

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dean Gerondale, Ben Heiman, Renee Keehan, Heidi Michel

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Kathy De Cremer

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gerondale.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the November 12, 2014 Minutes of the Sex Offender Residency Board meeting

Motion made by Ben Heiman to approved the November 12, 2014 Minutes, seconded by Renee Keehan. All in favor. Motion carried.

**2. APPEALS**

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

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

Justin appeared before the board in September and was approved to live at this address for a period of 90 days, at which time he was to come back before the board with treatment documentation.

A motion is made by Renee Keehan and seconded by Heidi Michel 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 Heidi Michel and seconded by Ben Heiman to return to open session. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Jeremy appeared before the board in September and was approved to live at this address for a period of 90 days, at which time he was to come back before the board with treatment documentation.

Jeremy stated he went to aftercare, but it was cancelled because only two people showed up. He was told that when more people could attend, it would go forward. Jeremy gave the board members two letters to verify this (Family Services and ATTIC Correctional). Jeremy stated he is considered "low risk," and evidently there are not enough low risk clients to create a group at this time.

Dean Gerondale attempted to call ATTIC Correctional to confirm there is no class at this time. He was not able to reach anyone.

A motion was made by Dean Gerondale to approve the appeal of Jeremy Johnson, address specific, for a period of 30 days, seconded by Ben Heiman. Note: At this time, Heidi Michel texted the ATTIC and got a response back to call again. Thus, no one voted in favor of this motion. Motion failed.

Dean Gerondale placed a call to Barbara Jordan at ATTIC Correctional. Ms. Jordan verified Jeremy's aftercare program has been placed on hold until there are enough clients to fill up a "low risk" group.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Jeremy Johnson, address specific, for a period of 90 days, was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Renee Keehan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jeremy is to return in 90 days with proof he is in a treatment program.

(c) Appeal of Justin R. Phillips requesting to move to 415 Vroman Street

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

Justin appeared before the board in November and was approved to live at this address for a period of 30 days, at which time he was to come back before the board with treatment and employment documentation.

Justin stated he has an appointment today with ATTIC Correctional and provided a letter verifying this. He also provided the board with job search documentation. He has an appointment with the DVR on December 19 and provided proof of this.

Justin spends most of his time looking for a job. His father is his chaperone and can use the computer to do this with his father present.

Justin is not currently in a treatment program but has an appointment for an assessment. Renee Keehan stated she would like Justin to come back after he's attended treatment.

A motion to approve the appeal of Justin Phillips, address specific, for a period of 30 days, was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Ben Heiman. Heidi Michel prefers to extend this because she feels 30 days is not enough time to get enrolled in a program and attend enough classes to see how he's doing. None in favor. Motion failed.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Justin Phillips, address specific, for a period of 60 days, was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Heidi Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.

Justin is to come before the board at the February meeting and provide treatment documentation and continued job search information.

(d) Appeal of James L. Moore, Jr. requesting to move to 1251 Reber Street

James appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised James of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

James does not have a consent letter from the landlord. The owner will not give him one. Dean Gerondale stated the board cannot hear his appeal without the letter.

A motion to DENY the appeal of James L. Moore, Jr., was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

(e) Appeal of Allan W. Laes requesting to move to 604 Pine Terrace

Allan appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Allan of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Allan would like to move in with his great uncle, who is the owner of the property. His uncle lives alone and has health problems. Allan is currently living on Centennial Boulevard with his mother, but his sister would like to move here because she has four children.

Allan has been employed at Pomp's Tire since last September.

Allan stated the offenses took place between 1995 and 1997. The victim was between 5 and 8 years of age. He was giving the victim and her sister a bath. While the younger child was in her room getting her pajamas on, he sexually assaulted the older child in the bathroom. There were about 12 incidents during these years. Allan does not know how it got reported. He pled guilty to the offenses.

When asked what made him do this, Allan stated he was drinking every day and smoking marijuana. A week before the first incident, the victim and a neighbor were running around naked in the back yard. Allan did not have a good relationship with the victim's mother and the victim was used as an excuse.

Allan stated there was one other unreported incident when he was 17 or 18, with a different victim.

