

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor

Repeat Violent Offenders newsletter

PAROLE UPDATE: June 15, 2026

Two from Trumbull County denied parole after recent hearings

Jenna Maze, victims' rights coordinator for the Trumbull County Prosecutor, learned today that two violent offenders from Trumbull County were denied parole.



John E. Kopp, left, who is serving an aggregate 15-years-to-life prison sentence for five counts of rape and other sex charges involving a 14-year-old female victim, was denied release and will have his next parole hearing in March 2032. Also, John Lysikowski, 65, who is serving a 15-year-to-life prison sentence for an October 1987 conviction of murder, was denied parole with another hearing set for September 2027.

Prosecuting Attorney Dennis Watkins was pleased with the decisions of the parole board saying residents will remain safe from these violent offenders.

Kopp, who is housed in Richland Correctional Institution, was termed by Assistant Prosecutor Gabe Wildman as a “child pornographer, a pedophile and a child rapist.”

“He preyed on children who trusted him, Wildman stated in a May 8, 2026, letter to the parole board opposing Kopp’s release.



Lysikowski, photo at left, has served 39 years in prison, most recently in Richland Correctional Institution, after being convicted for the June 1987 stabbing death of Warren resident Randy J. Nicholson in Weathersfield.

In his letter to the parole board opposing Lysikowski’s release, Watkins wrote that his long criminal history of violence and horrible behavioral record in prison qualifies him for a longer stay in prison.

“This non-stop (behavior)... clearly qualifies him as one of the most incorrigible offenders that this office has seen,” Watkins stated in noting that Lysikowski has recently been written up for 18 new rules violations.

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