

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor
Repeat Violent Offenders newsletter
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CONVICTED MURDERER MONDAY IS DENIED PAROLE



Trumbull County Prosecutor Office's Victim/Witness Division Coordinator Mary Jo Hosho informed Prosecutor Dennis Watkins today that convicted murderer Mitchell Monday has been denied parole with his next hearing before the Ohio Adult Parole Authority scheduled for May 2028.

This marks the fourth Trumbull County repeat violent offender denied parole in the past month. The others are convicted sex offender Martin Petersime, who was denied parole until May 2027; convicted sex offender Terrance Stargell, denied parole until April 2027, and convicted murderer

Samuel Paul Totts, denied parole until April 2026.

Monday, 50, will remain in Pickaway Correctional Institution serving a 19½-year to life prison sentence for the January 1995 slaying of Mark Dixon. The parole hearing in July was Monday's fourth request for release which was opposed by the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office.

Watkins says he is pleased by the parole board's decision noting in his letter to the board that Monday is "absolutely incorrigible and a threat to the community."

Monday was convicted and sentenced by Trumbull County Judge John Stuard in May 1995 on charges of murder, aggravated robbery, aggravated arson, kidnapping and having weapons while under disability.

Evidence in the murder case showed that Monday manipulated his accomplices to cover up the crimes and dispose of Dixon's body. Prosecutors said Monday was on probation for a felony weapons charge at the time of Dixon's slaying. Warren police said Monday was in his own Pearl Street home when he shot Dixon in the head before loading his body in the back of a van with the help of two women who were partying at his house. At the time, Dixon was on house arrest, so he had the women dispose of the body in Weathersfield Township. One of the women shot Dixon again in the process, police said. But forensic evidence showed Monday's shot was the one that was fatal to Dixon.

While in jail awaiting trial in this murder case, Monday committed his aggravated arson offense by setting cell block D on fire at the Trumbull County jail.

Monday was also denied parole in 2009, 2014 and 2019.

Watkins in his letter cited Monday being written up three times for infractions of prison rules in 2024. And in late 2023, he was found guilty of drug abuse activity and possession of obscene photos of underage males. During a search, prison officials found on Monday a device which “contained several photos of underage males in inappropriate sexual positions. Because he apparently had possible child pornography, his case has been referred to the Ohio Highway State Patrol as a potential outside case.”

Monday had also been previously found guilty of both drug and sex offenses in prison.

Between 2007 and 2019, Monday was written up 36 times and found guilty of some 50 infractions of prison rules.

(see attached Watkins letters opposing parole for Mitchell Monday)

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