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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1303 10th St., Suite 1173
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Re: Inmate Jason Adam Greenwell ([REDACTED]) DOB: 10-19-1989)

Dear Governor Newsom:

This letter is written regarding the grant of parole on November 18, 2021, to Jason Adam Greenwell, convicted in 2010 of second-degree murder and sentenced to 15 years to life. We ask that you exercise your authority pursuant to Penal Code Section 3041.1 to review and reverse the grant of parole to inmate Greenwell, as he remains a threat to public safety.

On September 26, 2010, Greenwell was one of four young men and one woman who decided to murder 15-year-old Dystiny Myers. The motive remains murky, but it was apparent they were all heavily involved in the use of methamphetamine. Dystiny was brutally beaten, taped to a chair, then removed, placed in a bag, thrown in the back of a truck, taken to a remote area, dumped into a shallow grave, and set on fire. Her partially burned remains were discovered by a CalFire employee. Please see the attached photos.

Inmate Greenwell, aged 20 at the time, confessed to police two days later. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He was given a negotiated sentence of 15 years to life in May 2013; his codefendants all received life without the possibility of parole.

The grant of parole was improper. The Board failed to consider the fact that Greenwell participated in the callous, heinous murder of an innocent girl. The panel criticized the decision of our office to offer the 15 years to life plea bargain (see pages 187-188 of the attached transcript). They did not consider the fact that in 2013, convicted murderers were not granted any time credits pursuant to P.C. section 2933.2. The People relied upon a sentence of at least 15 years before a parole suitability hearing. We could not foresee that Proposition 57, passed years later, would change those time credits. The effect is that Greenwell has served just 11 years and two months for this horrific crime.

It is our position that the parole panel disregarded and gave inadequate weight to the gravity of the crime this inmate committed and looked instead only at his behavior in prison. We ask that you review the case carefully and use your authority to reverse this improvident grant of parole.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures