



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Governor has exercised his authority to review parole decisions made by the Board of Parole Hearings (Board). (Pen. Code, sections 3041.1, 3041.2.) The Governor carefully reviewed your case and decided to refer it back to the full Board for reconsideration (also called en banc review). The attached document is the Governor's statement of reasons for his decision.

The Board will put your case on the agenda for an executive board meeting, which are usually held the third week of each month. The Board publishes meeting agendas at least 10 days before the meeting and will notify you by letter. The Board also posts the meetings agendas on its website.

At the executive meetings, Commissioners take public comment on cases and then vote in closed session. The Commissioners may decide to affirm the hearing panel's parole grant, modify it, or order a hearing to determine whether the parole grant should be rescinded (canceled). After the executive meeting, the Board will notify you by mail of the decision on your case. The Board also posts decisions on its website.

The Board's "Parole Hearing Process Handbook" has additional information about this process and is available on CDCR tablets. People with online access can find more information about all steps of the parole process at cdcr.ca.gov/bph.

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REQUEST FOR EN BANC PAROLE REVIEW (Penal Code Section 3041.1)
JASON HALL, AW-3635, CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON, SOLANO
Second Degree Murder

STATEMENT OF REASONS

In 2013, Jason Hall confronted the victim whom he believed had stolen money from him. They argued and Mr. Hall fatally shot him.

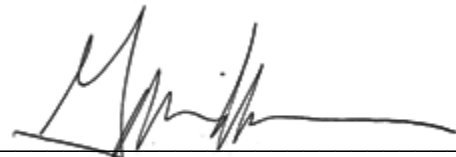
I acknowledge that Mr. Hall committed this crime when he was 21 years old and that he has since been incarcerated for more than 11 years. The psychologist who evaluated Mr. Hall found that, at the time of the crime, Mr. Hall demonstrated hallmark features of youth, which diminished his culpability under youth offender laws.

I also acknowledge that Mr. Hall has made efforts to improve himself in prison. He earned an associate degree, completed a vocation, maintained a positive work history, and has participated in self-help programming. I commend him for his efforts in rehabilitation and encourage him to continue on this positive path. However, I find that this case warrants the consideration of the full Board of Parole Hearings to determine whether Mr. Hall can be safely released at this time.

I ask the Board to evaluate Mr. Hall's current risk factors identified by the evaluating psychologist. First, Mr. Hall has previously struggled with maintaining appropriate relationships with women, as evidenced his 2023 rules violation for engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with his fiancée in the visiting room. Second, Mr. Hall has a history of substance use, which has a close nexus to his PTSD. To his credit, Mr. Hall has maintained his sobriety since 2021, which is an encouraging sign of his rehabilitative gains. However, given the relative recency of Mr. Hall's progress in rehabilitation, I ask the Board to determine whether he has sufficiently mitigated his risk factors and developed prosocial management tools he will need to maintain healthy relationships in the community.

For these reasons, I refer the decision to parole Mr. Hall back to the Board for *en banc* consideration.

Decision Date: February 11, 2025



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