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IN RE: LYONS, DEAVEY QUINCY – Inmate # A462876
Review Hearing: May 2025.
Trumbull County Case No. 02-CR-540
CHARGES: CTS 1&2: Rape (LIFE), With Firearm
Specifications.
CT 3: Kidnapping (F-1) With Firearm
Specification.
CT 5: Possession of Cocaine (F-3) With
Firearm Specification and
CT 5: Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm)
(F-4).
SENTENCE: Life Sentence, plus three (3) years.
TIME SERVED: 22 years, 7 months, 2 days.
(As of this writing).

Dear Board Members:

As the original Assistant Prosecutor who tried this case, I am writing this letter to voice the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office's opposition to this convicted rapist's release from prison. Inmate Lyons has a Parole Hearing scheduled for March of 2025. In furtherance of this hearing, I submit the attached documents from our files in advance so that you may make a full and informed decision concerning our recommended denial of Inmate Lyons' release.

Factual Background:

On August 23, 2002, twelve-year old Jessica Wilson, and two friends walked to the Inmate, Deavery Lyons' residence to ask if they could walk his dog. Lyons agreed and invited Jessica in to get a leash. He told her two friends to remain outside.

Once inside, Lyons locked the front door and drew the curtains. He asked Jessica if he could kiss her and she said, no. He forcibly kissed her anyway. Lyons then produced a gun and put it to Jessica's head and said if she told anyone what happened, he would kill her. He then pulled her shorts to the side and placed his fingers inside her vagina. He followed this activity by "kissing her little thing", referring to her vagina. As he did this, Jessica fell backwards on the staircase to the second floor. Appellant then pulled her shorts to one side, unzipped his pants and engaged in vaginal intercourse with her. Jessica was having her period at this time and was wearing a pad for protection. When Lyons was through, he threatened Jessica with the gun again, advising her that if she told anyone what had happened, he would find her.

Jessica left the Defendant's house and rejoined her two friends. She was visibly shaken. She immediately told her friends that she had been raped. Her friends walked her home and told Jessica's mother, Michelle Wilson, what happened. Michelle contacted Warren Police. The Police arrived at the Defendant's residence and surrounded it. When the police knocked on the door, the Defendant ran out the back door. Police were able to apprehend him after a brief foot pursuit. At the time of his arrest, the police recovered a stolen Bryco .380 semiautomatic handgun and a large amount of cocaine.

Jessica underwent a sexual assault medical examination. As part of that examination, internal and external DNA swabs were obtained and her clothing and sanitary pad were collected as evidence. These samples were tested by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. During

this analysis, Inmate Lyons' DNA was found with a statistical frequency of 1 in 47,570,000.

Victim, Jessica Wilson's life after being raped at gunpoint by Inmate Lyons:

As this board is aware, Jessica was violently raped at the tender age of twelve years of age. Before her rape, she was a vibrant, beautiful and loving young lady with her entire life ahead of her.

Following Inmate Lyons' attack, that all changed for Jessica. Immediately following her rape by Lyons, Jessica had to be prescribed medication to Depression, Anxiety and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. I remember her complaining that she had nightmares about that day and always felt that something bad was going to happen to her again. Jessica had to have more and more powerful medications to quiet her nightmares and manage her psychological conditions. Over time, she became addicted to the very medications meant to help her and as her addiction spiraled out of control, she found herself searching for more powerful drugs to ease her pain. This search lead her to the streets, where she became addicted to opioid pain killers and illicit street drugs like Heroin and Phytanyl.

Over the years, Jessica tried to get past her anxiety and depression and the drug addiction that they brought with them. She was able to marry and had four beautiful children, Elijah, Brayden, Mario and Sakiya. Tragically, on March 20, 2020 at the age of thirty, Jessica passed away of a drug overdose, leaving her four children and husband. I learned through Jessica's sister, McKenzie Thomas that in the days preceding her death, Jessica had a "breakdown" about the day she was raped, and lamented the fact that her life was never right after she was attacked. She cried about how bad her life had become and still became extremely emotional when she talked about the events of the day she was assaulted.

