



February 8,th 2025

AS OF DATE, FEBRUARY 8TH,2025... THE LIST OF PAROLEES REQUIRED BY RIGL 12-28-6-13-8-26 FOR PUBLIC VIEWING IS NOT LISTED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS RHODE ISLAND PAROLE BOARD, PAROLE ELIGIBILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT PAGE. THE SOS.ri.gov, SECRETARY OF STATE PAGE DID NOT HAVE MEETINGS POSTED UNTIL THE 5TH OF FEBRUARY. THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL POSTINGS WERE ON THE 4RTH OF FEBRUARY, TO NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN DUE WAITING TO RECEIVE THE LIST.

As stated on the home page of the “Parole Eligibility and Public Comment Page of the Department of Corrections... RIGL 12-28-6-13-8-26.

“Anyone may write to the Parole Board and offer comments on a candidate scheduled for a parole hearing. To ensure your comments are received on time, please submit all comments before the first of the month. Contact us: <https://paroleboard.ri.gov/contactdirections>.”

Rhode Islanders are instructed: “The Boards Full agenda is posted in the Open Meetings section of the SOS.ri.gov website... <https://opengov.sos.ri.gov/openmeetings>

The Providence Journal is also cited as a source to acquire listings for parole candidates’ names. The month of February listings were released on February 4,2025. This was of no fault of their own as they published the data as they received the data from the DOC.

Parole Board Hearings for parolees may occur as early as the 3rd of the new month. When late end of month postings of parolee’s lists are submitted, it is impossible for the public or extensions of immediate family of victims to react and submit a letter/ comment given such “short notice” before the hearings even occur. Late postings have been ongoing for 4-5 months prior to September with timely postings for December and January only.

The process allows for immediate victims and closest family members to be notified or contacted, “prior” to the posting on the Secretary of State website and the DOC parole page. The advocate organizations, secondary family members, friends, and community members, are not fortunate to early

disclosure. Media is also not privy to early disclosures of parole list candidates.

The public and many others are not afforded the rights in this process, as underlined in its written expectations. Victims are further victimized by not being granted the opportunity to be informed.

Alliance for Safe Communities raises concerns that victims' rights are being overlooked and violated in an indirect fashion. Late notice on parole hearings causes late recognition of those hearings by those needing to submit opposition in a timely fashion. Such late postings cause a lack of transparency to all Rhode Islanders as well. The blatant disregard over several months to adhere to the integrity and intent of the purpose of this law is unacceptable.

“TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE” and never so true in meeting the rights of “all” in this parole notification process.

Respectfully submitted,

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