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August 15, 2023

Parole Board
Adult Parole Authority
4545 Fisher Road
Suite D
Columbus, Ohio 43228

Re: Benjamin Green, Institution No. A423057

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is sent in response to your letter dated August 8, 2023, indicating that the above individual is scheduled for a Parole Board hearing in November of 2023.

This office just sent letters opposing this Defendant's release in April and May of this year. Please be advised that this office continues to oppose any parole of this Defendant. This Defendant is a brutal, calculated and cold blooded killer. The facts of the instant case are that on August 28, 2000, the Defendant shot and killed the victim, John Williamson, an 18-year old man who was 4'03" and weighed 97 pounds.

The Defendant shot and executed the victim as the victim was riding a bicycle on the streets of Warren. The victim fell off of his bicycle and the Defendant then walked up to the injured victim and executed him by shooting him in the head.

The Defendant claims he was afraid of the victim but yet shot and killed him without the victim so much as threatening the Defendant let alone doing anything that would warrant his death on the day the Defendant murdered him. The Defendant admitted to the Detective who questioned him that he could have left the scene at any time but instead the Defendant chose to execute the victim.

I have previously sent the police reports and statements from witnesses and the Defendant's statements as well as other relevant materials for your review.

I have also previously sent correspondence between the defense lawyers and the prosecution lawyers which explains why the original charges were reduced from Aggravated Murder to Murder. There were various concerns regarding possible suppression issues related to the Defendant's statements. Additionally, the prosecution took into consideration the Defendant's age (under 18) at the time of the commission of the offense and his confession to police.

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Despite the consideration the Defendant was shown he has continued his violent criminal behavior while in prison. He has had weapons in his possession, fought with corrections officers and other inmates and in general not changed his violent behavior. In fact, it appears to have gotten worse since the worst of his behavior has occurred in the last 5-6 years of his incarceration.

The Defendant has clearly demonstrated that he cannot control his behavior. He has repeatedly exhibited impulsivity in the prison community as evidenced by his numerous fights with other inmates, assaults on corrections officers, repeated refusals to comply with reasonable requests by corrections officers and possessing weapons while incarcerated.

The Defendant may be eligible for parole but he is certainly not suitable for parole. Balancing the public safety and this Defendants' rehabilitation it is clear that scales tip overwhelming in favor of continued incarceration.

This Defendant executed another human being for absolutely no reason. The victim was all of 4'3" tall and weighed 100 pounds or less. The victim was unarmed and on a bicycle. After literally shooting the victim off of his bicycle the Defendant walked up to the injured victim and executed him by putting a kill shot in his head.

The Defendant has a history of violence while in prison assaulting fellow inmates, corrections officers and having weapons fashioned from materials obtained while in prison.

The Defendant has shown zero remorse and refuses to acknowledge his criminal behavior. Just this year the Defendant sent a rambling hand-written note to the Trumbull County Common Pleas Court. That letter was also previously sent to the parole board.

After two plus decades in prison he is now **BLAMING THE VICTIM!** The Defendant, despite the fact that numerous witnesses placed him at the scene executing the unarmed victim and his own confession to the crime is now claiming the victim caused his own death! (See previously provided letter at Page 2, ¶1). This statement is in direct contradiction of every fact in this case.

The Defendant also rambles on about having the Court place under arrest a litany of individuals from ODRC wardens and employees, Warren Police Officers, his previous defense counsel, the undersigned and Barak Obama! This Defendant is clearly not stable and his ramblings show a serious and real threat to not only these individuals but the public at large.

Once again this office is emphatically requesting the Parole Board to DENY parole to the executioner named Benjamin Green.

For the safety of the community and further based on the clear facts that the Defendant has not demonstrated any significant change regarding rehabilitation as shown by his continued propensity for violence and dangerousness to the community this office is opposing parole.

Should the Parole Board decide to grant parole to this local executioner, we would respectfully request a full board hearing.

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If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact me at the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office at (330) 675-2426.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Christopher D. Becker", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Christopher D. Becker
First Assistant
Trumbull County, Ohio



Department of Rehabilitation & Correction

Mike Dewine, Governor
Annette Chambers-Smith, Director

DATE: AUGUST 8, 2023

TO: TRUMBULL County Prosecutor
160 HIGH STREET
WARREN, Ohio 444810000

FROM: Ohio Adult Parole Authority

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF HEARINGS: GREEN, BENJAMIN
Institution Number: A423057
Type of Hearing: SB256 CONTINUED JUVENILE
Time Served: 21 YEARS & 6 MONTHS

The above offender was convicted in your county on the charges listed below and is presently confined at ALLEN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

The offender is scheduled for hearing before the Parole Board during the month of NOVEMBER, 2023

COURT CASE NO.	ADMISSION DATE	SENTENCE	SENTENCING JUDGE
00CR574	02/07/2002	3.00 GUN+ 15.00- LIFE	KONTOS
Crime: MURDER - CC/W			

You may request to observe the hearing by emailing the Parole Board with the name and contact information of the attorney observing at drc.paroleboardinstitutionalhearingobservation@odrc.state.oh.us. That attorney will receive an email from a parole board member which will contain a link to TEAMS. Please do not forward that email or link to another person. If circumstances require that another attorney attend in the original attorney's place, please notify us as soon as possible and the parole board member will issue a new invitation to that attorney.

Please direct relevant information & recommendations to PAROLE BOARD, ADULT PAROLE AUTHORITY, 4545 Fisher Road, Suite D, Columbus, Ohio 43228

Your assistance in obtaining and providing input from the victim(s) of the offense(s) would be greatly appreciated. Victims may also register with the Office of Victim Services to directly receive hearing notices by calling 1-888-842-8464.

The result of the hearing can be obtained from the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's website: www.drc.ohio.gov/OffenderSearch. Results are posted when the decisions are finalized, which generally occurs within thirty (30) to sixty (60) days of the hearing date.

Sent By: BUREAU OF SENTENCE COMPUTATION

DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION.