

Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Parole Board
6900 Atmore Drive
Richmond, VA 23225

Subject: Vincent Lamont Martin- Offender # 1156982

Dear Members of the Virginia Parole Board:

I am writing to request that you rescind and reconsider the parole recently granted to convicted murderer Vincent Lamont Martin, Virginia DOC offender # 1156982, specifically to permit additional evidence to be heard.

In 1979, this convicted felon killed Richmond City police officer Michael Patrick Connors by shooting him 5 times, execution style, in the face and neck. This vile and felonious act occurred mere minutes after Martin and three co-conspirators robbed a nearby convenience store, also while displaying a firearm.

These four felonies were committed after Martin had been on parole for a mere 3 months and 3 days. His previous felonies include attempted murder, for which he received a deferred judgment as a juvenile; armed robbery, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and possession of a sawed off shotgun. For these offenses, Martin was sentenced to a term of 30 years' imprisonment with 6 years suspended, a total active sentence of 24 years. Despite this lengthy sentence, Martin was granted discretionary parole on August 10, 1979. These sentences were imposed prior to parole being abolished for violent criminals in Virginia.

For his crimes the morning of November 13, 1979, Martin was sentenced to life plus 28 years, all to be served consecutively, by a jury of his peers. At the conclusion of trial, the judge stated from the bench, "This was a cowardly, cold-blooded, brutal murder of a police officer who the evidence shows was in the proper performance of his duty, and who the evidence shows never offered any physical threat to the defendant whatsoever." Through his repeated acts of violence, he has continuously demonstrated his wanton disrespect of all human life. Despite all this, Martin was granted parole.

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen, who believes that justice applies not only to the perpetrators of such violent crimes, but that justice also applies to the victims' family, those innocent recipients of the violence perpetrated by Mr. Martin. It is our justice system, in which you, the members of the Virginia Parole Board, assume the most significant role of protecting victims, their families, and all citizens from such demonstrated acts of violence.

Honorable Members of the Commonwealth of Virginia Parole Board, please exercise your authority and judgment by rescinding your grant of parole to this dangerous person. Please protect the victims' families and protect the general public from the demonstrated violence which this offender, Vincent Lamont Martin, effortlessly inflicts upon others without any remorse. Continue to hold him accountable for ALL the felonious crimes which he committed. Thank you for your consideration.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Signed _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Street Address (Optional) _____

City, State, and Zip Code (Optional) _____

E-Mail (Optional) _____