

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor

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**UPDATE: On July 23, 2023, the Ohio Adult Parole Authority refused Samuel Totts request for parole, with his next scheduled parole hearing set for April in 2026.**

**CASE FILE: SAMUEL PAUL TOTTS**

**AGE:** 49 (BIRTH DATE: 08/09/1974)



**INCARCERATED:** Grafton Correctional Institution.

**Up for parole in June 2024 – request denied. He will continue** serving 23-year-to -life sentence for August 1995 convictions of aggravated murder and aggravated robbery in the shooting death of 24-year-old Derrick Trimble. Sentenced by the late Trumbull County Common Pleas Judge Mitchell F. Shaker. Totts had death penalty specifications dismissed as a result of his guilty pleas to avoid trial.

“Raaf (aka Samuel Totts) had this look in his eyes like a wild look that would put fear in your heart.”

– **Prosecutor Dennis Watkins** in quoting a witness in this case.

This is Totts’ fourth attempt at gaining parole. The Prosecutor’s office successfully opposed Totts’ bids in 2011, 2019 and 2022 citing the seriousness of his crimes, his relatively young age (Totts only has served 29 years of a life sentence) and his disciplinary problems while incarcerated.

(See prior letters opposing Totts’ parole)

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