It is the State's position that though Jessica did not die directly at the hands of Inmate Lyons, her blood is still on his hands. He chose to brutally attack and rape an innocent twelve year old girl to satisfy his most prurient interests. In doing so, he stripped her of her innocence, her psychological well being and her future. Inmate Lyons sent Jessica into a death spiral from which she never recovered. Had he never attacked her, Jessica would be alive and well caring for her children, being a daughter to her parents, a sibling to her sister and a wife to her husband. It is hard to imagine or put into words, the number of people whose lives were destroyed by the acts of the Defendant on August. 23,2002

Consultation with the Victim's family:

In an effort to fully understand the victim's representatives' position on Inmate Lyons' potential release from prison, the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office contacted the family of his deceased victim.

In doing so, we learned that Jessica's family has not recovered from the loss of their loved one. Jessica's Mother, Michelle Loy spoke at length about how Jessica's death has affected the members of her family. She spoke of the tragic transformation that Jessica underwent following Lyons' attack and it was clear that the emotion that she feels is overwhelming. We also spoke to Jessica's sister, who spoke about the days leading to Jessica's death and the powerful impact that losing her sister had on her. And finally, we spoke to Brayden Balas, Jessica's son, who spoke about the hardship of losing his mother at such a young age.

Michelle, McKenzie and Brayden all wanted to write impact letters, which are attached as exhibits. Others from the family wanted to write letters as well but were not emotionally able at this time. Jessica's family was adamant that each surviving member of her family wished to be

involved with any decision made concerning the release of Inmate Lyons.

Inmate Lyons' Institutional infractions and prison background.

Inmate Lyons clearly has not been a model prisoner during his time spent in Ohio prisons. A review of his Current Institutional Report Summary shows that Lyons has a number of infractions for violations of prison regulations, including multiple incidents of engaging in "Security Threat Group" activities, fighting, possession of a shank, possession of drugs, possession of stolen or unregistered property, and failure to follow the orders of a correction officer. In fact, Inmate Lyons had sixty-five (65) separate behavioral incidents during his time in prison.

Most troubling among those are seven (7) incidents of engaging in "Security Threat Group" activities / fighting. This is extremely disconcerting because they show that during the time that Lyons was incarcerated, he joined the nefarious street gang known as the "BLOODS". Further, Lyons time and time again engaged in organized acts of violence against rival gang members or others that the "BLOODS" wished to terrorize or otherwise victimize.

These infractions are particularly disturbing because they show that Lyons cannot conform to the rules of society even in an environment where he is closely monitored and virtually all of his actions are controlled to a degree. If Lyons cannot constrain himself in such a restrictive setting, there is no way that he can be trusted to lead a law-abiding life if he should be released from prison.

Inmate Lyons' Current Institutional Report Summary also shows that he has failed to take his rehabilitation seriously. Records indicate that Lyons enrolled in forty (40) programs while in prison and was TERMINATED from eighteen (18) of the programs he attempted. It is insightful

that while Lyons was in prison and presumably had nothing but time, he still could not be troubled to attempt to rehabilitate himself by participating in more programs. The fact that he was terminated from almost half of the programs he enrolled in is also telling of the lack of effort that he put in to better himself.

The Prosecution's position on Inmate Lyons' parole consideration.

First and foremost, my office has been provided with absolutely no evidence that Inmate Lyons has made any genuine attempt to rehabilitate himself. To the contrary, he entered institutional life and joined a notorious street / prison gang and set about committing organized acts of violence behind bars it is clear that Inmate Lyons' history of Institutional Infractions and gang affiliation shows that he is still engaging in a pattern of aggressive and lawless behavior. It is logical to assume that if Inmate Lyons cannot control himself in prison, where he is closely monitored and virtually every aspect of his daily life is regulated to some degree, that he will never be able to maintain a law-abiding existence if he is released from prison and thereby under no daily supervision or control.

Further, it appears that Inmate Lyons has no desire to address his issues, as he has failed to complete a stunning number of the programs he started in the State Penitentiary.

Further, the nature of the acts that he committed to end up in prison are so deplorable and vile that he is not deserving of our sympathy. The fact that he broke poor twelve-year-old Jessica Wilson to the point that she was never able to recover, condemning her to a life of psychological and emotional turmoil, which led to drug addiction, is appalling. But even more appalling is the fact that he left her so damaged that she ultimately died from the addiction fueled psychological trauma that he inflicted on her.

It is the Opinion of the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office that Inmate Lyons cannot be rehabilitated. It is also our opinion that releasing Inmate Lyons would be careless and present an unreasonable risk to society and would demean the seriousness of the offenses he committed.

Based on the above, it is the Prosecution's position that Inmate Lyons remains a threat to Society and should therefore remain incarcerated.

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