

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

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Ferrell to be released after 5-4 vote of parole board



Inmate Christopher Ferrell, who was convicted of aggravated murder in 1993 for the Feb. 11, 1992, shooting death of Douglas Lash in Newton Township, has received parole after serving over 30 years of his life sentence.

The Ohio Adult Parole Authority, after a full board hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, voted 5-4 to release Ferrell. Board chairman Lisa Hoying said Ferrell will be released on Nov. 18, 2024, and begin a five-year highly supervised parole.

Seven persons testified on behalf of Ferrell at the hearing, in addition to public defender Ross Smith. Trumbull County Assistant Prosecutor Charles Morrow argued against parole for Ferrell, who is expected to be living in Stark County.

For more information or questions about the parole hearing, please contact JoEllen Smith, communications chief for the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction at (614) 752-1164.

Public comments about this case can be forwarded to the Ohio Adult Parole Authority, via their website <https://drc.ohio.gov/systems-and-services/1-parole/parole-board-hearing-input>

For more information, contact Guy M. Vogrin, investigator and public information officer of the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office at 330-675-2485.