



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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**PRISONER REVIEW BOARD**

***EN BANC* MINUTE SHEET**  
**OPEN SESSION- June 26, 2025**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open *en banc* session at 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois, on June 26, 2025, at the 9:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following individuals in custody:

<b>N63849</b>	<b>Corbbins, Christopher (Parole Eligible)</b>
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The meeting was called to order by Kenneth Tupy, Board Member.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Ellen Wayne

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Jared Bohland		X
Mr. Matthew Coates	X	
Ms. Julie Globokar	X	
Mr. Jeffrey Grubbs	X	
Mr. Rodger Heaton	X	
Ms. Robin Shoffner	X	
Ms. Carmen Terrones	X	
Ms. Krystal Tison	X	
Mr. Kenneth Tupy	X	

8 Members Present

1 Member Absent

The Board heard the case of Christopher Corbbins N63849.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL for 02-25-2025 RHEATON-KTISON

Open Session: KTUPY-RHEATON

Meeting was adjourned by: CTERRONES-KTISON



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**PRESENTATION OF INTERVIEW AND FILE**

The basis for the Board's decision, at this time, is as follows:

**PRESENTATION OF INTERVIEW AND FILE**

On May 21, 2025, Board Member, Ms. Carmen Terrones, interviewed Mr. Christopher Corbbins via WebEx video at Dixon Correctional Center. Mr. Corbbins was accompanied at the interview by his attorney, Ms. Candance Chambliss, Legal Director of the Illinois Prison Project, Sister Ms. Linda with Ms. Sophia Goebel, paralegal IPP and Ms. Trenesha Boyd, Precious Blood Ministries and Reconciliation. Mr. Corbbins presented well in spirit with eagerness to share his reform and journey intention.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

On October 19, 2003, the petitioner, 35-year-old Christopher Corbbins, and his codefendants, Erick Rounds and Patrick Booker, agreed to commit a robbery. The Petitioner drove, with his codefendants, to a convenience store located at 4559 S. Harlem Avenue in Forestview, Illinois. The Petitioner and his codefendants covered the license plate of the car he was driving. The Petitioner entered the convenience store carrying a loaded .9mm gun, jumped over the counter and ordered the owner/clerk, Vipin Patel, to give him the money from the three cash registers. After Vipin put the money into a paper bag, the Petitioner fled the store with the money. The Petitioner entered the car and Erick Rounds drove off.

Officer Gale saw the Petitioner exit the store, taking the nylon off his face. Officer Gale gave chase, reaching speeds of up to 80 mph. The Petitioner and a codefendant fled the vehicle. Officer Gale chased the Petitioner, who hopped a fence, dropped the proceeds of the robbery, picked up some, and continued to flee. The Petitioner then ran up to a car that was waiting at a red light. The Petitioner, while armed with a loaded gun, opened the door and pushed the driver/owner, Vilpukumar Patel, to the side and drove off in the car. After driving up the road, the Petitioner stopped the car and told Vilpukumar to get out. After Vilpukumar got out of the car, the Petitioner started driving. Officer Kevin McGuire blocked



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the Petitioner, but the Petitioner got away. Officer McGuire was hanging out from the car, struggling with the Petitioner. The Petitioner then rammed the car against the curb several times and a guard rail, totaling the car. The Petitioner was subsequently apprehended.

**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Mr. Corbbins took a few cases of tuna from a warehouse. He stored the cans in his mother's garage, and she called the police to hold him accountable for his act. Mr. Corbbins pled guilty and was sentenced to three years in prison and after a short time, he was transferred to the Salvation Army to participate in a work release program.

Mr. Corbbins took two tires from the Hoppe Tire Company in a burglary and garnered approximately \$200 in an armed robbery with a BB gun of the Hoppe Taco Restaurant. No one was physically injured. Mr. Corbbins pled guilty and was sentenced to three years and six years respectively to run concurrently.