Allan was released from prison in August 2009. He is on lifetime GPS. He will be off parole in August. Allan served 10 years in and 6 out. He sees his parole officer once a week.

Allan provided the board members with a Certificate of Completion for SO2 treatment. Dean Gerondale asked Allan what he has learned from this. Allan stated that group sessions are difficult for him, but he always participates. He feels it's important to talk about it and it makes others participate, also.

Allan works on his thought processes daily. He is careful his actions don't accidentally harm someone. He's courteous and obeys the laws. He is very disciplined. He realizes he was hanging around with the wrong people. He's now obtained his driver's license, bought a car, makes the mortgage payment and repairs on his mother's house. He never misses work unless for a doctor's appointment or a meeting with his parole officer. Work is very important to him.

Heidi Michel asked Allan if his sister allows him to see her children. Allan stated she does. They have a big gatherings on the holidays. Heidi also asked Allan what he does outside of work. Allan stated he lives with five other family members, so he doesn't get lonely. He talks a lot with his mother and brothers and go out to dinner. Most of Allan's friends are between the ages of 60 and 80.

Allan provided the board with several letters of support and a notebook containing documents showing things he did while in prison.

Heidi Michel stated she's been on the board a long time and does not recall anyone being so honest, especially about an undocumented offense. She is very impressed with how Allan has spoken about his offense, and how it made him feel. She is also impressed with his treatment participation. She, personally, feels he is really taking things seriously so it won't happen again.

Dean Gerondale said it sounds like Allan has a good support system. He has some concern with the fact Allan will now be living only with his great uncle. Dean feels it's important for him to continue interacting with others. Allan stated his elderly friends call him regularly asking him to come over to fix things. Sometimes he thinks they "find" things for him to fix so they can talk with him.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Allan W. Laes, address specific, was made by Heidi Michel, seconded by Renee Keehan.

Discussion: Dean Gerondale stated that outwardly he doesn't see a reason not to approve this, but inwardly, he's scared. One of the greatest fears of the board is to place someone within the city who reoffends. Allan's crime was heinous. He has done the right things going forward, but the crime still gives Dean a moment of pause.

Three in favor, one opposed (Heiman). Motion carried.

- (f) Appeal of Kevin Van Pay requesting to move to 1120 Elizabeth, Row 5, Lot 2

Kevin appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Kevin of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Kevin is currently living at this address. He was approved by the board in June for a period of seven months.

Kevin stated he's been busy. He is a full-time student at NWTC in the welding program. He also works at Kroll's West and does a lot of volunteer work at Darjune Recovery Café. He will graduate next May.

Kevin had a job interview with Team Industries in Kaukauna last week. Right now they are playing phone tag.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Kevin Van Pay, address specific, for a period of 6 months (June 10, 2015), was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Heidi Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.

Note: The reason he was approved for six months is because that is what the landlord letter agreed to at this time. If the landlord approves him after that time frame, Kevin was told he needs to come before the board again.

- (g) Appeal of Geitano Schmidt requesting to move to 1150 Oakland Avenue

Geitano appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Geitano of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Geitano stated this is a duplex (front and back). Renee Keehan drove by and said it's a quiet street with no parks nearby. It's one block off of Ashland Avenue.

Geitano stated his sister lives a few houses down and they have the same landlord. She's lived there over 4 years and she is Geitano's chaperone. They have been busy fixing up this house, putting in new carpet and painting.

Geitano has been employed at Wisconsin Plastics since April, and he thoroughly enjoys his job. Geitano said he gets along with everyone. Some day he would like to be a production tech.

Geitano thinks he has two more years on parole. He meets with his parole officer once a week at ATTIC Corrections and has attended 17 sessions. Geitano feels talking to himself in a positive manner has really helped him. He understands what his boundaries are and sets his boundaries.

Renee Keehan asked Geitano where he has lived since 2012. Geitano stated he's stayed at the ATTIC on Shawano Avenue and different motels. His sister, who is his chaperone, suggested he get a duplex near her.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Geitano Schmidt, address specific, was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Heidi Michel.

Renee Keehan asked Geitano if he has any cases pending against him. Geitano stated he did not.

Three in favor, one opposed (Heiman). Motion carried.

### **3. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date of January 14, 2015 was confirmed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.