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**IN RE: ROBERT WILLIAMS**  
**INMATE #A211777**  
**Trumbull County Case #88-CR-431**  
**Continued Hearing: June, 2025**  
**CONVICTIONS:**  
**CT. 1: AGGRAVATED MURDER**  
**WITH GUN SPECIFICATION**  
**CT. 2: GROSS SEXUAL**  
**IMPOSITION WITH**  
**SPECIFICATION**  
**SENTENCE: LIFE IMPRISONMENT**  
**TIME SERVED: 36 YEARS**

Dear Attorney Hoying:

Previously I have written the Parole Board on July 10, 2020 and June 23, 2015 joining members of both the victim's and inmate's families strongly opposing the release on parole of convicted murderer, Robert Williams. As one of these people wrote me, "I pray they never let him out," should tell the present Parole Board that there is a great concern about personal and public safety if Williams were released.

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There is overwhelming evidence to justify that apprehension and fear of future evil. Please continue to prolong his stay and limit and prevent the risk of harm to others. I have attached a copy of my letters and materials for your review. I would summarize his heartless, merciless, and senseless killing of a pregnant woman for no reason at all this way:

On November 7, 1988, 24 year old Debra Blaine, mother of two and waitress, went to work at 6:00 p.m. at Stone Gables Tavern, a small rural bar in northern Trumbull County on what seemed a routine fall day. Once at work, and after her boss left work at approximately 7:00 p.m., she was waiting on a few customers. Eventually by approximately 8:00 p.m. there were only two persons left in the establishment, Debra Blaine and customer Robert Williams, who she hardly knew. That's when all Hell broke out. Williams sexually verbally abused Blaine and asked her to give him a "titty shot" at which time Blaine hit him and broke his glasses.

Williams, now mad, and having ordered a shrimp dinner, left the bar and went home and got a 22 caliber revolver. After returning to the bar, his shrimp dinner was done but according to Williams, it was burnt. An argument or fight ensued but one thing is for sure, Williams shot the victim twice, in the back of the head and in the back of her body. According to Williams, after shooting the victim, Blaine attempted to go for a telephone near the kitchen but he stopped her. He got a knife from the kitchen and then slashed her throat. During his bloodletting he also states that he lifted her shirt and "touched her breasts" and unzipped her pants (he adds "I didn't get kinky"). Lastly, Williams claimed to have stepped on Blaine's throat until she stopped breathing. Further, Williams admitted that Blaine begged not be killed since she had two babies.

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denied however, that she told him that she was also four (4) months pregnant with another child. He left the bar and went home in effort to cover-up his crime and when first questioned lied about his involvement in the murder. With some great police work, the murder of Debra Blaine was quickly solved and Williams pled guilty to all charges

Finally, an incident in prison after over 25 years of rehabilitation clearly shows that Robert Williams has no conscience and has an explosive personality who does not change as time goes on. He threatened a corrections officer (who made him "very mad where he wanted to kill two people"). See Infraction Summary Record dated August 27, 2015 included with my July 10, 2020 letter to the Board.

According to the Smithsonian, there are 47 volcanoes in continuing eruption status as of May 2, 2025, so everyone knows where the eruption and danger is since volcanoes don't move around and pick their place to explode and with inmate Williams, today he is confined in prison under guard with a lock and key and, therefore, his personality explosions are limited and so far contained. However, if this guy were released, he would have virtually unlimited access to go and find places or people he wants to find and choose his site to violently explode. That's why he's been sentenced to life imprisonment. With common sense and analysis, Robert Williams is an explanation as why society needs strong laws which need enforcement to protect its members and punish the offender.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Watkins".

