

MINUTES
SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE BOARD
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
City Hall, Room 310
2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Heiman, Renee Keehan, Kathy De Cremer, Heidi Michel

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dean Gerondale

ALSO PRESENT: Ald. David Nennig

The meeting was called to order by Kathy De Cremer.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Renee Keehan indicated members listed as present should be Dean Gerondale, Ben Heiman and Renee Keehan. Members excused should be Heidi Michel and Kathy De Cremer.

Motion made by Renee Keehan to approve the August 13, 2014 Minutes, as amended, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. APPEALS

- (a) Appeal of Bradley Schwantes requesting to move to 1221 N. Irwin Street

Bradley Schwantes called the law department and asked to be taken off the agenda.

- (b) Appeal of Barry Watters, Jr. requesting to move to 511 Newtols Street

Barry Watters' parole agent emailed the law department and asked that he be removed from this month's agenda and placed on the October agenda.

- (c) Appeal of Haisan Williams requesting to move to 957 Velp Avenue

Haisan Williams failed to appear for the meeting. Motion made by Ben Heiman and seconded by Renee Keehan to deny the appeal of Haisan Williams. All in favor. Motion carried.

- (d) Appeal of Justin Cleereman requesting to move to 218 N. Oakland Avenue

Justin appeared in person. Kathy De Cremer advised Justin of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Justin provided the board a letter from Jim Drake at Family Services.

Justin stated in September 2011, his ex-girlfriend asked if they could get together to talk about her then current boyfriend. Six months prior to this, Justin started texting her asking for sexual favors. When she asked for this meeting, he saw it as an opportunity. They went to a park. Justin started touching her and eventually they had intercourse. The victim reported the incident. They arrested Justin at school. Justin was 17 and the victim was 16.

Justin works as a general manager at Burger King. Jason would like to move to Green Bay to save money. He was living in Greenleaf with his girlfriend, but they broke up. He couldn't afford the rent by himself and it was also too far away from where he worked. He will be living by himself.

Justin completed sex offender treatment about two months ago. He started it about 2-1/2 years ago. Sessions started out once a week and then went to once every two weeks. Justin felt it was a very good program. He received feedback from people in the same situation. He came to understand his offense and why. He stated it was good to see how the mind works in this area.

Justin does not currently have a girlfriend. He has not met any of the neighbors yet. His probation officer has approved this address.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Justin Cleerman, address specific, was made by Heidi Michel, seconded by Renee Keehan. All in favor. Motion carried.

(e) Appeal of Justin Zellner requesting to move to 2061 Hillside Lane

Justin appeared in person. Kathy De Cremer advised Justin of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Justin met the victim on a website. They began texting each other and the victim wanted to meet. Her friends dropped her off where Justin worked. They went out to eat and then bowling. Afterwards, the victim began kissing him in the car. They drove to a parking lot and eventually had sexual intercourse. He took her home afterwards and hasn't spoken with her since that time.

Justin was 29 years old and the victim was 15. Justin thought her picture looked like she was in her 20's. The victim told Justin she was 16, but when they went bowling, she admitted she was 15. Because Justin and the victim were on Facebook, her

mother found out about the relationship. They only met the one time, but had been communicating 2-3 months prior. Justin is sorry this happened.

Justin is currently separated from his wife. He is to begin sex offender treatment tomorrow.

A motion is made by Ben Heiman and seconded by Kathy DeCremer to move into closed session to discuss Justin's treatment, pursuant to Section 146.82(1), Wis. Stats. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion is made by Ben Heiman and seconded by Kathy De Cremer to return to open session. All in favor. Motion carried.

Justin is a full time assistant manager for the third shift at Festival Foods. Justin would like to move in with his grandmother and his twin brother.

Justin was released from jail on July 15, 2014. He was in for 9 months. He has been staying with his grandmother. He didn't know he was supposed to come before the board until his parole officer told him to.

Renee Keehan indicated Family Watchdog shows this address is across the street from St. Bernard's Church and School. Justin is not sure if his probation officer approves of this. He has been looking elsewhere but with no luck.

Justin has lived with his grandmother for many years. He was living with her at the time of the offense.

Angeline Zellner, 2061 Hillside Lane, Green Bay and Mary Zellner, 241 Jacob Street, Green Bay appeared at the meeting to speak on Justin's behalf. Angeline is Justin's grandmother. She stated that Justin has been having some difficulties, including surgery on his elbow, which may need to be redone, marriage problems and car problems. Money is tight for him. She stated Justin was very dependable when he lived with her previously. He helps her when she needs it. She does not like to live alone because of issues in the neighborhood. Justin lived with her for 15 years, after his parents separated. Angeline does not think living near the school and church is a problem because she does not think Justin will reoffend.

Mary is Justin's sister-in-law. Mary does not see any problems with Justin living with his grandma. While dating Justin's brother, Mary has gotten to know Justin over the years. He has been there for her, occasionally driving her to and from work. None of his grandmother's neighbors ever complained about him living with her.

