

## Review of Sentinel Event Reviews of Parolee Homicides

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### Recommendations:

1. Any parolee that is arrested gets placed in the nearest SCI. pending the hearing process. It's then up to the hearing examiner/Board to determine compliance with ACT 122 and what action should be taken, such as if the parole violator will be recommitted, diverted to a PVC, or continued on parole. Field staff should not make this determination, as it is the responsibility of the decision making body, the hearing examiner/Parole Board, to decide what should happen to the violator.
2. When a parolee violates parole for a substantive reason, the parole agent writes the appropriate report and requests a Warrant to Commit and Detain from the supervisor. If the agent's recommendation is overruled by the supervisor or higher management, there is NO record of the agent's recommendation to detain. This is something that is imperative, and should be mandatory, so that the official record reflects the agent's recommendation to detain, as well as which manager overruled the agent's recommendation.
3. If the Legislature is serious about curbing violent offenders, they should also amend ACT 122 that anyone found in violation for a weapon, a violation sexual in nature (specifically for sex offenders), and assaultive behavior are not limited to the 6 – 12 month time

constraints of ACT 122 recommit. The Board should be able to recommit the violator for those three violations for however long they see fit, or even revoke parole altogether. This would not affect low level drug use violations, but serious violent offenders and sex offenders

4. Regarding recommended legislative responses #14.

“Continued failure to adhere to recommended programming and/or conditions.” Remember that we are dealing here with committed criminals doing ***Life on the Installment Plan***, and we should not waste and/or lengthen the time before acting proactively while that parolee is violating. If the parolee is violating parole, they are most probably doing other criminal acts or other unknown violations. Waiting and extending the length of time before acting could pose serious threats to members of the community and cause extreme liability issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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