

**Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
MEETING OF October 30, 2014**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E. Madison,, Springfield, IL, on October 30, 2014, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

C15434 JOSEPH HURST
C72315 CALVIN CAMPBELL
C68880 AARON HYCHE
C82943 HERMAN HAMB
C70122 ROBERT GORHAM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Monreal
Roll call was taken by the Recording Secretary: Kelly Knappmeyer

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Angela Blackman-Donovan	X	
Edith Crigler	X	
Ed Bowers	X	
Salvador Diaz	X	
Eric Gregg	X	
Craig Findley	X	
Vonetta Harris	X	
Tom Johnson	X	
William Norton	X	
Jennifer Parrack	X	
Donald Shelton	X	
William Simmons	X	
Geraldine Tyler	X	
Adam Monreal	X	

14 Present

The Recording Secretary presented the following minutes for approval:
Open Session Minutes from September 2014. (ADM – DS) Leave

Motion to continue Jacob Bramlett to December En Banc session. (ADM – EG). Leave.

Meeting was adjourned (ADM – CF). Leave.
Submitted by: Kelly R. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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Inmate Name: Joseph Hurst IDOC Number & Institution: C15434

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Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Parrack presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

In September, 2014, at the Dixon Correctional Center, Joseph Hurst appeared before a member of the Prisoner Review Board for parole consideration. Factors considered include, but are not limited to, a review of the file, facts of the case, parole plans, and institutional adjustments.

Mr. Joseph Hurst is currently 70 years old, and is serving a sentence of 100 to 300 years for the murder of Officer Stallworth, 19 to 20 years for the attempted murder of Officer Ervin, and 9 to 10 years for the attempted murder of Detective Hederman. The sentences were to run concurrently, but consecutive to the sentence for 10 to 20 years for the violation of probation.

The facts of the crime indicate that Mr. Hurst was stopped by the Chicago Police on May 23, 1967, for speeding. Once out of the car an argument ensued and Mr. Hurst pulled out a gun and shot and killed Officer Stallworth. As he fled the scene he ran past Officer Ervin in the squad car and fired one shot hitting Officer Ervin in the face. He was also convicted of firing on officers as they attempted to apprehend him. At the time of the murder, Mr. Hurst was also on probation for two robberies.

Mr. Hurst is currently A grade, low escape risk. He has been housed at Dixon Correctional Center since October 2006. Mr. Hurst is currently unassigned for work, but is a facilitator with the Life-Style Redirection Program. He has completed an anger management course and attended multiple re-entry summits. In the last year, he received two minor tickets for contraband/trading and trafficking. He had an altered hot pot and a cassette tape. The next ticket was for violation of rules in which he had an unauthorized inmate in his cell.

If granted parole, Mr. Hurst would like to live with his wife in her home in the Hyde Park area of Chicago. He would work with his son at his congregation and would like to continue to write and possibly work as an editor. He has strong family support in the community.

Motion to enter Executive Session. (JP – WN). Leave.

Motion to return to Open Session. (ADM – JP). Leave.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney: Inmate Hurst only threw his weapon away when he ran out of bullets. He has also received recent tickets in the institution.

Aviva Futorian – from John Howard Association – State they no longer represent Inmate Hurst due to their differences on strategy. She does not think the letters he has sent to the Board are appropriate. However, she added that he is remorseful for his crimes. He has been a good, productive inmate and has done what he can to improve while incarcerated. There is an interstate compact in the works.

Member Findley – The petitioner has helped other inmates. However, he has been extremely critical of all of the Board Members. The petitioner believes all indeterminate sentence inmates should be set free. He blames everyone else for his actions.

Member Shelton stated the petitioner is angry and arrogant. He has difficulty believing the petitioner could be a positive influence.

Member Parrack stated her conclusion. The board reviewed and discussed the case during an En Banc session. It was determined at this time that parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and would promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny parole. (JP – DS). Motion carries 14-0.

Board Members indicated they would not support the petitioner for the next three years.

Motion for a three year set. (ADM – WN). Motion carries 10–4. Members Crigler, Findley, Parrack and Tyler dissented.

