

JUSTICE FOR PAUL HOWELL

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The Howell family is extremely disappointed, disillusioned and saddened by the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board's recommendation to commute the sentence of convicted murderer Julius Jones. Based on the following, we believe that a majority of the Board had their minds made up before the hearing. **And we do not believe the Board is capable of presiding over an impartial clemency hearing on October 26, 2021. We need your help.**

- On October 17, 2019, **Chairman Adam Luck retweeted a Kim Kardashian West tweet with a link to the Justice for Julius website.** He has never provided a link to the Justice for Paul Howell website.
- **Kelly Doyle is also biased.** Doyle has previously stated that young adult offenders should not be held as accountable as older offenders. True to her word, Doyle disregarded the sentence chosen by the jury because Jones was 19 when his violent crime spree culminated in the murder of Paul Howell.
- **Board Member Scott Williams very reluctantly recused after the State discovered that he is on the "Team" of sport's agent/lawyer Kelli Masters, who was chosen by Jones as one of the 3 advocates who spoke during the hearing.** Williams recused only because the State had lawyers literally standing on the steps of the Oklahoma Supreme Court ready to file suit based on a statute which prohibits members of state agencies from hearing matters presented by persons with whom they have a business relationship. Neither Williams nor Jones's attorneys disclosed this obvious conflict of interest.
- **New rules were enacted only two days before the hearing (on a Saturday) for Jones's benefit.**
- **On the morning of the hearing, the Board arrogantly and flippantly refused to hear motions the State had submitted asking the Board to follow its own rules. Even worse, the Board's General Counsel, Kyle Counts, proclaimed just moments before the hearing began that the Board had no process to fact check its applicants.** Apparently the Board simply listens to advocates from both sides and then renders a decision with no ability to determine who is telling the truth. This is why our system provides for 12 jurors to adjudicate guilt and punishment after personally watching witnesses testify. The defense told provable lies, some of which are outlined below. But the Board accepted those lies without scrutiny.
- **Wes Lane, the District Attorney at the time of trial, (not Bob Macy as the defense has represented) asked the Board to review the entirety of the trial transcripts if they intended to second-guess the jury's verdict.** (See Attachment A). Wes Lane, also warned that what the Board did for Julius Jones, in fairness they must do for all other inmates. **To this day, the Board has not requested to review a single transcript.**
- **The Board violated their own rules by recommending commutation in spite of Jones's false statements and the three misconducts he has received since applying for commutation, including a positive drug test for the controlled substance benzodiazepine.** Previously and to the contrary, Board Member Kelly Doyle has stated that inmates who had a misconduct within the 1 year before their application would be denied. She also stated that using drugs while incarcerated was a misconduct she took very seriously. She made an exception for Jones.
- **Every member who voted yes applied a new burden of proof, requiring the State to convince them they should have NO doubt as to Jones's guilt.** The Constitutional burden required is that of beyond a reasonable doubt.

- Lastly, this Board has a proven history of failing to follow their own rules. **The Board is currently under investigation by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for failure to follow their rules which resulted in their release of the triple homicide murdering cannibal, Lawrence Anderson.** Numerous District Attorneys have complained about the Board's disdain for crime victims. Board Member Kelly Doyle has even suggested in e-mails to other board members that victims (and prosecutors) should not have the right to protest the release of those that have victimized them.

