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**Vermont Parole Board
Violation Severity Scale
(Non sex offender)**

| Violation | Number of violations | | |
|---|----------------------|---|-----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 or more |
| Committing new offense - felony | H | H | H |
| Committing new offense-misdemeanor (person) | H | H | H |
| Committing new offense-misdemeanors | L | H | H |
| Possession of weapon | H | H | H |
| Absconding | L | H | H |
| ***** | | | |
| Testing positive for drugs | L | L | H |
| ***** | | | |
| ***** | | | |
| ***** | | | |
| Failing to report | L | L | H |
| Failing to submit urine | L | L | H |
| ***** | | | |

H= high
L=Low

Number of violations refers to number of separate instance of conduct during the course of the current supervision with intervening response either by the Parole Officer of the Board.

The number of violations may also be established by multiple distinct violations committed within a relatively short period of time if they are based upon separate transactions.

**Vermont Parole Board
Violation Matrix**

Non Sex Offender (define sex offender)

To be used at Final Revocation Hearing after a finding that the parolee is in violation of his parole to determine the typical response to a parole violation. The decision suggested by this matrix may be overridden for good cause shown.

| Risk Level | Violation Severity | Response |
|------------|--------------------|---|
| Low | Low | 1. Warning 2. Reprimand |
| | High | 1. Warning 2. Reprimand 3. Increased contacts |
| Medium | Low | 1. Warning 2. Reprimand 3. Increased contacts 4. Additional conditions |
| | High | 1. Reprimand 2. Increased contacts 3. Additional conditions 4. Revocation to DOC |
| High | Low | 1. Reprimand 2. Increased contacts 3. Additional conditions 4. Revocation to DOC |
| | High | 1. Increased contacts 2. Additional conditions 3. Revocation to DOC |

Risk = the risk level at release as scored by the VPB risk assessment instrument (for a non sex offender)

Violation Severity is determined by the VPB Parole Violation Offense Severity Chart

Response Definitions

1. Warning: A verbal admonition given to the parolee advising him of the Boards concern that he has violated his parole. The warning shall contain an explanation to the parolee of why his conduct is a violation of parole and any clarifications and interpretations needed as to any of the conditions of supervision. The warning shall include, if appropriate, a statement as to the behavior that the Board expects from the parolee.

2. Reprimand: A written admonition given to the parolee advising him of the Boards concern that he has violated his parole. The reprimand shall contain an explanation to the parolee of why his conduct is a violation of parole and any clarifications and interpretations needed as to any of the conditions of supervision. The reprimand shall include, if appropriate, a statement as to the behavior that the Board expects from the parolee and a statement as to the period of time that this reprimand will remain effective..

3. Increased contacts: This response shall include a change in the conditions of supervision applicable to the parolee to require more frequent contact between the parolee and his supervising officer. This response shall only be used after conferring with the supervising officer to determine the availability and advisability of this response. This response shall include a statement as to the duration of the increased contacts, assuming clear conduct.

4. Additional conditions: This response shall include the imposition of additional conditions to the supervision of the parolee to specifically address the criminogenic needs of parolee relative to the violations committed. An example of such additional conditions would be increased attendance at substance abuse counseling (in patient or out patient), an evaluation for substance abuse problems, and increased attendance at self help groups, community service or a no contact order. This response shall only be used after conferring with the supervising officer to determine the availability and advisability of this response. This response shall include a statement as to the duration of the additional conditions and the Board's expectations concerning clear conduct and successful completion of the particular treatment mandated.

5. Revocation to DOC: This response involves an order of revocation made pursuant to the applicable sections of Vermont statutes and VPB policy directing that the parolee be returned to the custody of the Vermont Department of Corrections.

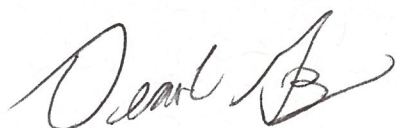
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Calendar Year 2014 Parole Board Statistics:

As part of the Parole Board's administrative functions, statistics are collected with respect to the hearings conducted by the board on a monthly basis. At monthly staff meetings the breakdown of the numbers are reviewed along with any unusual cases in order for the full board to weigh in and discuss outcomes. I thought it might be helpful to provide you with the 2013 summary of that information. The Parole Board staff consisting of Sue Blair - Director, Kristine Slattery - Office Manager, and Lisa Moody - Admin (Temp) have been able to catch up on the backlog of parole document processing, and the daily Parole Board activities since the hiring of Ms. Slattery earlier this year. Parole Board members continue to participate in training on various issues relating to parole consideration and are always willing to help out when the schedule requires additional hearing times. Later this month board members will be provided training on the new DOC risk assessment system, and later with an overview of the new treatment programs being implemented. I am pleased to report that the updated electronic parole summary report is now being used statewide, and has provided caseworkers with a report that is easier to prepare ahead of parole hearings, and includes the information needed for board members to review prior to the parole interview.