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Inmate Name: Calvin Campbell IDOC Number & Institution: C72315

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Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Crigler presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

Member Edith L. Crigler at Dixon Correctional Center interviewed inmate Calvin Campbell at Stateville Correction Center. Present were the following:

Joan Weaver - Mother
Harry Weaver - Step-father
Carolyn R. Kalvquist - Attorney
Gabrielle Green – Attorney

The interviewed included a complete review of Mr. Campbell's institutional history, offender overview, inmate testimony review of the case facts, parole plans and a discussion with Mr. Campbell related to his remorse and issues of accountability

On September 21, 1974 Inmate Campbell and two co-offenders, Michael Gray and Melvin Reed, robbed Eddie Pittman and murdered Joseph Law, Sr. who was a Cook County Deputy Sheriff. Law and Pittman were on an elevator in Robert Taylor Homes and as the doors were closing a female voice asked them to hold the elevator. The victim pushed the held the elevator and two young girls entered along with three young men. The inmate pushed the emergency button causing the elevator to stop between floors. Co-offender Michael Gray produced a pistol, which he held to the victim's face and announced, "This is a stickup." A struggle ensued and the co-offender Gray fired, with the bullet grazing Pittman's chest. The struggled resulted in inmate shooting and killing Deputy Law and one of the females was also shot twice. The inmate and co-offenders took Deputy Law's revolver and fled when the door open.

Inmate Campbell's version differs from the State Attorney's statement of facts. He admits that the plan to do the robbery was his idea and that the gun was his. Mr. Law (the off duty Sheriff Police) reached for his weapon one of the co-defendants struggled with Mr. Law and inmate Campbell sat his gun down on the elevator floor and struggled with Mr. Law and the weapon went off and shot one of the ladies twice. Then Mike Gray picked up the weapon off the floor and shot Mr. Law, Mr. Pittman was also shot (powder burn).

Inmate Campbell plans to apply to St Leonard's again. He was accepted last year but needs to reapply for this year. He plans to transition from St Leonard's to his parent's home and work in a job with his stepfather.

Chairman Monreal stated he took the protest in this case.

Member Shelton noted the petitioner admits being at the scene of the crime. He also admits it was his idea and his gun.

Mr. Campbell expressed remorse regarding the robbery and the death of Deputy Law. He states that he is now a different person from the 18 year old and he is now a peaceful, reflective individual who wishes to return to his family and community. He presents as a peaceful thoughtful man who wants to give back to his community.

Member Crigler also noted that Inmate Campbell has apologized to the son of the victim. He is remorseful. He was 18 years old and on drugs. He admits he was acting like a fool.

Member Diaz noted that the crime was premeditated and the petitioner was 18 years old and knew what he was doing.

Member Johnson noted that this was not the petitioner's first contact with the law. He had several prior contacts.

Inmate Campbell's attorneys state he does accept responsibility for who he was at the time this crime occurred. He made terrible decisions. He is a very different person now. He is not arrogant. They are asking for the Board to give him the opportunity to be interviewed next year should he be denied parole today. He apologized to the family of the victim and he has been punished severely. He is now 58 years old. He can make a contribution to society. He does have a bed available at St. Leonard's.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney – Inmate Campbell was on probation at the time of this offense. All of the witnesses stated he was the shooter. He received a major ticket in June of this year.

Crigler - Mr. Campbell strongly states that he did not shot Deputy Law, but he admits he was the one who planned the robbery. He also states that it was not their intention to kill anyone. He has made progress and the staff at IDOC think well of him. He was 18 years old at the time of this offense and was under the influence of drugs. He has had a good institutional adjustment and has had no violent tickets. Member Crigler stated she no longer believes he is a threat and will no reoffend.

Motion to grant parole. (EC – GT). Motion does not carry by a vote of 6 – 8. Members in support of the motion were Bowers, Crigler, Findley, Parrack, Shelton and Tyler. Members Blackman-Donovan, Diaz, Gregg, Johnson, Norton, Simmons and Chairman Monreal dissented.