Mr. Corbbins pled guilty to using a firearm to rob a pharmacy and a grocery store, netting roughly \$300 in each theft. No one was physically hurt in either incident. Mr. Corbbins was sentenced to 18 years in prison and served approximately nine years.

**INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENT**

Mr. Corbbins' has a total of eight tickets. The first ticket was for Impairment of Surveillance and Contraband/Unauthorized Property, due to a when a female officer was on duty, Mr. Corbbins needed to use the toilet in his cell and wanted to do so privately and without offending the officer. He therefore briefly covered his cell window with a piece of cardboard to be considerate and did not know that doing would be considered a violation. Mr. Corbbins had two tickets for Disobeying a Direct Order when he refused to be housed with a cellmate who used illegal substances. When the prison was on lockdown, Mr. Corbbins, upon returning from the prison infirmary, was assigned to a new cell. Due to the cells being so small, Mr. Corbbins briefly stepped out onto the gallery to allow his new cellmate to relocate his belongings to make room for Mr. Corbbins. The prison was on lockdown; therefore Mr. Corbbins was issued a ticket and verbal reprimand. Mr. Corbbins received two verbal reprimands for bringing a Walkman out to the prison yard. He also received a verbal reprimand for sitting at the wrong table during lunch. Mr. Corbbins was cited for refusing a cleaning assignment although he explained that he ran out of time to complete the job and was required to turn in his tools by a certain time. Mr. Corbbins has no gang involvement or affiliation.

**STATEMENTS AS TO THE OFFENSE**

On October 19, 2003, Mr. Corbbins was a passenger in a car with two companions. Unbeknownst to him, he ingested PCP when he asked to share a cigarette with the men. Mr. Corbbins had a history of heroin addiction, but he had not tried PCP in years and his companions failed to warn him that they had laced the cigarette. He recalls them laughing as he inhaled. They decided to drive around the neighborhood and after a short period, Mr. Corbbins asked to lie down in the backseat because he felt ill. Subsequently high, he wanted to purchase heroin to abate the physical cravings and pain he experienced



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when not high and beginning withdrawal. The group decided to rob a convenience store. Mr. Corbbins was selected to commit the actual robbery. He walked up to the counter, displayed a gun and instructed the cashier to put money into a bag. The cashier handed over approximately \$1,200. A customer spotted a police car across the street at a gas station and shouted for help as Mr. Corbbins jumped into his companions' car to get away. The group left the scene but were unexpectedly pinned in when the driver turned down a dead-end street. The men scattered from the stopped car as more officers arrived on the scene. Mr. Corbbins ran to a vehicle stopped at a nearby stoplight, pushed the driver toward the passenger seat and attempted to drive away before he was able to fully get inside the car and close the door.

A police officer leapt on him and subdued him. The car stopped after traveling a single block and the original driver emerged safely. Mr. Corbbins did not display a gun when taking the vehicle, although the police recovered the gun used in the robbery from him upon arrest. No victim was physically injured. The police officers beat Mr. Corbbins when he was pulled from the vehicle and as a result he had to be taken directly to the hospital by ambulance upon arrest and treated for injuries to his ribs and back. At trial, the car owner testified that he never felt his life was in danger.

Nonetheless, Mr. Corbbins fully recognizes that at the very least he likely terrified that individual and the others who were victims of his robberies. For this and all other harm he caused, he is deeply remorseful.

**PAROLE PLANS**

St Leonard's has accepted Mr. Corbbins with a letter dated 4/16/25 affirming that he was screened and accepted upon release from Illinois Department of Corrections. He will have Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous close to his new residency at St. Leonard's. Ms. Boyd from Precious Blood will continue to accompany Mr. Corbbins on his sobriety and maintenance of his addiction and work together to support drug addicted citizens in Precious Blood. Illinois Prison Project, their social workers, case managers coordinate basic identify information. Mid-City Trucking Company will provide educational opportunity and support passing the Commercial Drivers License course and driving test. Rush Hospital, located at an idea proximity to St. Leonards will address his medical needs. Mr. Corbbins is in a relationship with someone who resides in Florida. He expresses gratitude for her and recognizes he still has much to do with his obligation and will do right and he has her overall support as he needs it. Mr. Corbbins' sister Linda is ready with other family members for family engagement strategies such as family counseling to further support Mr. Corbbins' return. Mr. Corbbins' also has the support of St. Luke's Church. He has a pen pal residing in Lake Forest who will continue to support him as he needs. Mr. Corbbins' MSR will support him through supervision such as electronic monitoring, programming expectations and victim protection.

