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### NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

## Parole Board Quarterly Report of Actions Jan 1 through March 31, 2017 (Q3, FY2017)

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	1054	169	1223
Discretionary Paroles Granted	575	141	716
Discretionary Paroles Denied	479	28	507
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	556	77	633
Mandatory Paroles Granted	336	58	394
Mandatory Paroles Denied	220	19	239
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	139	22	161
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	24	3	27
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	115	19	134
MPR Release Violation Hearings	39	5	44
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	2	0	2
MPR Violators Revoked	37	5	42
Total Decisions	1788	273	2061
Total Grant/Continued	937	202	1139
Total Denied/Revoked	851	71	922
Hearings with No Action	228	51	279
Rescissions (not eligible)	5	0	5
Pending PV Hearing	0	0	0
Total Hearings	2,021	324	2,345

### Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	54.6%	83.4%	58.5%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	60.4%	75.3%	62.2%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	56.6%	80.9%	59.8%

Comment [AHJ1]: Monthly B41

Comment [AHJ2]: Monthly K56, K60, K64

# 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	139	28*	83%	
Parole at 1st or 2 <sup>nd</sup>				
Hearing	374	155	71%	
Consider Factors	198	219	47%	
Deny Parole	5*	105	5%	
Total	716	507	58.8%	
<b>Mandatory Parole Actio</b>	ns by Guideline R	ecommendation		
%				
	Granted	Denied	Granted	
Parole at Initial	46	8	85%	
Parole at 1st or 2 <sup>nd</sup>				
Hearing	209	54	79%	
Consider Factors	137	96	59%	
Deny Parole	2	81	2%	
Total	394	239	62.5%	

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

Comment [AHJ3]: Monthly BU H41. % Total from O45

Comment [AHJ4]: Monthly BU H48. % Total

recommended parole should be denied:

# 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: 24
Total Number of Discretionary Denials: 507
Percent of Deviation: 4.7%

The following represents the number of inmates who were granted parole when the guideline

# of Actions to Grant Parole that Deviated: 8
Total Number of Discretionary Grants: 716
Percent of Deviation: 1.0%

Comment [AHJ5]: Deviation D33, D40

**Comment [AHJ6]:** Itemized on page 6 of the Quarterly Report PARPBQ

### 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).

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	Sex	Violence	Drug	Property	DUI	Other	Total
Discretionary Parole Hearings	93	299	254	418	36	123	1223
Disc. Parole Hearings Granted	30	125	194	272	22	73	716
Percent Favorable	32%	42%	76%	65%	61%	59%	59%
Mandatory Hearings	37	219	74	196	34	73	633
Mandatory Hearings Granted	24	108	57	132	26	47	394
Percent Favorable	65%	49%	77%	67%	76%	64%	62%
Total Disc. & Mand. Hearings	130	518	328	614	70	196	1856
Total Parole Grants	54	233	251	404	48	120	1110
Percent Favorable	42%	45%	77%	66%	69%	61%	60%
PV Hearings	7	46	42	87	3	20	205
PV's Reinstated	1	14	3	10	0	1	29
Percent Favorable	14%	30%	7%	11%	0%	5%	14%
Total	137	564	370	701	73	216	2061
Total Favorable	55	247	254	414	48	121	1139
Percent Favorable	40%	44%	69%	59%	66%	56%	55%

Comment [AHJ7]: Monthly\_bu B74

## 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:

Frequency	Reason
502	There is community and/or family support.
488	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious
	reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
281	The inmate has stable release plans.
181	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to
	incarceration.
149	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
102	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
87	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
86	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
74	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
47	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
16	Other
14	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other
	assignment as community trustee.
2.027	Total

Comment [AHJ8]: Reasons for granting Discretionary Parole Release, GRT\_RSN, page 80 84R10\_GRT\_RSN

### Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

Frequency	Reason
250	Repetitive criminal conduct.
238	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
227	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
200	Significant prior criminal history.
192	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
117	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to commit a new felony.
82	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the
	Board should deviate from the guideline.
57	<u> </u>
56	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community
	supervision.
54	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
52	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
32	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
32	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.
30	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
27	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
8	Other
7	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
5	Removal from community supervision program.
1	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
1,667	Total

Comment [AHJ9]: Reasons for Denying Discretionary Release , DNL\_RSN, p. 22 R20\_DNL\_RSN

## Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Recommends Denial

Frequency	Reason
4	Community and/or family support
4	Stable release plans.
3	Pending CS sentence or detainer
2	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing the behavior that led to
	incarceration.
2	Other Factors
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.
17	Total

Comment [AHJ10]: Reasons for granting Discretionary Parole when the Guideline Recommends Denial, p 79 R30\_DEV\_RSN\_UND.

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

Frequency	Reason
22	Repetitive criminal conduct.
17	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
16	Significant prior criminal history.
10	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
4	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
4	Other
2	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
2	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community
2	supervision.
1	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
1	Inmate requested to expire sentence.
81	Total

Comment [AHJ11]: Reasons for denying discretionary parole DEV\_RSN\_OVR p 4 R40\_DEV\_RSN\_OVR.

Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release

Frequency	Reason
394	The inmate is eligible for release in accordance with NRS 213.1215 and the case factors
394	do not suggest that the inmate would be a danger to public safety if released on parole.

Comment [AHJ12]: Reasons for *Reason(s)* for *Granting Mandatory Parole* MPR\_GRT\_RSN, p60.

Frequency

104

18

281 Total

### Reasons for Denying Mandatory Parole Release (NRS 213.1215)

be a high risk, or higher than moderate risk to re-offend.

influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.

The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time. 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

terms and conditions of parole.

criminal activity, etc.)

Reason

The parole guidelines indicate the prisoner is a high risk to re-offend. 86 The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes. The prisoner has made statements indicating he/she will refuse to comply with the The prisoner was evaluated in accordance with NRS 213.1214 and was determined to 11 The prisoner has previously committed crimes while on community supervision. The prisoner has engaged in violent behavior while incarcerated. The prisoner has been convicted of multiple felony offenses of driving under the

Comment [AHJ13]: Reason(s) for Denying Mandatory Parole, MPR\_DNL\_RSN, p 10,+ R60\_MPR\_DNL\_RSN

### Reasons for Taking No Action

Frequency	Reason
55	Inmate not eligible due to new felony conviction. Inmate will be re-scheduled when eligible.
39	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.
37	The inmate is pending new criminal charges. Will be rescheduled once the new charges have been adjudicated.
31	Inmate was moved after hearing date was set. Will be rescheduled upon publication
	of new eligibility list.
29	Other
15	Inmate was not available at the time of the hearing.
13	No action taken due to lack of information needed to make a recommendation.
13	The attorney appointed to represent the inmate during parole revocation proceedings was not present at the scheduled time.
11	Inmate or inmate's counsel requested a continuance
10	Hearing continued pending outcome of disciplinary charges
10	No PSI, or specific information related to the offense was available to the Board at the time of the hearing.
7	Inmate not eligible due to change or correction in sentence structure or credits earned/lost per NDOC records.
7	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.
7	Inmate expired after being scheduled, but before the hearing took place.
6	Inmate not given proper notice of the hearing.
6	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.
5	Inmate not eligible for parole for reasons other than new sentence or credit
	adjustment
2	
2	The NDOC NOTIS database was not available at the time of the hearing or a
	database issue 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	The inmate needs an interpreter and one was not available for the hearing.
1	Inmate expired prior to eligibility.
1	Inmate needs to be considered by three commissioners, and three were not available
	at the hearing.

Comment [AHJ14]: Hearings resulting in no action NO\_ACTION p nn R70\_NO\_ACTION, page 125

1	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	Counsel for inmate not present
311	Total

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