

Virginia Parole Board
6900 Atmore Drive
Richmond, VA 23225

Subject: Kenneth Wayne Woodfin Parole Board Hearing April 28, 2021 - Offender # 1109868

Dear Members of the Virginia Parole Board:

I am writing to request that convicted capital murderer Kenneth Wayne Woodfin be denied parole. On October 24, 1984, Mr. Woodfin's reign of terror across Central Virginia began. Mr. Woodfin murdered his estranged wife and then tossed her body into a cemetery in Petersburg. After murdering his wife, he returned to his mother's home and picked up his wife's sister, Ms. Susan Hall. He drove Ms. Hall to the home she shared in Richmond with his best friend, Frank Gabbin, Jr. Mr. Woodfin entered the home where he shot both Ms. Hall and Mr. Gabbin. An eye witness saw him at the home just after hearing the fatal shots.

After committing those murders, Mr. Woodfin attempted to murder Hanover County Deputy Sheriff Willard "Bubba" Worsham, who was in uniform and on duty in his police vehicle in Ashland. Deputy Worsham was alerted to Mr. Woodfin's firearm by his K-9 unit just before Mr. Woodfin fired at Deputy Worsham's head. Deputy Worsham was struck by a bullet from Mr. Woodfin's .357 Magnum revolver. Officers responded to the scene and chased Mr. Woodfin in his vehicle for several miles before he abandoned the vehicle and escaped.

On October 26, 1984, Richmond Police Officer Cheryl Nici was working in uniform in front of the Richmond Marriott. She carried a copy of Mr. Woodfin's picture in her back pocket, as it had been distributed to law enforcement officers across Central Virginia. Mr. Woodfin and a companion approached Officer Nici and engaged her in conversation before entering the hotel. A short time later, Mr. Woodfin left the hotel approached Officer Nici and handed her a piece of paper, which she placed in her pocket. Later Mr. Woodfin ambushed her from behind and shot her in the face at point blank range with a .357 Magnum revolver. Mercifully, Officer Nici survived this unprovoked attack, but she has suffered with the residuals of the attack ever since.

Mr. Woodfin's reign of terror across Central Virginia came to an end when he was finally arrested. Duly impaneled juries rendered their guilty verdicts for all three of the murders he committed and also found him guilty of shooting both uniformed law enforcement officers. Mr. Woodfin was sentenced to three life sentences for capital murder and first-degree murder in the killing of Ms. Whittaker-Woodfin, Ms. Hall, and Mr. Gabbin. He was also convicted of attempted capital murder of another Hanover deputy and two Ashland police officers who came to Deputy Worsham's aid at the time Woodfin ambushed him.

Details of Mr. Woodfin's crimes can be found at *Woodfin v. Virginia*, 236 VA. 89 (1988). At no time since his killing spree has Mr. Woodfin shown any remorse for his actions. In April 2014, Mr. Woodfin gave an interview with NBC Channel 12 and claimed that he did not commit any of his crimes and that instead he was in the woods being tortured by three men. A summary of this interview can be accessed at <https://www.nbc12.com/story/25227148/convicted-killer-speaks-from-prison/>.

Honorable Members of the Virginia Parole Board, please exercise your authority and judgment by denying Kenneth Wayne Woodfin parole. The serious nature and circumstances of his crimes show that Mr. Woodfin is a risk to the community. If released, he would pose a danger to all citizens of the Commonwealth, particularly law enforcement officers and the families of his victims. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Address (Optional) _____

E-Mail (Optional) _____

****If my address is annotated above, please notify me of your decision by e-mail or letter. Thank you.**