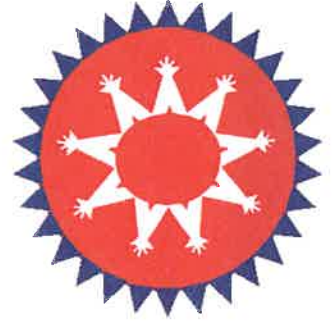




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Governor Gavin Newsom
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
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RE: Request to deny parole for Rodney Patrick McNeal

Dear Governor Newsom,

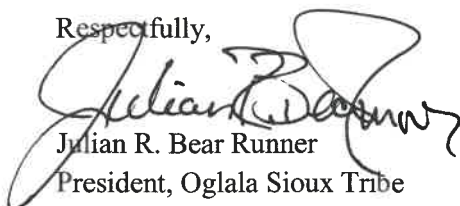
As President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, I'm writing this letter on behalf of the family of Debra Black Crow-McNeal and her unborn baby girl who we're brutally murdered in 1997 by Rodney Patrick McNeal, and am hereby requesting that the California parole board deny parole and that he serve the time imposed at his sentencing.

As you are aware the defendant strangled and stabbed his pregnant wife in a fit of rage. He then drug her across the home they shared and placed her in a bathtub as an attempt to clean up and hide his crime. He shaved her head and used bleach which caused her skin to burn. The case was presented to a jury and he was found guilty of two counts of second degree murder. Since the day of the murder the defendant has shown no remorse. He continues to deny his involvement and has now attempted to blame it on his own brother. This has been presented before an appellate court and they found no evidence of his brother's involvement. At the time of the murder he was a probation officer and he has continued to manipulate the system, getting the innocent project involved and anyone else who will listen. He continues to manipulate the justice system.

As indicated above, he has gone through a jury trial and various appeals and all come to the same conclusion, that he is guilty. We are asking you as a voice for the victims, and the community, that justice calls for him to serve his two life terms. He should at least serve 30 years before he has a parole hearing. We are also concerned that he may kill again for those who testified against him and retribution for others.

It's with a heavy heart for the victims, Debra Black Crow-McNeal including her unborn baby Black Crow-McNeal that any request for parole be denied. If you have any questions with this letter, please contact me at (605) 867-8487.

Respectfully,


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President, Oglala Sioux Tribe