

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor
Repeat Violent Offenders newsletter
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Last of violent trio of rapists denied parole



Last year, a trilogy of violent child sex offenders were considered for parole by the Ohio Adult Parole Authority.

David Lockney, at left, was the last of the three to have a parole board decision regarding his release.

On Jan. 22, 2023, the Prosecutor learned from Mary Jo Hosokawa, administrator of the Victim/Witness Division, that violent repeat sex offender David Lockney would be remaining in prison at least until his next parole consideration in October 2027. If parole is granted, then Lockney, 68, would be released in December 2027. He is presently incarcerated in Lake Erie Correctional Institution and will have to stay there at least four more

years.

This office is thankful that the state parole board, through the efforts of victim/witness testimony from this office, had previously extended the prison terms for Willis Reitz, age 66 pictured at far right, for five years, and for William Fisher, age 74, shown at near right, for 10 years. Now, it has extended Lockney for four years.



“In my career I have never seen a worse group of vicious sexual predators come up for parole release at the same time. These convicted child rapists were all prosecuted by the Trumbull County Prosecutor Office’s Child Assault Division that was formed in 1987 as one of the first such division in the nation to specialize

in the investigation and prosecution of sexual and physical abuse cases involving children in the county,” Prosecutor Watkins said.

“This is indeed good news that the board had extended the prison term of Fisher for 10 years, Lockney for four years and Reitz for five years before having eligibility hearings for possible release on parole,” Watkins said noting the trio have already been incarcerated for more than 93 years.

In the Lockney case, Watkins personally went to a full parole board hearing in Columbus in 2002 with the victim, whom he has known since she was 7 years old in 1987. In that hearing Watkins argued for Lockney’s continued imprisonment on his four life sentences for the rest of his natural life.

“We are grateful that the parole board has carefully considered our evidence and the testimony of victims that public safety and appropriate punishment is important to the welfare of society when extreme violence and serious injury is involved in crimes against children,” Watkins said.

We as prosecutors, along with police and citizens, will remain vigilant and stand firm against the paroles of these type of individuals.

For more information about the three cases, please refer to the attached letters that Prosecutor Watkins has written to the parole board opposing the release of this trilogy of violent child sex offenders.

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