**OPPOSITION TO PAROLE RELEASE**

The Cook County State's Attorney does object based on the institutional adjustment and the Assistant State's Attorney does not believe Mr. Corbbins will be able to conform to the reasonable conditions of parole. No other citizens submitted objections.



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**ENBANC HISTORY**

None.

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**DISCUSSION**

Ms. Candace Chambliss, Mr. Christopher Corbbins' attorney, stated in October 2023, he had a clemency hearing and was allowed to see the Board. She explained how he has been in prison for 22 years and he is someone who fills the room with his positivity and loud laugh. She stated most individuals in custody are often agitated; therefore, when if an issue arises, they ask Mr. Corbbins to speak with that person. She stated he has been teaching others in his peer group. Ms. Chambliss explained how his heroin addiction contributed to his incarceration, and he first used cocaine in his early teens before he started using heroin. She explained how he did not use needles, but he snorted it. She stated he was able to hold a job and attended church somewhat. She stated he did not know how to seek help so he would steal car parts and sell them but as his addiction took over, so did his theft. She further explained how he would steal cases of items and sell him out of his garage. She stated in 1988, he stole two tires to sell and was sentenced to three to six months. She stated he has been in and out of prison, but he never received any treatment. She stated his memory is spotty about the details on what happened the day he robbed the convenience store; therefore, Ms. Chambliss described the statement of facts. She stated he remembers the day like it was yesterday and has always taken full responsibility for his actions. She stated he had smoked PCP the day of the robbery and the sentencing judge stated that he hopes he receives the help that he needs for his drug addiction. The night of the robbery was the last time he has used an illegal drug and that was 22 years ago. Ms. Chambliss briefly went over Mr. Corbbins' disciplinary record. She explained how he has taken it on himself to help counsel the younger individuals in custody. She stated Mr. Corbbins' church and friends are excited for him to return to society. She stated he can receive substance abuse counseling at St. Leonards and stated if he ever felt like he was going to use, he would reach out to someone like a sponsor. She stated Mr. Corbbins has spent the last two decades thinking he is going to die in prison.

Mr. Tupy asked the other Board Members if they had any questions and opened it up to Ms. Courtney Quam, Assistant States Attorney to speak.

Ms. Quam stated she objects to parole in this case and does not believe he will follow the rules of parole. She explained the lack and inconsistency of his programing and believes he would fall back into old habits. She stated he does not demonstrate personal accountability.

Ms. Chambliss stated State's Attorney did not oppose his clemency petition but now opposes his parole after he has bettered himself. She explained how he has the support of Correctional Officers, his church, and family. She stated he has been accepted into school so he can get his Commercial Driver's License. She states he has taken full responsibility, and he took accountability in his clemency petition as well and wants to make amends.



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End of discussion

**DECISION AND RATIONALE**

Motion to grant parole (CTERRONES-RSHOFFNER). Motion prevailed by a unanimous vote.

After a complete review of Mr. Christopher Corbbins case, and after giving thoughtful discussion and consideration to all factors, the Board decided and voted to grant parole to Mr. Corbbins subject to conditions of parole release as set by the Board and by law. The Board hereby finds that Mr. Christopher Corbbins is an appropriate candidate for parole release.

*“The Board makes a specific finding that the release of victim protest letters could subject a person to actual risk of physical harm. The Board further notes that, pursuant to Illinois law, victim statements are confidential and privileged.”*