On his days off, Justin goes out with his twin brother and friends. They also like to work on vehicles.

Heidi Michel suggested placing a telephone call to Justin's probation officer. She would like to follow up on Justin's comment about his probation officer waiting for the board's approval. Heidi wants to make sure his parole officer is okay with it before the board

makes a decision. Justin stated he has a new parole officer and it was his old one who stated he needed to get approval from the board. Justin has met with Chelsea, his new probation officer. She is aware he is currently staying at this address. Justin is supposed to call her after the meeting.

A call was made to Chelsea, Justin's parole officer, but she was out of the office.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Justin Zellner, address specific, for a period of 90 days (until December 10, 2014) was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Heidi Michel. At the December meeting, Justin should provide a letter from his parole officer indicating she approves his living there and he should also provide treatment documentation.

All in favor. Motion carried.

- (f) Appeal of Cory A. Gochee requesting to move to 1681 Deckner Avenue

Cory appeared in person. Kathy De Cremer advised Cory of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Cory provided the board with a letter from Jim Drake.

Cory stated his victim was age 14, he was 20. He admitted grooming her. Cory moved in with a friend and the victim was the friend's sister. The victim's brother actually told Cory he should "hook up" with his sister. They went into the bedroom and Cory asked for sexual favors. The victim did not want to make Cory angry. It only happened one time.

The victim's brother and Cory later had an argument. The brother reported the incident to the victim's parents who then pressed charges.

Cory accidentally saw the victim one time after being released from prison. She was in a friend's car.

Cory appeared before the board in 2011 and was approved to live at 824 S. Broadway, but then the landlord changed his mind. At the time Cory was staying at the TLP and had to be out in a week. He then rented a place in Greenleaf but could not afford the winter electric bill. He took off on the run because his parole officer said he'd go back to jail if he didn't have a place to live. His grandfather was going through chemo and he didn't want to be in jail during his treatments. He turned himself in after his grandfather's death.

Cory has been out of prison for five months. He's received a promotion and two raises at work. He has his first running vehicle.

This is the best he's done in his whole adult life. Cory is a cook and greaser at Krolls West. He gets overtime pay and the managers said he's doing a great job. They are aware of his criminal history.

Cory has no children. He's been in treatment since 2004 and completed the Jackson and Racine programs. He's also been in treatment with Jim Drake. Cory feels he's learned a lot. He now takes responsibility for his actions. He is currently in weekly aftercare. When the last 28 sessions are complete, he will be off probation.

In his spare time, Cory enjoys watching TV and movies, hanging out with his friends, going fishing, playing video games and working on cars. He does not currently have a girlfriend.

Cory has gone through money management, anger management, parenting and alcohol classes. Cory is allergic to alcohol and no longer drinks.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Cory Gochee, address specific, was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Heidi Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.

(g) Appeal of Jeremy D. Johnson requesting to move to 1207 Ninth Street

Jeremy appeared in person. Kathy De Cremer advised Jeremy of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

In 2006, Jeremy was convicted of second degree sexual assault. The victim was 14 and Jeremy was 17. He met the victim at Apollo. They began dating and sleeping together. The victim became pregnant and the hospital reported it to the police. Jeremy bonded himself out of jail for \$5,000.00. However, he still wanted to be with the victim and got picked up at the victim's house for bail jumping. He spent 6 months in jail. He received four years probation with a five year state imposed sentence.

Jeremy continued to be with the victim and they lived together on Broadway. She became pregnant again. His son was born on July 22, 2007. In mid-2008, Jeremy cut off his bracelet and went on the run. He was charged again. On April 22, 2008, he was sent to prison for four years. He still kept in contact with the victim because of his son. However, while incarcerated she met someone else. He no longer has contact with the victim or his son. Jeremy is currently homeless.

Heidi Michel recapped that when Jeremy appeared before the board in 2012, both the victim's mother and his mother appeared in support. The victim's mother did not have a problem with their relationship. Jeremy's mother went to high school with the victim's mother. Jeremy's aunt used to babysit the victim.

Jeremy currently works at Pomp's Tires. He loads and unloads semi trailers. It is part time, but he does get a lot of overtime. He can't leave until the trailers are fully done.

Renee Keehan noted that the DOC registry shows him living on Ninth Street. Jeremy stated he stays there for a couple days, then goes to a hotel and then returns. Jeremy's sister owns the house but she moved to Florida. He would live here with his two brothers and his step mother.

When he is not working, Jeremy enjoys watching movies, drawing and sleeping. His job takes a lot out of him.

Jeremy thought he completed SOT in June, but it's actually a referral to aftercare. He's been trying to get a letter from Jim Drake.

Jeremy obtained his GED while in prison.

A motion to approve the appeal of Jeremy Johnson, address specific, was made by Kathy De Cremer. No second. Motion failed.

Renee Keehan stated she would like to see documentation showing Jeremy is in aftercare.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Jeremy Johnson, address specific, for a period of 90 days (until December 10, 2014) was made by Heidi Michel, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. At the December meeting, Jeremy should provide a letter from Jim Drake and proof he is in aftercare. All in favor. Motion carried.

(h) Appeal of Michael A. Blake requesting to move to 1413 S. Norwood Ave., Apt. E

Michael appeared in person. Kathy De Cremer advised Michael of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Michael stated in 1988, he moved to Green Bay from Menominee, Michigan with his partner. In 1989, his friend's son wanted to come down for a weekend visit. Two or three weeks later, he wanted to come for another visit. When Michael came home from work around midnight, he found them having sex. Michael joined in.

The victim was staying at a home in Marquette, Michigan and he wanted to come for the weekend another time. This time Michael refused. The victim then reported what happened to his counselor. Michael and his partner were arrested. His partner was sentenced to 6 years and Michael was sentenced for 3. Michael only had to serve 17 months. He received a grant from the state to be released. At that time, they were releasing all non-violent offenders.

Michael immediately became employed. He and his partner of 20 years just recently separated. Michael and his ex-partner own a home on 11th Avenue. His partner is still living there. Michael wasn't aware he needed to come before the board when he moved. He thought he was still grandfathered in under the old law.

Michael enjoys shopping and spending time with his neighbors and friends. He moved to 1413 S. Norwood and a co-worker is living with him. His neighbors and landlord are aware of his conviction.

Tony Gillis, 828 Cherry Street, appeared on Michael's behalf. He is Michael's landlord. Tony stated Michael was upfront about his situation and was strongly referred by people living in the building saying he would be a great tenant. He's been there about 8 months with no problems. The neighbors like him. He's a very social guy. Tony hasn't had a complaint yet and he doesn't anticipate receiving any in the future. Tony feels if Mike left, it would be a loss for the place.

Janet Potthier, 1155 11th Avenue, appeared on Michael's behalf. Michael lived across the street from her. She stated he was very honest about what had happened. He's a very social person and they occasionally cook out or go shopping. They are the best of friends. Janet cannot see a problem wherever he would live.

Michael stated he stays compliant with the state and is very cautious. He's very embarrassed about what happened, even though it was almost 23 years ago. He prays every night for the victim and for himself. This will haunt him the rest of his life.

Michael works full time at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. He is one of the head chefs. He cooks for all the employees of the Radisson Hotel and the Oneida Casino. He runs the day shift. Michael also works for Three Clans Catering, which is part of the Radisson. He's been there for five years.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Michael Blake, address specific, was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Heidi Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.

- (i) Appeal of Jay B. Stephany requesting to move to 437 Monroe Avenue

Jay appeared in person. Kathy De Cremer advised Jay of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Jay stated that in 1996 he was convicted of 1st degree sexual assault of a three year old, male child. He was not related to the child. The child told his father what happened. The police came to question Jay, but he wouldn't talk about it. The next day, Jay gave a statement. It was a one time incident.

At the time, Jay stated his life was in a downward spiral. He had just recently been divorced and lost his job. He is an alcoholic.

Jay is now sober and attends AA meetings. He has a sponsor. He's gone through AODA. He was at the Genesis House in Oshkosh. He graduated and got out January 3, 2014. Jay provided the paperwork to the Board Members.

Since that year, Jay has not had any more contact with the victim. He pled guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 12 years in prison. He served 8 years.

Kathy De Cremer stated she understands he had an alcohol problem, but can't understand how he could do such a heinous crime. Jay stated he is currently in behavioral counseling. He was abused as a child but is not making excuses for what he did. He punishes himself every day for what he did. He honestly can't say what was going through his mind at the time. He has no excuses. He agrees it was a heinous crime.

Jay has not committed any other sexual assaults. He has kids of his own and a grandson. He has a good relationship with them. He has spoken to his kids about the crime. They don't ask a lot of questions, but maybe some day they will.

This address at 437 Monroe Avenue is basically just a room. The rent is \$230.00 per month. For the time being, he just wants to obtain residence.

Renee indicated that St. John's Church is about two blocks away and Howe School is about a block away.

Jay stated his parole officer is okay with him living at this address. He will be off parole September 20. He is employed full time through Services Plus. This is the most stable Jay has been in a long time. He feels really good that someone has given him a chance.

Jay's criminal history stems from his drinking. He has been sober since June 6 and has a good support system. His girlfriend, Angela Mihalko, 979 Morris Avenue, is present here today. He also has a niece, sister and brother in the area.

Jay spends most of his free time in meetings or with Angela. In the past, all he did was drink, but now he and his girlfriend go for walks. They even took a cruise on the Foxy Lady. He is enjoying doing things he hasn't done in the past.

Angela stated they have been together a little less than two years. She admits it's been difficult because Jay is an alcoholic. However, Jay has a kind heart. He will probably never forgive himself for what he did. She is willing to work with him as best she can but he is an adult and has to want to continue to be sober.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Jay Stephany, address specific, was made by Heidi Michel, seconded by Renee Keehan. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of October 8, 2014 was confirmed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.