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NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

Parole Board Quarterly Report of Actions
July 1 through September 30, 2016 (Q1, FY2017)

This report is prepared in accordance with NRS 213.10887: "Board to compile, maintain, organize and tabulate information concerning decisions regarding parole."

This report is organized by sections as follows:

Section 1: Summary of all parole decisions during the reporting period. Parole actions are categorized by discretionary parole decisions, mandatory parole decisions (MPR), and parole violation decisions.

Section 2: Summary of parole actions based on the parole guideline recommendation.

Section 3: Summary of parole actions that deviate from the guideline recommendation.

Section 4: Summary of parole actions by offense group.

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	1093	162	1255
Discretionary Paroles Granted	500	115	615
Discretionary Paroles Denied	593	47	640
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	505	57	562
Mandatory Paroles Granted	269	43	312
Mandatory Paroles Denied	236	14	250
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	145	23	168
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	30	5	35
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	115	18	133
MPR Release Violation Hearings	25	2	27
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	1	0	1
MPR Violators Revoked	24	2	26
Total Decisions	1768	244	2012
Total Grant/Continued	800	163	963
Total Denied/Revoked	968	81	1049
Hearings with No Action	284	35	319
Rescissions (not eligible)	5	1	6
Pending PV Hearing	0	0	0
Total Hearings	2057	280	2337

Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	45.7%	71.0%	49.0%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	53.3%	75.4%	55.5%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	48.1%	72.1%	51.0%

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	142	15	90%
Parole at 1st or 2nd Hearing	274	223	55%
Consider Factors	195	301	39%
Deny Parole	4	101	4%
Total	615	640	57%
Mandatory Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	42	15	75%
Parole at 1st or 2nd Hearing	165	46	78%
Consider Factors	101	90	53%
Deny Parole	4	99	4%
Total	312	250	55%

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:	15
Total Number of Discretionary Denials:	640
Percent of Deviation:	2.3%

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:	6
Total Number of Discretionary Grants:	615
Percent of Deviation:	1.0%

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	113	344	222	401	31	144	**1255**
Disc. Parole Hearings Granted	31	133	163	211	16	61	**615**
Percent Favorable	27%	39%	73%	53%	52%	42%	**49%**

MPR Hearings	41	191	77	174	30	49	**562**
MPR Hearings Granted	18	94	48	106	20	26	**312**
Percent Favorable	44%	49%	62%	61%	67%	53%	**56%**

Total Parole Hearings	154	535	299	575	61	193	**1817**
Total Parole Grants	49	227	211	317	36	87	**927**
Percent Favorable	32%	42%	71%	55%	59%	45%	**51%**

PV Hearings	10	36	45	80	1	23	**195**
PV's Reinstated	0	10	9	8	1	8	**36**
Percent Favorable	0%	28%	20%	10%	100%	35%	**18%**

Total	164	571	344	655	62	216	**2012**
Total Favorable	49	237	220	325	37	95	**963**
Percent Favorable	30%	42%	64%	50%	60%	44%	**48%**

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***
402	There is community and/or family support.
386	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
271	The inmate has stable release plans.
180	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to incarceration.
141	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
85	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
78	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
58	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
48	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
28	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
6	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other assignment as community trustee.
3	Other
1	The Board conducted a hearing to consider a request to rescind a previous order to grant parole. After having considered the reasons for the request to rescind, and conducting a personal hearing with the inmate, the Board has determined that a rescission of parole is not warranted at this time. This order supersedes and replaces the previous order(s) granting parole on the above referenced case numbers.
1,687	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

Frequency	***Reason***
336	Significant prior criminal history.
322	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
298	Repetitive criminal conduct.
252	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
243	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
103	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to commit a new felony.
85	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
84	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
73	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
72	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the Board should deviate from the guideline.
59	The prisoner was assessed in accordance with NRS 213.1214 and was determined to be a high risk, or
51	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
44	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
26	higher than moderate risk to re-offend.
20	Other
16	Removal from community supervision program.
16	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
13	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
5	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
4	Inmate has indicated an unwillingness to comply with the terms of parole.
1	Refusal to participate in a treatment program.
1	The Board does not have enough adequate information to allow it to make a decision to grant parole.
2,124	Total

Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Recommends Denial

Frequency	***Reason***
4	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing the behavior that led to incarceration.
4	Pending CS sentence or detainer
3	Community and/or family support
2	Stable release plans.
1	The inmate has no prior or a minimal criminal conviction history.
1	Prior successful completion of supervision
1	The case history demonstrates remorse on the part of the inmate.
16	Total

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

Frequency	***Reason***
10	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
10	Repetitive criminal conduct.
10	Significant prior criminal history.
9	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
4	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
3	Other
2	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
1	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
1	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
1	Removal from community supervision program.
51	Total

Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release

Frequency	*Reason*
311	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.
1	Other
312	Total

Reasons for Denying Mandatory Parole Release (NRS 213.1215)

Frequency	***Reason***
126	The parole guidelines indicate the prisoner is a high risk to re-offend.
81	The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes.
27	The prisoner has made statements indicating he/she will refuse to comply with the terms and conditions of parole.
27	Other
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.
10	The prisoner has engaged in violent behavior while incarcerated.
10	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.
6	The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time.
305	Total

Reasons for Taking No Action

Frequency	*Reason*
29	No PSI, or specific information related to the offense was available to the Board at the time of the hearing.
9	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.
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.
1	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.
382	Total

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