

E-Mail From : Chapman, Tonya: tonya.chapman@vpb.virginia.gov
E-Mail To : Bowen, Lisa
Subject : Re: URGENT DOC#1032353 March 2020 Parole Decisions
Date Received : 2020-05-13 14:32:07 EDT
Date Sent : 2020-05-13 14:32:07 EDT
Message (Plaintext) : Lisa,

It apparently was not a mistake. He was voted in March to not grant and Adrienne decided to have the Board reconsider the vote. The new vote occurred in April. Not a mistake.

On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 2:14 PM Bowen, Lisa <lisa.bowen@vpb.virginia.gov> wrote:

> I was just concerned because there was a mistake regarding the NOT GRANT
> being posted on the website and the glitch in VINE with not notifying the
> victim of the GRANT decision after the offender was reviewed again for
> parole. I wondered if this would fall under "problems exist prior to
> release on parole." Thank you.
> L.
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> On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 2:10 PM Bowen, Lisa <lisa.bowen@vpb.virginia.gov>
> wrote:

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>> Thank you.
>> L.
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>> On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 2:03 PM Chapman, Tonya <
>> tonya.chapman@vpb.virginia.gov> wrote:

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>>> Lisa,
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>>> According to our policy, rescission hearings can only be conducted under
>>> the following circumstances:
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>>> When an inmate is convicted of a law violation, or is found to have
>>> violated one or more institutional rules, or where other problems exist
>>> before release to parole, the Board may suspend its granted action, and
may
>>> thereafter rescind the grant decision to take such other action as deemed
>>> appropriate.
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>>> On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 1:57 PM Bowen, Lisa <lisa.bowen@vpb.virginia.gov>
>>> wrote:

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>>>> I just got off the phone with Esther Brown. She was so lovely. She

>>>> asked if there was a chance of a rescission hearing. Is there any
>>>> possibility? I just wanted to make sure I asked. She was so sweet and
>>>> understanding but she cried and you can hear the pain and fear in her
voice.
>>>> L.
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>>>> On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 1:18 PM Chapman, Tonya <
>>>> tonya.chapman@vpb.virginia.gov> wrote:
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>>>>> Amber and her team should not be responding to specific cases or
>>>>> speaking on behalf of the Board. They can send specific questions from
>>>>> victims to Lisa for a response.
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>>>>> Put simply, the Board has the authority to reconsider cases previously
>>>>> voted. The Board understands the confusion and stress this decision may
>>>>> cause to a family.
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>>>>> Thanks
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>>>>> Tonya
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>>>>> On Tue, May 12, 2020 at 8:33 PM Bryant, Linda <
>>>>> linda.bryant@vpb.virginia.gov> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>> Hi Tonya - here is more information on
>>>>>> Hugh Brown.
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>>>>>> Date: Tue, May 12, 2020 at 6:20 PM
>>>>>> Subject: Fwd: URGENT DOC#1032353 March 2020 Parole Decisions
>>>>>> To: Linda Bryant <linda.bryant@vpb.virginia.gov>
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>>>>>> Linda,
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>>>>>> FYI: This is a follow up to one of the cases I mentioned to you
>>>>>> earlier today (
>>>>>> Hugh Brown #1032353).
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>>>>>> Respectfully,
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>>>>>> Amber Leake
>>>>>> Victim Services Director
>>>>>> Virginia Department of Corrections
[REDACTED]
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>>>>> ----- Forwarded message -----
>>>>> From: Jackson.Tiffany <Tiffany.Jackson@suntrust.com>
>>>>> Date: Tue, May 12, 2020 at 4:48 PM
>>>>> Subject: RE: URGENT DOC#1032353 March 2020 Parole Decisions
>>>>> To: Jackson.Tiffany [REDACTED]
>>>>> lisa.bowen@vpb.virginia.gov <lisa.bowen@vpb.virginia.gov>
>>>>> Cc: [REDACTED]
>>>>> CHERYL.MOODY@VADOC.VIRGINIA.GOV <CHERYL.MOODY@vadoc.virginia.gov>
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>>>>> Hello, this is in regards to
HUGH Joseph Brown:
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>>>>> My grandmother Esther Brown, would like to know how can
Hugh Brown be
>>>>> paroled with the heinous crimes that he committed. Esther Brown was
>>>>> notified that he will be released in May 23, 2020. This information
is
>>>>> from Cheryl Moody, Regional Victim Advocate Senior, Victims Services
Unit @
>>>>> 804-396-0688.
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>>>>> HOWEVER, according to the Parole Decisions Page for the March 2020
>>>>> listing; it shows that his parole was not granted in March, DOC #
1032353
>>>>> Brown,
Hugh Joseph. There is conflicting information. THIS IS AN
>>>>> URGENT MATTER he should not be allowed in public!!! THERE IS
CONFLICTING
>>>>> INFORMATION. Please CALL Esther Brown as she would like to know if he
is
>>>>> being released or NOT . She was not able to voice her objections in
this
>>>>> matter. Your help is greatly appreciated.
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>>>>> PLEASE CALL:
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>>>>> ESTHER BROWN
>>>>>

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E-Mail From : Chapman, Tonya: tonya.chapman@vpb.virginia.gov
E-Mail To : Bryant, Linda
Subject : Re:
Hugh Brown Victim Complaint

Date Received : 2020-05-13 18:38:42 EDT
Date Sent : 2020-05-13 18:38:42 EDT
Message (Plaintext) : Thanks

On **Wed, May 13, 2020 at 6:32 PM** Bryant, Linda <linda.bryant@vpb.virginia.gov> wrote:

> Another incoming.

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> ----- Forwarded message -----

> From: Leake, Amber <amber.leake@vadoc.virginia.gov>

> Date: **Wed, May 13, 2020 at 6:31 PM**

> Subject:

Hugh Brown Victim Complaint

> To: Linda Bryant <linda.bryant@vpb.virginia.gov>

> CC: Emily Sattie <Emily.Sattie@vadoc.virginia.gov>

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> Linda,

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Hugh Brown's victim called our Regional Victim Advocate this evening to

> share/vent about her interaction with Lisa Bowen. The victim plans to write

> the Governor about it as she is unsatisfied with how the conversation went.

> According to what the victim reported to my staff, Lisa informed her that

> Offender Brown is being released due to COVID-19 and there is nothing the

> victims can do about it. When the victim started talking about her

> granddaughter that was murdered, Lisa countered by talking about her own

> grandmother and it did not sit well with this victim.

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> The victim vented that she would have accepted the release if Lisa hadn't

> started blaming COVID-19. The murder victim in this case was killed and her

> body was burned so the victim felt that Lisa's interaction was insensitive

> and it was unnecessary to bring up her own family during the call.

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> I just wanted to give you the heads up in case it ends up at the

> Governor's office or in the media.

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> Respectfully,

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> Amber Leake

> Victim Services Director

> Virginia Department of Corrections

E-Mail From : Bryant, Linda: linda.bryant@vpb.virginia.gov

E-Mail To : Tonya Chapman

Subject : Forwarding the concern Director of VW, (DOC) has about

Hugh Brown

Date Received : 2020-05-12 19:51:40 EDT

Date Sent : 2020-05-12 19:51:40 EDT

Message (Plaintext) : Hi Tonya, I just sent a text about this to you to put this email in context

and to make sure it was on your radar - you might have already resolved this issue. (On May 5, 5:47, you sent an email to Lisa Bowen about this case). Amber wants to make sure we know about these concerns of the victim:

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Hugh Brown #1032353.... This was a case that was Not Granted in March and Lisa asked us to block VINE notifications from going out because he was being re-reviewed for grant consideration. He was granted in April. We contacted the victim to inform her of his upcoming release and she was confused as she didn't get the VINE notification in March but looked on your public website and saw he was Not Granted due to the severity of his offense. Now she wants to know why within 30 days is he being granted?* ""