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**INMATE #A211777**  
**Continued Hearing: August, 2020**  
**CRIMES:**  
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**WITH GUN SPECIFICATION**  
**CT. 2: GROSS SEXUAL**  
**IMPOSITION WITH**  
**SPECIFICATION**  
**SENTENCE: LIFE IMPRISONMENT**  
**TIME SERVED: 31 YEARS**

Dear Ms. Thalheimer:

On June 23, 2015, I wrote the parole board a four-page letter with documentation strongly opposing inmate Robert Williams, age 61, release on parole. Thankfully, the Board saw fit to deny Williams' release in the summer of 2015 and continued his case to August of 2020. Since my first letter to the parole board nothing has changed to change my opinion except for now having more reasons to keep him incarcerated for the rest of his life as a continuing and omnipresent danger to others. As the board is probably aware, at least six (6) members of the victim, Debra Blaine, immediate family and the Defendant's own

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family are actively opposing his release and fear him. In fact, the concern is so great on the part of one of these persons that I was personally called in February of this year reminding me that Williams would be up for parole in August and hoping that the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office would still be opposing his release on parole. Sadly, a six month in advance reminder only reminds us how murder, violence, and fear affects the health of families of victims of crime.

After just reviewing this matter, and reading my letter of June 23, 2015, I truly hope that the board, especially new board members, read it and the attached materials for it really tells it all – as I stated then “if the facts in the case don't make you sick, nothing will.” I said to myself reading it over, did that really happen! It did happen and must not happen again! (emphasis added). Further, in my opinion, because Robert Williams has no conscience, is an explosive personality, has meanness from within, his freedom will surely bring about harm, death, and destruction.

This view of Williams, as very dangerous, is supported by anecdotal evidence found in prison records back in 2015 when apparently inmate Williams refused to meet with the parole board members about his possible release. I will quote the Infraction Summary reported on August 27, 2015:

On 8/27/15, Parole Board Parole Officer S. Coleson received a kite from Inmate Williams, in which Inmate Williams disrespected and threatened Mr. Coleson. In the kite he expressed that he had told Mr. Coleson that he did not want to see the board and that Mr. Coleson took 5 hours of his time and cost him \$3000. Also, in the kite Inmate Williams used very derogatory terms to describe Mr. Coleson and state that Mr. Coleson's kind makes him “very mad” where he “wants to kill 2 people.” He finished by stating “leave I out of you kind”. On 8/31/15 this writer interviewed Inmate Williams about the kite. He acknowledged that he did write the kite and that it was meant to be disrespectful and threatening. He said he does not like “fat and smelly” people and his dad taught him to show violence and disrespect towards individuals he felt met this description. He said that he did not want to see the

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parole board and that he feels Mr. Coleson owes him money for wasting his time.

What Williams said to Parole Officer S. Coleson only underlines how this inmate thinks and feels after 26 years in prison and after numerous efforts by prison officials to rehabilitate him and make Williams a suitable person for release on parole. In my view – there is no new Williams here. There is only the same old, same old – a truly evil personality who needs to remain in prison to protect society. If he gets mad, he only “wants to kill 2 people.” Well, he’s already done that!! NO MORE Please. Further, he says that “fat and smelly” people should be shown violence and disrespect. Really since 1988, demographics in the United States show that today there are many heavier people in Ohio walking the streets, and as to smell, that is in the nose of the beholder. In any event, many of us could be victims if this guy would be unleashed on society. I guess in one respect with Williams on the streets that may be a good thing since it may force many of us to lose some weight to avoid his wrath! Then again I really think Williams will find some other reason and even new ways to harm you! He is a Situational Hater, that is why Debra Blaine and her unborn child are dead!! Please keep him where he is safe and we are safe – in prison.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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**SENTENCE: LIFE IMPRISONMENT**  
**TIME SERVED: 26 YEARS**

Dear Attorney Imbrogno:

On November 7, 1988, 24 year old Debra Blaine, mother of two and waitress, went to work at 6:00 p.m. at Stone Gables Tavern, a small rural bar in northern Trumbull County on what seemed a routine fall day. Once at work, and after her boss left work at approximately 7:00 p.m., she was waiting on a few customers. Eventually by approximately 8:00 p.m. there were only two persons left in the establishment, Debra Blaine and customer Robert Williams, who she hardly knew. That's when all Hell broke out. Williams sexually verbally abused Blaine and asked her to give him a "titty shot" at which time Blaine hit him and broke his glasses.



