

Two linked to Trumbull County crimes denied parole

The Ohio Parole Authority recently denied freedom for two inmates incarcerated for Trumbull County offenses.



Christopher Daniel, age 54, (prison number #A209606) of Lake Erie Correctional Institution, will be incarcerated until his next parole hearing which is scheduled for March 2026. Clyde Bush #A220380, of Marion Correctional Institution, will remain in prison until at least March 2027, the date officials has scheduled his next parole hearing.

Daniel was sentenced to 37 years to life in March 1989 on convictions for aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary, attempted murder and involuntary manslaughter for his part in the 1988 southeast Warren home invasion attack that killed George Melnick and severely injured his wife Kathryn Melnick.

Trumbull County Prosecutor Dennis Watkins had written the parole board a letter in May opposing Daniel's release as he has done prior to similar hearings in 2019, 2015, 2011, 2007 and 2003.

George Melnick was killed by Andre "Flip" Williams, who was convicted and sentenced to death. Williams is still on death row. Watkins had written that Daniel was the accomplice in the heinous crime, attacking Mrs. Melnick with a piece of cinderblock. She was hospitalized for six weeks and lived the rest of her life with permanent injury and blindness.



Meanwhile Bush, age 73, has served almost 34 years of eight life sentences as a convicted sex offender.

Bush was convicted in 1989 on attempted child rape and five counts of gross sexual imposition for molesting 10 children — ages 2 to 6 — during a two-year period at his wife's Howland daycare center.

The case was originally investigated by current Trumbull County Sheriff Paul Monroe when he was a detective in Howland Township. In 2019, Monroe wrote a letter opposing any parole for Bush, stating:

"These children were robbed of their innocence and subjected not only to physical trauma but also such mental anguish as we will never know."

In his recent letter opposing Bush's release, Watkins stated: *Some crimes live on in infamy and won't (or shouldn't) be forgotten." The prosecutor noted one of Bush's child victims "still retains very vivid memories of these events, forever etched in (her) mind."*

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