

## TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor

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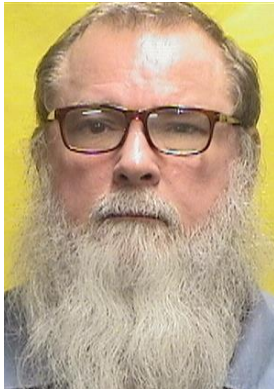
**PAROLE HEARINGS UPDATE:** Aug. 4, 2025

### **Public safety hits the Trifecta with parole board rulings**

#### **Three ruthless, violent inmates from Trumbull County who murdered or raped women, recently had their paroles denied by the State Parole Board**

The information was provided by state officials late last week to Jenna Maze, coordinator of the Prosecutor's Office Victims/Witness Division.

Trumbull County Prosecuting Attorney Dennis Watkins welcomed the news and thanked the parole board for keeping these dangerous individuals locked up for the safety of the citizens of Ohio and especially Trumbull County.



*Gregory Click beat an elderly woman so badly that her head was swollen three times its normal size. She never talked again.*

Gregory Click, 61, who is serving an aggregate sentence of 13 to 65 years in prison, has had his term extended at least until his next parole hearing scheduled for April 2029.

Click, who is incarcerated at Richland Correctional Institution was convicted in 1994 of attempted aggravated murder, three counts of aggravated robbery, one count of attempted rape and one count of theft. The case involved an attack of a 75-year-old woman of Herner County Line Road in Southington. The woman was beaten badly about the head with swelling shutting her eyes and bruising over her legs and shoulders. The woman died three years after the attack and continued to suffer with "horrendous pain," Watkins said.

Watkins says he is pleased the parole board recognized "the unique factors of the depraved horrific violence inflicted on an elderly woman in her own home" in denying parole to Click.

Brian Clingerman, 55, who is incarcerated in Noble Correctional Institution, had his prison term extended until at least May 2029 when his next parole hearing is scheduled to take place. Clingerman is serving an aggregate sentence of 12 to 50 years in prison after being convicted in 1996 of two counts of rape.

On Aug. 20, 1994, Clingerman used a ladder to enter the bedroom of a 33-year-old divorcee who lived with her aunt. She was attacked while she slept. In addition to brutally sexually assaulting her, Clingerman struck her in the face, choked her, bloodied her nose and beat her about the head until she became disoriented.

On Jan. 18, 1995, Clingerman again forcibly made entry into the home of a 23-year-old mother of two whose three-year-old son and four-year-old daughter were both in her bed when Clingerman struck. He took her into another bedroom to sexually assault her after slamming her head on the bed.



*Brian Clingerman, the "up-the-ladder" rapist*



*Robert E. Williams murdered because he was served a bad meal*

Robert E. Williams, 67, who is incarcerated in Allen Correctional Institution, will remain in prison for at least two more years, with his next parole hearing set for April 2027. Williams is serving a 23-year to life prison sentence after being convicted in 1989 to aggravated murder and gross sexual imposition.

Williams was convicted of the shooting and slashing death of a 24-year-old pregnant waitress and mother of two in the fall of 1988. The woman had served Williams a shrimp dinner at a Trumbull County tavern. After an argument over the condition of the food, Williams shot the victim twice in the back of the head and in the back of her torso.

When she tried to reach for a telephone, Williams got a knife from the kitchen and slashed her throat. He then fondled her breast before stepping on her throat until she stopped breathing.

Watkins stated in previous letters that both families of the victim and the defendant have opposed parole, and Watkins said he is elated that Williams will not be able to unleash his fury on anyone for at least two more years.

Members of the public may submit comments about the previous cases. 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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