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|---|---|------|--|
| Total Offenders Seen 2013 | - | 1408 | (15% higher than 2012) |
| Total Offenders seen for Parole | - | 959 | - 595 granted parole |
| Breakdown - 89% Of low risk offenders paroled, 67% of medium risk offenders paroled, 26% of high risk offenders paroled | | | |
| Parole Violation Hearings | - | 229 | - (105 were continued on parole with reprimands and sanctions, 124 parole revoked) |
| Reprimand hearings | - | 14 | (All continued on parole) |
| Parole Rescission hearings | - | 14 | |
| Parole to detainees | - | 14 | |
| Parole to other states (ICOT) | - | 32 | |
| Early Discharge from Parole hearings | - | 120 | (granted early release up to six months ahead of maximum sentence date) |
| Parole Condition modification hearings | - | 68 | (most were to grant driving privileges through the ignition interlock device process) |

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| Possession of weapon | H | H | H |
| Technical violations (threatening/violent) | H | H | H |
| Special sex offender conditions. | H | H | H |
| Committing new offense-misdemeanors (non-person) | L | H | H |
| Absconding | L | H | H |
| Technical violations (non-threatening/violent) | L | L | H |

| Risk Level | Violation Severity | Response |
|---|---|--|
| Low Risk RAS: _____ | Low | 1. Reprimand 2. Increased reporting 3. Additional conditions |
| | High | 1. Reprimand 2. Increased reporting 3. Incarcerative sanction up to 30 days. 4. Additional conditions |
| | New Offense Felony <i>OR</i> Violation of Special Sex Offender Conditions | 1. Reprimand 2. Increased reporting 3. Incarcerative sanction up to 30 days. 4. Additional conditions 5. Revocation to DOC |
| Moderate Risk RAS: _____ <i>OR</i> Low Risk and No Acceptable Employment | Low | 1. Reprimand 2. Increased reporting 3. Incarcerative sanction up to 30 days. 4. Additional conditions |
| | High | 1. Reprimand 2. Increased reporting 3. Incarcerative sanction up to 30 days. 4. Additional conditions 5. Revocation to DOC |
| High Risk RAS: _____ <i>OR</i> Moderate Risk and No Acceptable Employment <i>OR</i> Low or Moderate Risk and No Acceptable Residence | Low | 1. Reprimand 2. Increased reporting 3. Incarcerative sanction up to 30 days. 4. Additional conditions 5. Revocation to DOC |
| | High | 1. Increased reporting 2. Additional conditions 3. Incarcerative sanction up to 30 days. 4. Revocation to DOC |

Vermont Parole Board Violation Matrix (Revised 10/15/13)

Parolee: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Risk Level: _____

Violation Severity: _____

Disposition:

REVOCATION _____

CONTINUE PAROLE _____

1. REPRIMAND _____

2. INCREASED REPORTING _____

3. INCARCERATIVE SANCTION _____

4. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS _____

5. OTHER _____

Completed by: _____

Date: _____

Location: _____

Risk Assessment Score: _____

Good cause for not following matrix recommendation:

Date Parole Agreement Signed:

Date Offender Committed Violation:

Vermont Parole Board Risk Instrument (07/28/08)

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Instructions: Circle the correct score for each item and compute the correct risk level designation using the Instruction Guide.

Offenses: _____

DOC recommendation: _____

FSU Contacts / Month _____ PO Contacts/Month _____

| Static Risk Factors | Pts. | Dynamic Risk Factors | Pts. |
|---|------|---|------|
| 1. Age at First Arrest (LSI-R#5) | | 8. Current Age | |
| 16 years or older | 0 | 50 and above | -2 |
| Under 16 years | 2 | 40-49 | -1 |
| | | 24-39 | 1 |
| 2. Prior Charge/Suspension Community Super (LSI#9) | | 23 and under | 2 |
| No | 0 | 9. Most Severe Disciplinary Report | |
| Yes | 1 | None Past 12 Months | -1 |
| | | Any DR/Grad. Sanctions past 12 months | 0 |
| 3. Crime Seriousness | | Major A or B | 1 |
| 1,2,4,5,10 | 0 | 10. Completed Ed./Treatment Program? | |
| 3,6,7,8,9,11 | 2 | Yes | -1 |
| 4. Drug/Alcohol Abuse (CVS#9) | | No or N/A | 1 |
| None | 0 | 11. Current Custody Level | |
| Causing Behavior Problems/Positive Test at Admission | 1 | Minimum/Community | -1 |
| 5. Prior Convictions/Adjudications -CVS#9,LSI-R#1&2 | | Medium | 0 |
| None | 0 | Close | 1 |
| One | 1 | 12. Current Marital Status | |
| Two | 2 | Married, Divorced, Common Law, Widowed | -1 |
| 6. Criminal Acquaintance at Admin. (LSI-R#33) | | Single | 1 |
| No | 0 | 13. Verified Release Plan | |
| Yes | 2 | Residence and employment | -2 |
| 7. Never employed for full year Prior to Admin. (LSI-R#13) | | Employment only | -1 |
| Yes | 2 | Residence only | 0 |
| No | 0 | None | 1 |
| Total Static Risk Score | | Total Dynamic Risk Score | |

Total Risk Score: (add static risk and dynamic risk scores): _____ Points

Overall Risk Level: (Check Correct Risk Level)

_____ Low Risk (0-5pts.)

_____ Moderate Risk (6-9pts.)

_____ High Risk (10+)

Date of most recent LSI _____

Date completed: _____