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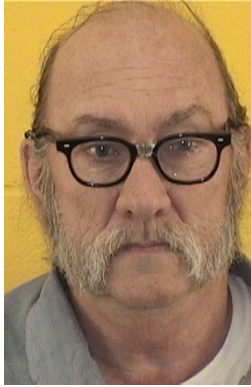
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PAROLE UPDATE: November 18, 2025

## **'Dr. Pedophile' Charles Bland denied parole**

Parole board keeps sexual predator in prison for 10 more years

Charles M. Bland, left, a 72-year-old miscreant, who claimed to children he was a professor, doctor and scientist among others before molesting them, has been denied parole.



The state Parole Board notified Jenna Wade, coordinator of the Victim/Witness Division of the Prosecutor's Office, that Bland will not be eligible for parole until October 2035.

After a parole hearing in October, the parole board denied parole for the child rapist, child pornographer, and all-around child predator. On May 8, 2013, Bland was given a 10 -year-to-life prison sentence by former Trumbull County Judge W. Wyatt McKay after Bland pleaded guilty to four counts rape, two counts gross sexual

imposition, 25 counts pandering obscenity involving minors and one count illegal use of minor in nudity-oriented material or performance.

Bland's victims were as young as 6 years old.

While living at Suburban Trailer Park in Trumbull County, Bland claimed to be a professor, a philosopher, a doctor, scientist and astronomer. He went so far as to print counterfeit degrees and diplomas, which he proudly hung in his run-down trailer. He concocted these lies to gain the trust of his neighbors and gain access to their children. Under these fake credentials, Bland lured unsuspecting neighborhood children into his trailer under the guise of "tutoring" them. Once inside, Bland would use his age and size to violate these youngsters, forcing them to engage in various sex acts, including forced touching, forced oral sex, digital penetration and vaginal. A search of Bland's trailer found a nude image Bland personally took of a 6-year-old female.

Assistant Prosecutor Gabriel Wildman, who wrote the parole board in opposition of Bland's release, was pleased with the decision to keep him in prison.

*"In my opinion... Charles Michael Bland should die in prison," he said.*

Bland will remain in Belmont Correction Institution, with his next parole hearing scheduled for August 2035, according to the prison's website.

Members of the public may submit comments about the potential parole of Charles M. Bland. Comments can be made through the ODRC website: <https://drc.ohio.gov/systems-and-services/1-parole/parole-board-hearing-input> For more information, contact Guy Vogrin, investigator / public information officer, Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office, 330-675-2485.