

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor
Repeat Violent Offenders newsletter
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MAXIMILLIAN BELL DENIED PAROLE, ELIGIBLE AGAIN IN '28



Inmate Maximillian Bell, who was given a 12- to 50-year prison sentence by Trumbull County Judge Andrew D. Logan in November 1996, had his bid for parole rejected by the Ohio Adult Parole Authority and will remain in Richland Correctional Institution.

Mary Jo Hoso, victim/witness coordinator for the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office, learned of the parole board's action on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024.

According to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections website, Bell's next bid for parole will occur in August 2028.

Trumbull County Prosecuting Attorney Dennis Watkins was pleased with the decision of the board. In recent letters to the board, Watkins stated Bell remains dangerous to society and is a sociopath and would not obey the laws and rules of parole if released.

Bell was convicted in 1996 of charges of involuntary manslaughter, kidnapping and aggravated robbery in the death of Mark Heltzel of Warren. At the time, he was a juvenile and was bound over by the juvenile court for adult prosecution.

This was Bell's fourth request of parole.

According to Watkins, Bell's involvement with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction over many years has not appeared to modify or improve the behavior he established as a juvenile. According to an institution report summary dated Nov. 7, 2022, Bell's infraction involved performing a lewd act with his private part while looking at two correction officers "as if he was stalking the officers like a predator." He was charged with rule violations involving seductive or obscene acts, indecent exposure, exhibitionistic masturbation.

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