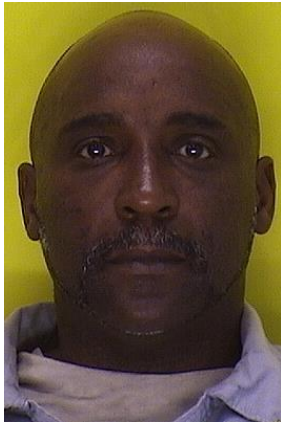


TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor
Repeat Violent Offenders newsletter
UPDATE, August 5, 2024

TERRANCE STARGELL IS DENIED PAROLE



Prosecutor Watkins is pleased to announce today that his office has been informed by the Ohio Adult Parole Authority that convicted sexual offender and predator Terrance Stargell, shown at left, has been denied parole and will not be considered again by the state parole board until an April 2027 hearing.

The prosecutor's office, along with the victim and her family, have repeatedly opposed Stargell's release since his 1987 convictions by a Trumbull County jury for rape, felonious assault, aggravated burglary, and gross sexual imposition

Stargell was given a prison sentence of 15 to 70 years by then Common Pleas Judge Mitchell F. Shaker for breaking into the southwest Warren home of a 62-year-old woman, who was speech-impaired. He stabbed her dog to death, before attacking and repeatedly raping the victim.

In Mr. Watkins' long tenure in office, the prosecutor said "Stargell's vicious crimes against an elderly disabled homeowner is beyond belief and can only be viewed as acts of a domestic terrorist."

"The facts speak for themselves," Watkins said.

In his letter to the parole board, Watkins wrote that Stargell on New Year's Eve 1986 burglarized the Loveless Avenue home of the disabled retiree who was living alone. He stayed in the home terrorizing her for approximately six hours, including stabbing her pet dog "Boo" many times, even going under the kitchen table after the dog. Stargell then tied the woman's hands with black nylon socks and hit her four or five times in the face, knocking off her glasses.

He then tied her feet with the brown twine from the woman's hanging baskets and then struck her more times before raping her in all her cavities. Afterward, Stargell put the woman on her couch and gagged her mouth with the white socks she was wearing. Then he ransacked the home with a female accomplice stealing many personal items including two televisions, a clock radio, four table lamps, a sweeper, an iron, jewelry, purses, personal medication, cash, and even her ID card (as if her existence had no meaning to him).

"It's remarkable that any human being could be so vicious and cruel to an innocent and helpless elderly person he did not even know," Watkins wrote.

Stargell, 55, will now remain incarcerated in Chillicothe Correctional Institution for at least three more years.

(see Watkins' attached letters in opposition to Stargell's parole)

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