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**RE: CHARLES PERRY
 FIRST HEARING**

Inmate No.:	A320582
Trumbull Case No:	1995-CR-464
Convictions:	Aggravated Murder with Gun Specification; Attempted Aggravated Murder with Gun Specification.
Sentence:	Life sentence with parole eligibility after 20 years, consecutive to a 3 year gun specification, consecutive to an indefinite sentence of 10-25 years, consecutive to a 3-year gun specification.
Time Served:	29 years & 4 months

Dear Attorney Hoying:

Charles Perry is serving a life sentence for the 1995 Aggravated Murder of Sheri Reed and Attempted Aggravated Murder of Pete Morello over a \$20.00 rock of crack cocaine. While incarcerated, Perry has only been minimally involved in prison rehabilitation programs while at the same time committing multiple rules violations, engaging in several physical altercations, including one less than 6 months ago, “sucker punching” another inmate in November of 2024.

This behavior is consistent with Perry’s criminal history which reveals he began his criminal career in 1990 at the age of 13, which charges resulted in several probation violations,

including house arrest and confinement at the Trumbull County Detention Center. Two months later, at 14 years old, he was charged with several additional offenses and spent time in the Franklin County Detention Center. At 17 years of age, he committed three different drug offenses, including trafficking, and ultimately spent six (6) months at the Department of Youth Services commencing in February of 1994. Approximately seven (7) months after being released, Perry was arrested for a May 25, 1995, Burglary (F2) of a Warren home. After pleading not guilty he was released on bond on May 26, 1995. Just one month later, Sheri Reed was dead, and Peter Morello had been shot multiple times.

On July 26, 1995, Sheri Reed and her fiancée, Peter Morello had attempted to buy \$30.00 worth of crack cocaine but were “ganked” or provided counterfeit drugs by a dealer who evaded Morello when he chased him. As Morello was returning to his car, Perry and Reed were arguing about a \$10.00 crack rock Perry claimed to have given to Reed, but she refused to pay for it. Perry then instructed a female acquaintance “to take a walk.” Then, after saying “F**k it. I guess I’m going to have to go down here,” Perry pulled out a revolver and emptied it from point blank range into Morello’s vehicle. One projectile, after traveling through her arm, pierced Reed’s heart, killing her. Morello was stuck several times, in the arm, thigh, stomach and chest.

The case was tried over nine days before a Trumbull County jury, who found Perry guilty of all counts and specifications. Now retired Judge Andrew D. Logan, who presided over the trial, sentenced Perry to the life sentence on the Aggravated Murder as well as an indefinite term of 10-25 years consecutive sentence on the Attempted Aggravated Murder. He was also sentenced to three years each on the firearm specifications to be served prior to and consecutive with the underlying sentences.

After the trial had concluded, and because Perry had been given a life sentence, in the companion case, the State agreed to a plea deal wherein Perry would plead guilty to the Burglary

and the State would recommend any sentence imposed be run concurrent to the life sentence. The Court approved the plea agreement and sentenced Perry to an indefinite term of 8 to 15 years to run concurrent to the instant matter.

Perry is now appearing before the Board for the first time. His prior criminal history, his cold blooded, pre-meditated murder of Reed and attempted murder of Morello, and his institutional record weigh heavily against his early release.

Perry was incarcerated on the instant offense in 1996. His Institutional Report Summary (“IRS”) reveals several Infractions, including most recently in March of 2025. Additionally, less than six (6) months before the latest violation, in November of 2024, Perry was sentenced to 8 days in restrictive housing (RH) for punching another inmate. This has not been his only violent offense while being incarcerated. Indeed, in 2016, after he had assaulted another inmate, he “turned in an aggressive manner, raising his fists in a threatening manner to ‘square up’ with this officer. He was placed in “Restrictive Housing” for 14 days. Likewise in 2008, he was found guilty of another assault and sentenced to 15 days in segregation. Not only has he displayed violent tendencies while incarcerated, he has also been sanctioned for violations, including repeatedly being in possession of contraband.

Quite simply Perry has anger issues which resulted in the death of one and the wounding of another, and which continues to this date, with at least three fights in prison and threatening a corrections officer. He continues to violate the rules of the various institutions. This Defendant’s ability to conform his behavior to comply with the law and be a law-abiding and productive member of society is suspect. There is no question with his long history of violence and chronic violations of the criminal statutes and prison regulations that Perry suffers from anti-social personality disorder. As such, the “unique factors” regarding his suitability for release on parole

should demand a true life sentence, which sentence was imposed by the trial court after hearing the evidence during trial.

In summary this office is requesting the Parole Board to protect the citizens of Trumbull County and the State of Ohio from this murder and keep him in prison where he belongs. Doing anything else would jeopardize the safety of this community.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Morrow
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