The prisoner has been convicted of multiple felony offenses of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.
10	The prisoner has previously committed crimes while on community supervision.
7	The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time.
1	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)
21	Other
225	Total

Reasons for Taking No Action

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
25	Inmate was moved after hearing date was set. Will be rescheduled upon publication of new eligibility list.
46	Inmate not eligible due to new felony conviction. Inmate will be re-scheduled when eligible.
19	Inmate was not available at the time of the hearing.
11	No action taken due to lack of information needed to make a recommendation.
23	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.
7	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.
13	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.
45	The inmate is pending new criminal charges. Will be rescheduled once the new charges have been adjudicated.
4	The attorney appointed to represent the inmate during parole revocation proceedings was not present at the scheduled time.
2	The inmate needs an interpreter and one was not available for the hearing.
18	Inmate not given proper notice of the hearing.
7	Inmate not eligible for parole for reasons other than new sentence or credit adjustment.
2	Inmate expired prior to eligibility.
11	Inmate or inmate's counsel requested a continuance
13	Hearing continued pending outcome of disciplinary charges
21	Inmate needs to be considered by three commissioners, and three were not available at the hearing.
4	Inmate expired after being scheduled, but before the hearing took place.
13	Other
10	No PSI, or specific information related to the offense was available to the Board at the time of the hearing.
4	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.
312	Total

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

