

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor

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UPDATE: May 7, 2025

Parole board denies freedom for convicted murderer who dismembered his friend in 1994 shotgun death

The Ohio Parole Board's Notification Unit informed Jenna Maze, coordinator of the Prosecutor's Victim/Witness Division, that inmate Roy G. Green was denied parole after the offender appeared before a board panel on April 1, 2025, for a hearing on release consideration.



Green, 72, is serving an 18-year-to-life prison term at Allen Correctional Institution after being convicted of charges of murder with a firearm specification, abuse of a corpse and receiving stolen property connected to the Dec. 23, 1994, shotgun death of Devin Griffin in Warren.

It was decided by the parole board to continue Green's case for parole for five years until the offender will be seen again by the state board in February 2030.

Prosecuting Attorney Dennis Watkins, who prosecuted Green's and a few other dismemberment cases in his career, says Green may be the record holder for the number of body parts. "Green used a shotgun, ax and knife to kill and destroy a human being."

Watkins said he was "well pleased by the board's decision." In past correspondence with the board, Watkins had characterized Green "as sane crazy," because Green's actions were crazy, but he undertook them with awareness.

Watkins noted that Green's son, who was a key eyewitness in the murder case, is one of several Green family members who fear his release from the prison system.

According to evidence in the murder case, Green enlisted his son to help him dump trash bags full of body parts in a wooded area and a shallow pond during the Christmas holidays of 1994.

As the Prosecutor's office wrote the board: "The sheer brutality and inhumanity in the defendant's continuous conduct exceeds belief." (See state's letter in opposition to parole dated March 31, 2025, attached.)

Members of the public may submit comments about the potential parole of Roy G. Green. Comments can be made through the ODRC website: <https://drc.ohio.gov/systems-and-services/1-parole/parole-board-hearing-input>

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