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Mr. Terry Jenks, Executive Director Pardon & Parole Board First National Center 120 N. Robinson Ave., Suite 900 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

> Re: Christopher O'Neal Jordan, CF-1999-4373 July 2012 Stage II Docket - DOC# 407943

Dear Mr. Jenks:

This letter is to inform you of the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office objection to the parole of Christopher O'Neal Jordan.

Christopher O'Neal Jordan entered into a negotiated plea on October 11th, 2001 to Count 1: Murder in the First Degree and Count 3: Conspiracy to Commit a Felony. He received life on Count1 with all but the first thirty (30) years suspended, to run concurrently with ten (10) years to do on Count 3. At this juncture, Christopher O'Neal Jordan has just barely served 35% of his sentence for a crime that is now an 85% crime.

Christopher Jordan and Julius Jordan were in the business of stealing cars and fencing them. On July 28, 1999, they decided they were going to "pop a burbon" which meant, steal a Suburban. Julius Darius Jones had previously been stealing Lexus and Mercedes vehicles which were difficult to fence. They had been told that Suburbans were quick and easy to sell, especially in Texas.

Christopher O'Neal Jordan drove himself and Julius Jones to a Braum's located on Broadway Extension in Edmond. They sat in the parking lot and waited for a Suburban. Paul Howell, his sister Megan Tobey, and Paul Howell's two young daughters had been school shopping and decided to pull through the drive thru at Braum's to get ice cream cones. They had no idea they were being watched.

After paying, Paul Howell pulled away from the window. Christopher O'Neal Jordan pulled from the back of the parking lot and slipped in behind the Suburban. Christopher Jordan then followed the family a number of miles to Paul Howell's parents' residence. Paul Howell pulled into the driveway, oblivious to the fact that he had only seconds left to live. Christopher O'Neal Jordan slowed down, Julius Darius Jones jumped out with a bandana covering his face, ran to the driver's side of the Suburban, and brandished a gun. Julius Darius Jones demanded the keys to the vehicle. Paul Howell handed them to him. Julius Darius Jones then shot Paul Howell point blank.

Paul Howell's two daughters and sisters were told to get out of the vehicle after they all observed the senseless, brutal killing of their father and brother. Julius Darius Jones jumped behind the steering wheel of the Suburban and headed to the apartments just south of Quail Springs Mall. Christopher Jordan followed him. Christopher O'Neal Jordan received the sentence he did because he testified in the trial against his codefendant, Julius Darius Jones. Christopher O'Neal Jordan and Julius Darius Jones devastated the entire Howell family. He deserves to spend the majority of his thirty years to do in prison.

The Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office objects to early release and requests that Christopher O'Neal Jordan serve his entire sentence. Christopher O'Neal Jordan assisted in one of the most brutal and unnecessary murders that I, as a veteran prosecutor of twenty-one years, have ever seen. Paul Howell had surrendered the keys to the vehicle. There was absolutely no reason to murder him so callously. Christopher O'Neal Jordan could have immediately driven to the police station. He didn't. He instead followed Julius Darius Jones in the Suburban, no doubt anticipating his cut of the money they hope to receive for the Suburban. Paul Howell was a completely innocent victim. He was not engaged in any illegal activity, but was rather going about his day, being a great Dad, when Christopher O'Neal Jordan and Julius Darius Jones decided to make him their victim.

Sincerely,

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cc: Parole Board Members