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Williams, now mad, and having ordered a shrimp dinner, left the bar and went home and got a 22 caliber revolver. After returning to the bar, his shrimp dinner was done but according to Williams, it was burnt. An argument or fight ensued but one thing is for sure, Williams shot the victim twice, in the back of the head and in the back of her body. According to Williams, after shooting the victim, Blaine attempted to go for a telephone near the kitchen but he stopped her. He got a knife from the kitchen and then slashed her throat. During his bloodletting he also states that he lifted her shirt and "touched her breasts" and unzipped her pants (he adds "I didn't get kinky"). Lastly, Williams claimed to have stepped on Blaine's throat until she stopped breathing. Further, Williams admitted that Blaine begged not be killed since she had two babies. He denied however, that she told him that she was also four (4) months pregnant with another child. He left the bar and went home in effort to cover-up his crime and when first questioned lied about his involvement in the murder. With some great police work, the murder of Debra Blaine was quickly solved and Williams pled guilty to all charges.

Following Trumbull County Common Pleas Judge Robert Nader's imposition of a Life sentence on Robert Williams for the aggravated murder of 24 year old Debra Blaine, then Assistant Prosecutor Thomas Gysegem (presently Judge of Warren Municipal Court) who handled this case wrote the Board these general comments – "Ineligible gun. Murdered pregnant woman, for me no reason at all. This man is sick – he is dangerous – he should never see the outside world again." That position was given to you by this office on June 16, 1989. Nothing has changed since that time except others have joined us in strongly opposing Williams release on parole including the victim's family and even members of the Defendant's immediate family or former family members. Yesterday I talked to one of Williams sisters who told me she had, within the past two weeks, talked to a parole board member or representative about her brother and states to me that she told you that she fears for her and others safety if her brother were released. She claims others in her family fear him and feel the same way.

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From what I understand, in reviewing information my Victim-Witness Division has gathered in this matter through the years including victim impact statements, Robert Williams has written letters to his family which are somewhat bizarre or were deemed threatening. I would further note Defendant Williams' younger sister related to me various incidents involving her brother as a teenager and older which only support our conclusion that Williams is a very dangerous person. In the past, he had set a fire in a bar, shot up a relative's apartment, and as a teenager killed a puppy and cut off the dead dog's tail and then gave it to a girl he liked before the relationship apparently went bad. In short, if this guy is not sociopathic, he is certainly borderline and extremely dangerous.

Therefore from what his office knows from people who knew Williams before he brutally murdered Mrs. Blaine in 1988, the evidence of the crime, and what he has said or done since going to prison, one gleans a clear and scary personality picture of him.

I am including with this letter a package of material outlining the evidence which proved Williams guilt beyond all doubt in this senseless, preplanned sexual attack and murder of the victim on the night of November 7, 1988. The State, in an investigation lead by the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office, was able to collect the 22 caliber murder weapon from the Defendant (see ballistics report), much of his clothing and boots soaked with the victim's blood (see BCI & I Lab results), his eye glasses found at the murder scene (see eye doctor's report), and a videotaped confession (which is chilling) (DVD copy included) where Robert Williams states he verbally abused the victim, took drugs, got mad, and went home and got a gun, returned to the bar and then complained about the shrimp dinner the victim had cooked for him, took his gun out and shot her twice, once in the back of the head and once in the back, he sexually attacked her then he went back into the kitchen and retrieved a knife and slit her throat, and as she was suffering from gunshot wounds, and bleeding profusely from the neck wound, Williams in the coupe de grâce of his bloodletting, steps on her throat with his foot until Blaine is dead.

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In summary, if the facts in this case don't make you sick, nothing will. He surely is among one of the worst of the worst murderers in prison who should be turned down for parole every time the law requires a hearing on release. Today if the same crimes were committed, Robert Williams would be facing two counts of Aggravated Murder. The killing of a fetus was not a crime in Ohio in 1988. Therefore, this inmate avoided a longer sentence including a possible death penalty, nevertheless, he was convicted of Aggravated Murder and the circumstances of the murder demand, in our opinion, a true life sentence. Also, there is no question that his release would endanger the community and the victim's family, and even his own family.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Watkins".

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