



County of San Bernardino
Office of the District Attorney
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Governor Gavin Newsom
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
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RE: Rodney Patrick McNeal
CDC# P80613

Dear Governor Newsom,

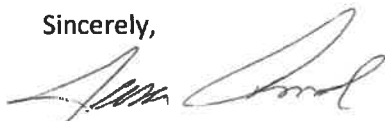
On October 20, 2020, the Parole Board decided to grant parole to Rodney Patrick McNeal, CDC# P80613. You had previously commuted his life sentence. I respectfully request that you deny parole to Mr. McNeal under your authority, pursuant to California Penal Code sections 3041.1 and 3041.2.

That sentence was the result of Mr. McNeal murdering his wife and child some twenty-three years ago. Mr. McNeal was a Probation Officer at the time of the murders. Mr. McNeal also attempted to profit from these murders by filing a fraudulent insurance claim. At the time, Mr. McNeal claimed that the murders were a result of a burglary. He has since claimed at least two other theories as to who committed the murders. He now blames his brother for committing the murders to save Mr. McNeal the embarrassment of being married to an emotional pregnant woman. He actually testified to that at the parole hearing. The jury that convicted Mr. McNeal rejected any theory other than McNeal was responsible for the double murder and reviewing appellate courts have rejected all his theories. I request that you do the same. It is very improbable to reach reconciliation or rehabilitation when Mr. McNeal has never accepted responsibility for what he did.

A review of the Parole Board decision on 10/20/20 reveals that Mr. McNeal continues to deny he was responsible for the murders. The transcript also reveals that he was guilty in custody of possessing contraband cell phones and narcotics. Unacceptable, particularly for a former peace officer. It requires no reading between the lines in the transcript to determine that one of the Parole Board members believes that Mr. McNeal is innocent despite the improbable three different versions Mr. McNeal gave for the murders or the fact that the jury, the only appropriate body to decide, found him guilty. That is the reason why that Board member decided to grant parole regardless of what is stated in the record. The Parole Board decision was an abuse of the process and improperly found that Mr. McNeal does not pose an unreasonable risk to the public upon his release.

A former peace officer who is a sophisticated, calculated, double murderer who has never taken responsibility for the crimes should not be released on parole by you. I respectfully request you deny the Parole Board decision under Penal Code section 3041.2.

Sincerely,



Jason Anderson