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Inmate Name: Robert Gorham IDOC Number & Institution: C70122

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Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Norton presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

A parole assessment interview was conducted with Robert Gorham on September 18, 2014. Mr. Gorham was born on September 5, 1951, is currently sixty-three (63) years of age, and was a resident of the Menard Correctional Center on the date of the interview. According to the file, Mr. Gorham is serving a sentence of 100-200 years for Murder, two (2) sentences of 5-15 years for Burglary and a sentence of 3-9 years for Possession of a Controlled Substance, with all of the above sentences to run concurrent. Factors considered by the Board include, but are not limited to, testimony of the resident, a review of the file, the nature of the crime, the sentence for the offense, institutional adjustment and parole plans.

The file and record would indicate that in the fall of 1974 Robert Gorham became involved in a romantic relationship with Kathleen Thompson, the wife of murder victim Kenneth Thompson. Kathleen Thompson learned that her husband was seeking a divorce and wanted custody of their children. Kathleen Thompson told Robert Gorham that her husband had a large life insurance policy and that she would split the life insurance proceeds with him if he would commit the murder of Kenneth Thompson. Robert Gorham and Kathleen Thomson then developed a plan for the murder of Kenneth Thompson and the scheme and murder plan was intended to provide them both with an alibi. On January 10, 1975, Robert Gorham committed the murder of Kenneth Thompson by shooting him in the head. Mr. Gorham was arrested for this murder offense on April 1976, was found guilty of this offense of murder following a jury trial, was given a sentence of 100-200 years on January 10, 1977 and was admitted to the Illinois Department of Correction on January 13, 1977.

Mr. Gorham was pleasant, polite, courteous and attentive during the parole assessment interview. Mr. Gorham did not dispute the facts of his conviction for Murder and he expressed remorse for the murder of Kenneth Thompson.

The parole assessment as completed by the Illinois Department of Corrections and the file would report and reveal that Mr. Gorham does have a prior criminal history which includes a prior conviction in 1971 for the offenses of Aggravated Battery and Unlawful Use of Weapon for

which he received a sentence of 2-4 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The institutional adjustment of Mr. Gorham has been marginal at best. Mr. Gorham has received approximately fifty (50) IDRs during his period of incarceration. His discipline record has improved over the years, but in January 2010 Mr. Gorham did receive a major IDR for the sexual assault of an inmate and in March 2011 he received a major IDR for fighting. A criminal charge was filed in Knox County against Mr. Gorham for his sexual assault of an inmate in January 2010, but it would appear that this criminal charge was dismissed with leave to reinstate when the alleged victim of the offense failed to cooperate or appear. He has filed a grievance to have his good time reinstated.

The file would reveal that Mr. Gorham has been incarcerated for approximately 38 years. Mr. Gorham does not have a current job assignment but reports that he has a high school diploma, has completed a few college courses and is a licensed barber. Mr. Gorham appeared to be in good health but advised he has Hepatitis C and is in need of knee replacement. Mr. Gorham further reported that his parents are deceased and that he does have living two (2) brothers and a sister with whom he has no contact. Mr. Gorham stated that he also has a son and daughter by a prior marriage with whom he has no contact. Mr. Gorham advises that he did marry the mother of his prior cellmate, Gloria Gorham, but he thinks that she passed away in 2011. The file would indicate that the current projected maximum discharge date of Mr. Gorham is November 5, 2069.

Mr. Gorham indicated that if he were to be granted parole consideration he would live at St. Leonard's House or with his new friend/fiancé, Kathy Vainisi, who currently resides in Texas and with whom he last had a visit in 2011. He advised he would seek employment as a barber to provide for his support.

Prior votes were discussed.

Cook County Assistant States Attorney – Inmate Gorham planned this crime and obtained a gun. He set-up an alibi. After the murder he returned the firearm to a friend.

Member Norton: The Board continues to be concerned by the planned and premeditated nature of this crime. The Board feels that a release at this time would deprecate the serious nature of this crime and promote a lack of respect for the law.

Motion to deny parole. (WN – DS). Motion carries 14 – 0.