Linda L. Bryant

Vice-Chair

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Message ID : 2249860

E-Mail From : Bowen, Lisa: lisa.bowen@vpb.virginia.gov

E-Mail To : Chapman, Tonya

Subject : Re: Victim notification

Date Received : 2020-05-05 18:00:06 EDT

Date Sent : 2020-05-05 18:00:06 EDT

Message (Plaintext) : Hi Tonya:

I am going to forward you the email chain to DOC V/W regarding the offender

Hugh Brown 1032353. The interview notifications went out 12/23/2019. The Board voted to NG in March but then decided to revote. I was asked to see if DOC V/S could "block" the notifications for the NG decision. They did and then once the case was re-voted I alerted them to "unblock" so that the notification for the GRANT decision would be made. I am going to forward you the email chain with DOC V/S Amber Leake and Emily Sattie regarding this so that you can see what happened. I was told that everything was okay and that the correct notifications were made. The notification on May 5 was for the offender's upcoming release.

Lisa

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On Tue, May 5, 2020 at 5:47 PM Chapman, Tonya <tonya.chapman@vpb.virginia.gov> wrote:

> Lisa,

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> In reviewing a case that was brought to my attention today, I noticed that
> victim notification was not made until today 5-5-20. Can you confirm that
> victim notification/input was not provided prior to the Board vote and
> certification last month?

> Brown,

Hugh J

> DOC# 1032353

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> Also, can you review all cases where victim input/notification was not
> made prior to the decision to grant and certify during March and April.
> Please advise if you need assistance researching the cases and we can see
> if DOC victim services can assist. Thanks

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> Tonya D. Chapman

> Chair

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-Mail From : Bryant, Linda: linda.bryant@vpb.virginia.gov

E-Mail To : Bennett, Adrienne

Subject : Re: Two cases in Kemba's queue

Date Received : 2020-04-05 00:12:56 EDT

Date Sent : 2020-04-05 00:12:56 EDT

Message (Plaintext) : I voted to grant

Hugh Brown a little while ago - think he has all the votes
now.

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On Sat, Apr 4, 2020 at 11:48 PM Bennett, Adrienne <
adrienne.bennett@vpb.virginia.gov> wrote:

> Sounds good I will keep an eye out. You have

Hugh Brown in your queue.

> Very bad case - but lots of support. Kinda of an if not now when kind of
> case.

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> I would like to certify him sooner rather than later if he makes it so I
> can talk to the victims and now put that on you on you or Tonya.

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> Not asking you to vote one way or another - just trying to move him along.

---END HEADERS---

E-Mail From : Bowen, Lisa: lisa.bowen@vpb.virginia.gov

E-Mail To : Bennett, Adrienne

Subject : Re: Brown,

Hugh J1032353

Date Received : 2020-04-02 08:46:36 EDT

Date Sent : 2020-04-02 08:46:36 EDT

Message (Plaintext) : I just heard from Amber. Notifications have been
blocked to the victim.

The offender is currently in Adrienne's queue. Adrienne - please let me

know when you are able to vote so I can monitor who the offender goes to next. I have to notify Amber of when to remove the "block". Thanks so much.
L.

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On **Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 8:31 AM** Bowen, Lisa <lisa.bowen@vpb.virginia.gov> wrote:

> Good morning ladies:
> It usually takes 10-14 days before victim notifications go out. I checked
> VINE and it doesn't appear that notifications were made yet. I am emailing
> Amber Leake to see if there is something we can do. I will let you know as
> soon as I hear back from her.

> L.

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> **On Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 9:46 PM** Bennett, Adrienne <
> adrienne.bennett@vpb.virginia.gov> wrote:

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>> Hi Lisa and Laura -

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>> We are going to re-vote this case. There is one registered victim. It
>> does not appear that notification of the 3/26 NG decision has gone out
yet.

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>> Anyway to stop the notification?

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>> Regardless, can you put him in my queue for reconsideration?

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