The Defense Presentation

- **As in the original trial, the defense team called on no one from the Jones family...again hesitant to use their words as the truth,** and very likely shielding the family from being asked specific questions.
- After receiving specific questions from the Board, the defense challenged the integrity of the appellate process, questioning the basic fairness of that institution...calling it too rigid. **The defense recklessly misrepresented how frequently death cases are reversed on appeal due to the increased level of scrutiny in capital cases.**
- The defense additionally challenged the DNA evidence from the very laboratory that they selected, having found a "new" expert that would falsely question the well-established science. **Jones's team specifically misrepresented information to the Board denigrating the DNA results. Dwight E. Adams, Ph.D., the Director of the University of Central Oklahoma Forensic Science Institute and previous Director of the FBI Lab in Quantico, Virginia, reviewed said statements and authored a report concluding that Amanda Bass's representation to the Board that the DNA results in this case were "below the threshold of reliability that the FBI's Quality Assurance Standards established for determining whether or not there is a match" was a false statement. (See Attachment B).** This illustrates the problem with the Board choosing to act as judge and jury.
- **The defense then made the nonsensical argument that the ballistics testimony the jury heard, establishing that the gun found in Jones's home killed Paul, is junk science.** The defense has, for years, admitted this gun was the murder weapon. And rightly so. It was secreted in the attic space above Jones's closet, wrapped in a red bandana like that worn by the killer (and which bears Jones's DNA). The magazine had been removed from the gun and hidden in the doorbell chime housing of Jones's house. The magazine was designed to hold 7 bullets, but had only 5. Jones fired 2 shots when he killed Paul.
- The defense even accused the Oklahoma Department of Corrections of "trumping up" misconducts to insure that Jones would be disqualified from speaking at the commutation hearing. This allegation goes to show the dishonesty again of Jones's defense team. The Pardon and Parole Board made it abundantly clear that Julius Jones was not present at the hearing because of where he was housed. **In addition, Julius Jones was tested for drug usage after two other inmates reported that Jones was selling drugs from death row. The inmates told authorities that Jones would test positive for marijuana—they were wrong only as to which drug he had been using. The inmates additionally referred to Jones as a shot caller for the Blood gang and claimed he and his sister were funneling money into other inmates' accounts. (See Attachment C).** Julius Jones has been documented as a 456 Piru Blood and his sister has put money on the books of numerous McAlester inmates.

- After a lengthy testimonial to Jones's supposed morality, and disregarding Jones's multiple felony convictions for crimes like murder and armed robbery, a positive drug test and gang involvement, Oklahoma State Senator George Young suggested that Jones might be a good mentor to our youth (based on only a few hours speaking with Jones in prison). **The Justice for Paul Howell Coalition had previously sent a letter to Senator Young due to his flagrant misstatements of facts regarding the case. (See Attachment D).**

Conclusion

Julius Jones...a gang member, a pathological liar, a criminal with a violent track record, a sociopath...is unquestionably and without doubt guilty of the murder of Paul Howell. For the Board to make a recommendation that even remotely suggests that Julius Jones is innocent, or that allows for...or even considers...his early release from prison and places him back on the street is unfathomable, and endangers the safety of the Howell family and all Oklahomans.

We respectfully request that the Pardon and Parole Board enact some new rules like they did two days prior to commutation hearing, and allow the State of Oklahoma to cross examine Julius Jones at the clemency hearing. Said new rule can go into effect two days prior to the clemency hearing on October 24, 2021. Julius Jones has had multiple opportunities in the past to testify...during the guilt/innocence stage of his trial, during the sentencing stage of the trial, and at the three day evidentiary hearing regarding alibi. It is patently unfair at this point to allow Julius Jones's words to go unchallenged in a situation free from the rules of evidence or cross-examination. We do not feel as though the Pardon and Parole Board possesses sufficient knowledge of the case to ask Julius Jones the necessary questions, nor do we trust them to view his statements with the skepticism they deserve in light of his criminal history, his numerous lies, and his obvious motive to lie again. If Jones is telling the truth, he will have no objection to this request.

The Board's ruling in our case has set a precedent whereby each and every inmate incarcerated in the State of Oklahoma can now apply for commutation, commit multiple misconducts, re-litigate their case regardless of the scrutiny their case has already received on appellate review, be free from fact checking, and be held to a new burden of proof...that of beyond any doubt. The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board has eviscerated the need for juries and the appellate process in Oklahoma. The legal community in Oklahoma is already taking note. One legal commentator stated, "It absolutely sets a new precedent," and "I think it's an affront to everyone in the State," and "this parole board I think had made up their mind way before they got to the hearing." (See Attachment E.)

We ask that Governor Kevin Stitt thoroughly review the facts and truth of this case, that he meet with the family of Paul Howell, that he ignore the reckless and biased recommendation of the Pardon and Parole Board, that he trust the decision of the courts and jurors, that he uphold the rule of law, that he protect the people of Oklahoma, and that he hold Julius Jones accountable for his crimes.

If you would like to support our efforts, we would ask you write to the Governor as soon as possible with your thoughts and comments. Our family does not have a large social media platform paid for by a California 501c3 nonprofit, as do the supporters of Julius Jones, we would ask that you share this information with your fellow Oklahomans and anyone else that wants justice.

The Motions to Disqualify and the Motions referenced above, as well as the truth regarding the murder of Paul Howell, can be found at www.JustieforPaulHowell.com.

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Heading on all letters and emails
Offender name: Jones, Julius Doc#270147

If you have any questions about the case go to
www.justiceforpaulhowell.com

You may view the filmed recording of the Pardon and Parole Board meeting at
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Thank you,
The Family and Friends of Paul Howell
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