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Inmate Name: Aaron Hyche IDOC Number & Institution: 68880

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E. Madison Street, Springfield, IL, on October 30, 2014, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, A. Blackman-Donovan, E. Bowers, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Chairman Monreal presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

IDOC Facility: Dixon Correctional Facility

Interview Date: July 15, 2014

Persons Present for Interview: APM, Inmate Aaron Hyche, Carolyn Klarquist & Gabrielle Green (State Appellate Defender's Office).

Projected Release Date: 10/12/2127

Maximum Release Date: 11/21/2127

1. CURRENT STATUS:

Arron Hyche is an African American, male, age 63 with a date of birth of 12/11/50. He is the son of Arron Hyche (father/decease) & Lucille Hyche. Inmate Hyche has siblings; Sharon, Carol, Theresa, Charlotte, Arnold, Steven and Larry Hyche. The Hyche family originates from the south-side of Chicago near the Robert Taylor Homes. Inmate Hyche stated that he attended DuSable where he graduated. Inmate Hyche denies any gang involvement during the course of his youth or during the years of his incarceration. Prior to his incarceration for the current offense, inmate Hyche stated that he worked at Quaker Oats as a chemical lab-technician. Inmate Hyche has been incarcerated since October 1976 (38 yrs. in the Department of Corrections). According to the records, inmate Hyche was married and the father of one child (son). He has never served in the military.

2. STATEMENT OF FACTS/CASE:

In January 1976, inmate Hyche entered into a plea agreement with the Cook County State's Attorney. Inmate Hyche plead guilty to one count of attempted murder and one count of armed robbery. The sentence that was entered 4 to 8 years and 2 to 8 years ordered, to run concurrently. After entering his guilty plea the court allowed a stay of mittimus. Inmate Hyche absconded.

On March 18, 1976, inmate Hyche was traveling to the State of Texas. Inmate Hyche was aware that he was wanted on an arrest warrant related to the aforementioned matter. In the vehicle with inmate Hyche was co-offender Mr. James Earl Taylor. While en route to the State of Texas on I-57 inmate Hyche was stopped by Illinois State Trooper Layton T. Davis. The traffic stop occurred in Effingham County.

After being stopped by Trooper Davis, co-offender Taylor took hold of the handgun that was in the vehicle and that belong to inmate Hyche. Co-offender Taylor placed the weapon in his waistband. During the course of the traffic stop, co-offender Taylor exited the vehicle and became involved into a physical fight with Trooper Davis. The two ended up in the ditch alongside the road on I-57. During the course of the physical fight between Trooper Davis and co-offender Taylor, inmate Hyche retrieved the handgun that co-offender Taylor had concealed on his person during the course of the traffic stop. Once in possession of the handgun (.357 magnum) inmate Hyche fired three shots at Trooper Davis. Each hit Trooper Davis. During the course of this confrontation Mr. Herman Honn stopped his vehicle to assist the State Trooper. After stopping behind the State patrol vehicle, Mr. Hyche fired at the vehicle driven by Mr. Honn on two separate occasions. Thereafter, Mr. Honn left the scene and notified the authorities.

After the murder of Trooper Davis and the attempted murder of Mr. Honn, inmate Hyche and co-offender Taylor left the crime scene. Thereafter, inmate Hyche and co-offender Taylor experienced car difficulties. Their vehicle was left on the side of the road. After leaving the vehicle on the side of the road, inmate Hyche and co-offender Taylor were picked up by Ms. Anna-Mae Feldhake. After offering her assistance, Ms. Feldhake was forced into the back seat of her vehicle. A high speed chase ensued whereby both offenders were taken into custody and Ms. Feldhake was not seriously harmed. Both offenders were taken into custody and charged accordingly.

3. INMATE VERSION:

Inmate Hyche does not dispute the factual version that has been stated.

When questioned as to why he had committed the numerous robberies and armed robberies during the course of his youth inmate Hyche stated that as a youth he was arrogant, believed that he could do anything that he wanted and experienced excitement and thrill by robbing another person.

When questioned regarding the attempted murder and armed robbery conviction inmate Hyche stated that he went to rob a known drug dealer in the community. He stated that he pled guilty to the offense and took responsibility but the judge gave him a stay of mittimus. He was kept in the institution for three days and became upset. Because of this he decided to leave for Texas.

When questioned as to the murder, attempted murder and Kidnapping, inmate Hyche stated that after the traffic stop he was placed into the squad car and saw Trooper Davis and co-offender Taylor in a physical altercation and exited the squad car. Inmate Hyche stated that Trooper Davis had questioned him earlier and that the Trooper was under the mistaken impression that he was actually his brother (unknown) who was wanted on a warrant. After the physical altercation, inmate Hyche stated that he was of the opinion that the Trooper was going to shoot him and for that reason he retrieved the gun and shot the Trooper. Furthermore, inmate Hyche stated that when Mr. Honn arrived he got nervous and fired at car.

As to the kidnapping of Ms. Feldhake, inmate Hyche stated that the young lady was nice enough to stop and assist him and co-offender Taylor and allowed him to drive her vehicle but that he never had any intention of harming her.

On a final note concerning the interview of inmate Hyche, I questioned him as why the Prisoner Review Board should consider him for parole. Inmate Hyche stated the following reasons:

1. The PRB has paroled other inmates that have murdered police officers.
2. He has served a sufficient time of incarceration.
3. He poses no threat to anyone because of his physical condition.
4. Finally, inmate Hyche stated that he developed that ability to assist and guide others and would like to do the same with the youth if he were to be released.

4. CASE PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

Inmate Hyche was sentenced for the attempted Armed Robbery and the Attempted Murder for which there was a stay of mittimus prior to his incarceration in 1976. The sentence he received for those criminal convictions was 4 to 8 yrs. and 2 to 8 yrs. (concurrently).

After his arrest, inmate Hyche and co-offender Taylor were charged with the murder of Trooper Davis, the attempted murder of Mr. Honn and the kidnapping of Ms. Feldhake. Inmate Hyche proceeded by way of a jury trial and was found guilty of all charges. At the sentencing hearing, the trial judge heard matters in aggravation and mitigation. Inmate Hyche was sentenced to 150-300 years for murder, concurrent to 25-75 years for attempted murder, consecutive to 6-20 years for kidnapping. Inmate Hyche filed a number of appeals alleging error at the trial. The appellate court affirmed the trial court's procedure and sentence and the Illinois Supreme Court affirmed the Appellate Court's ruling. According to inmate Hyche there is no pending litigation.

5. PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY:

Inmate Hyche has an extensive criminal history the convictions are as follows:

1. Armed Robb. (1966: 1 ½ yrs. IDOC).

2. Armed Robb ('70: 2-3 yrs. IDOC),
 3. Armed Robb ('70: same),
 4. Robb ('71: 1 yrs. IDOC),
 5. Armed Robb ('71: 2-3 yrs. IDOC),
 6. Armed Robb ('71: same),
 7. Att. Armed Robb ('73 4-8 yrs. IDOC),
- * Inmate Hyche was parole in 1973.
8. Att. Murder, Att., Armed Robb (conviction and out on 5 day stay of mittimus at the time of the current conviction for Murder/Att. Murder & Kidnapping.),
 9. Murder, Att. Murder, Kidnapping (Current incarceration).

6. INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENT:

- Certificates: During the years of inmate Hyche's incarceration he has acquired an Associate's degree, a Bachelor's degree and a certificate as a para-legal. According to inmate Hyche he has assisted other inmates with legal advice throughout the years of his incarceration and continues to assist other inmates.
- Educational Advancement: Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree and para-legal certificate.
- Institutions: Dixon (2002), Pontiac, Menard, Danville and Hill Correctional facilities.
- Current Grade: Current grade is grade A and designated as a low escape risk as of January 2014.
- Assignments: Currently unassigned since 2003, prior assignments were data entre, porter, library , legal clerk, janitorial and commissary
- IDRs: During the early years of his incarceration, inmate Hyche had a difficult adjustment and acquired numerous IDRs. A review of his file revealed that since 2010 inmate Hyche has acquired 5 IDRs, 2 in 2014 both major. Prior to acquiring these recent IDRs and dating back to January 2010 inmate Hyche had acquired an additional 15 IDRs.
- Medical History:
Inmate Hyche is currently in a wheelchair. He states that he limited movement outside the wheelchair. He is able to stand and go to and from his bed but cannot walk for a long period of time. Inmate Hyche has been assessed and the Parkinson's disease which has been ruled out however he is been assessed for MS. It was clearly visible that he shakes on a regular basis and that he does not have the ability to write. In terms of medication inmate Hyche states that he takes aspirin and medication for high blood pressure.

