



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affirm the hearing panel's parole grant, modify it, or order a hearing to determine whether the parole grant should be rescinded (canceled).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.

Legal Team
Office of Governor Newsom

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM
REQUEST FOR EN BANC PAROLE REVIEW (Penal Code Section 3041.1)
ROBERT YOUNG, E-79900, CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON, SOLANO
Second Degree Murder

STATEMENT OF REASONS

In 1989, 20-year-old Robert Young and his crime partner approached the victims to purchase drugs. Mr. Young robbed one of the victims at gunpoint and shot him. That victim survived his injuries. While fleeing, Mr. Young's crime partner fired at the group and fatally struck a second victim.

Later that day, Mr. Young approached three other victims, exchanged words with them, and shot at them. They fled, but later Mr. Young located them and fatally shot one of them.

A few weeks later, Mr. Young forcibly entered a residence and fired several shots, striking and injuring one victim and killing another.

I acknowledge that Mr. Young committed these crimes when he was 20 years old and that he has since been incarcerated for 36 years. The psychologist who evaluated Mr. Young found that, at the time of the crimes, Mr. Young demonstrated hallmark features of youth, which diminished his culpability under youth offender laws.

I also acknowledge that Mr. Young has made efforts to improve himself in prison. He has participated in self-help programming, earned his GED, and has held various job assignments, including currently working in Prison Industry Authority Laundry. 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. Young can be safely released at this time.

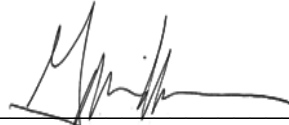
Mr. Young committed numerous, serious crimes over a short period of time. When released on parole, he will need to be able to pro-socially manage his risk factors. At his hearing, the panel found that Mr. Young has insight into the causative factors of the crimes and has developed tools and coping skills to follow the rules, which is evidenced by his disciplinary record.

I ask the Board to evaluate Mr. Young's parole plans, and in particular his relapse prevention plans and the strength of his social supports, to determine whether they are adequate to support his safe release on parole at this time.

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

Decision Date: November 28, 2025

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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor, State of California