

News

Lifers

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indistinguishable from a sentence of life without parole, is therefore unconstitutional."

Atwell awaits a new sentencing hearing.

Iowa's highest court in 2013 found that the governor didn't comply with the U.S. Supreme Court when he commuted the life-without-parole sentences of 38 juveniles to life with the possibility of parole after 60 years, because they wouldn't be eligible until they surpass their life expectancy.

"Oftentimes, it is important that the spirit of the law not be lost in the application," the court wrote.

More legal challenges have been filed in North Carolina, Illinois and Missouri, among other states.

Maryland, Oklahoma and California are the only three states that require the governor to sign off on parole recommendations for lifers.

Last year the American Civil Liberties Union sued Maryland, arguing that a life-with-parole sentence doesn't afford prisoners a meaningful shot at release because governors for two decades haven't approved any petitions.

Even Parris Glendening, the former Maryland governor who set the standard when he declared in 1995 that "life means life," says the system he designed is dysfunctional.

"What happens with lifers now, I had some responsibility. And I say that not with pride, but with regret," Glendening told the AP. "What we're finding now is people who are juveniles ... they are now aging in prison, are probably a threat to no one at this stage."

It's a question of humane treatment: Is it humane or cruel and unusual to have someone sitting in jail at 50, 60, 70 for an offense committed half a century ago?"

Maryland's parole commission in October began reviewing all 271 lifers who committed crimes as juveniles, according to commission chairman David Blumberg. As of May, the commission had reviewed 76 cases: 45 have been scheduled for additional hearings, 20 were referred for psychological risk assessments, and

nine were refused parole. Two asked for postponements. None has been released.

Gov. Larry Hogan said he and his team take the process seriously.

"They meet with the inmate. ... They talk with the victim's families and witnesses and spend months and months," he said.

"And in a few cases I was convinced that people had served their debt to society and deserved a second chance, and several of them were people that were convicted at a very young age and had served long, long

sentences and had been model prisoners and really rehabilitated themselves."

But Hogan hasn't approved any parole bids

serving life sentences for parole per year since 1995, according to public defender James Johnston, who says the state's system contravenes the

whether even Maryland's juvenile life-without-parole sentences fall under the high court's mandate for review. Prosecutors say no, because the sentences aren't mandatory.

In June, Johnston argued before a Maryland judge that Lee Malvo, one of the D.C. snipers who terrorized the Washington area for a month in 2002, deserved a new sentence. He was 17 and pleaded guilty to murder charges in Virginia and Maryland. He received life without parole in both states, but a Virginia judge recently ruled the term unconstitutional and ordered Malvo resentenced.

In Maryland, prosecutors say the judge made an informed decision. A ruling is pending.

Another of Johnston's clients, Robert Boyd, was sentenced to life at 16 for his role in a home invasion that turned deadly in Baltimore.

Boyd was the lookout, standing watch on the porch. The man who fired the fatal shot was acquitted at trial.

In prison, Boyd earned degrees, stayed out of trouble, coached boxing. For years he unsuccessfully applied for parole. But in April 2016, he was released on probation after Johnston convinced a judge to reopen the case, arguing that Maryland's system didn't afford Boyd a meaningful chance at parole and was therefore unconstitutional.

"Maryland inmates serving life sentences are forced to resort to the court system instead of the parole system, because the parole system offers no real chance of release," Johnston said.

"The focus has shifted from ... taking advantage of whatever is offered to you behind bars.

That no longer results in release, or even gets you closer to the door. Instead, you've got to find a reason to get back in front of a judge."

By the time Boyd was released, after 34 years behind bars, even Brian Murphy, the prosecutor who tried the case in 1982, offered to testify on his behalf.

“The Supreme Court was very clear to say that age-related factors need to be considered at resentencing or parole review, but the feedback we’re seeing is that those factors aren’t being considered

for juvenile lifers.

The commission, on average, has recommended fewer than two prisoners

essence of the Supreme Court rulings.

Johnston is at the forefront of a battle over

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An optional pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at C TRAN's Administrative Office; located at 2425 NE 65th Avenue, Vancouver WA 98661. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, August 31, 2017.

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SUB-BIDS REQUESTED

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1585 East 13th Avenue
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Bid Date: August 15, 2017, 3:00PM

Job Walk: Non-Mandatory 8/7 @ 9:00AM - Meet at UO Oregon Hall, outside the main building entrance on the south side.

Questions Due @ 12:00 PM on 8/8/17

Fortis Construction is seeking proposals for the University of Oregon (UO) Hall Renovations. The project is owned by the UO and located at 1585 E 13th Ave Eugene, OR 97403. Fortis is the Construction Manager / General Contractor for the University of Oregon (UO).

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Bids Due: August 23, 2017, 2:00 PM

Invitation to Bid on Packages:
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