7. FAMILY HISTORY:

According to inmate Hyche, he does not maintain contact with the mother of his son but does maintain contact with his mother and family siblings through occasional F/F contacts but more frequently through phone calls and letters. All the family members live near the Chicagoland area.

8. RELEASE / PAROLE PLANS:

Inmate Hyche does not have a formidable parole plan. During the course of the interview and when questioned as to what was his parole plan, inmate Hyche stated that any of his siblings would welcome him into their household. Furthermore, the attorneys that represented him stated that they had contacted St. Leonard's House however they were not accepting new participants to the program. The attorneys stated that they would work on behalf of inmate Hyche and develop a concrete parole plan. I would note that this is the first year that inmate Hyche has had representation on his behalf.

Attorneys for the petitioner: They are having a hard time finding placement for Mr. Hyche due to his physical condition. He fully admits his involvement and is remorseful. He is very honest and forthcoming.

9. CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, based on the aforementioned interview of inmate Aaron Hyche, a review of the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense which led to his conviction, his criminal history, a complete analysis of his case file including; his institutional adjustment, his rationale concerning the events that led to this heinous and senseless murder of Illinois State Trooper Davis, the attempted murder of Mr. Honn and the kidnapping of Ms. Feldhake, inmate Hyche's family history, his accomplishment within the institution and most importantly, his lack of a formidable parole plan, I am of the opinion that to parole inmate Aaron Hyche would not only deprecate the seriousness of his offense but would promote disrespect for the law. I therefore move that the parole request of Aaron Hyche C-68880, be denied.

Motion carries 14 – 0.

Motion for a five-year set. (ADM – ABD). Motion carries 9 – 5. Voting in favor of the motion were Members Blackman-Donovan, Bowers, Diaz, Gregg, Johnson, Norton, Parrack, Simmons and Chairman Monreal. Members Crigler, Findley, Harris, Shelton and Tyler dissented.

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Inmate Name: Herman Lamb IDOC Number & Institution: C82943

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Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Tyler presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

Herman Lamb was interviewed for parole on August 12, 2014 at Dixon Correctional Center. He is a 68 year old white male serving a term of 100-300 years for murder and kidnapping.

According to the inmate file Herman Lamb wondered in to a restaurant called Ronnie D's in Edwardsville, Illinois on December 3, 1977 and talked a waitress, Ms. Denise Stahlbut, in to giving him a ride to Walmart. One week later her body was discovered in the trunk of her car. She had been strangled and raped. Although Mr. Lamb was a primary suspect from the beginning, there was no proof until 1999 when Denise Stahlbut's clothes were tested for DNA and Lamb was a match. He was tried and found guilty. He was sentenced to 100-300 years for murder and kidnapping. Four days before this offense, he abducted another young woman and she was able to get away from him.

Mr. Lamb chose not to talk about the facts of the case because it is still in the appellate court.

Inmate Lamb reports working in industry to support himself although he is currently unassigned. He is A grade and low escape risk, medium security. He is presently unassigned.

Inmate Lamb has a lengthy criminal history including violence throughout several states and previous incarcerations.

If paroled, Inmate Lamb will live with his fiancé in Sumpter, South Carolina. He stated he has experience and could work. He noted an invention.

Motion to enter Executive Session. (DS – ADM). Leave.

Motion to return to Open Session. (ADM – GT). Leave.

GT - To grant parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law. Mr. Lamb evaded justice for years and has a vast criminal history.

Motion to deny parole. (GT – DS) Motion carries 14 – 0.

Motion for a five-year set. (ADM – JP) Motion carries 14 – 0.

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