

MINUTES
SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE BOARD
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
City Hall, Room 310
2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Gerondale, Ben Heiman, Kathy De Cremer, Heidi Michel

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Renee Keehan

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gerondale.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the February 10, 2016 Minutes of the Sex Offender Residency Board meeting

Motion made by K. De Cremer to approve the February 10, 2016 Minutes, seconded by B. Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. APPEALS

(a) Appeal of Zachary Kuss requesting to move to 1241 Dousman Street, Apt. A

Zachary appeared by phone from the Fox Lake Correctional Institution. D. Gerondale advised Zachary of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Zachary was charged with second degree sexual assault of a 13 year old in 2010. He did not know the victim or her age. He invited her over to have sex. Zachary was 17 years old at the time. He met the victim through his brother. The victim told her parents what happened and the police came to Zachary's house that night. Zachary took the matter to court and was convicted a year later. He will be released from prison this month after serving three years. He will have 5 years on paper.

Zachary said he was young and stupid at the time and didn't realize how much it would affect the victim.

H. Michel asked Zachary why his probation was revoked. Zachary stated he received a disorderly conduct and resisting arrest violation. This happened because he was upset to find out his brother and Zachary's wife were having a relationship.

Zachary would like to live with his other brother, Alex. There are no drugs or alcohol allowed in the house. Zachary has two children. One was put up for adoption and his daughter is one year old. He will be allowed to see her along with a chaperone.

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

Zachary stated his brother is not here today because he works third shift. He also stated being in prison made him realize he needs to do something with his life. He plans on going back to school for welding. He also plans on getting a job and has been employed through Seek in the past.

D. Gerondale noted there was no treatment documentation attached to his appeal form. H. Michel said it's difficult to get this information while in custody. Zachary stated he has seen Jim Drake in the past.

Zachary will be released on March 15, 2016. At this point, D. Gerondale stated he is not sure if living with his brother is a good or bad thing. Zachary stated his parole officer has met his brother and approved it.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Zachary Kuss, address specific, for a period of 30 days (until April 13, 2016) was made by H. Michel, seconded by D. Gerondale. All in favor. Motion carried.

At the April meeting, Zachary is to provide documentation that he attended treatment sessions at Family Services and the ATTIC. This documentation should state how he did in the programs. He should also provide documentation showing he is currently enrolled (or attempting to get enrolled) in continued treatment. This information will help the board determine if he is a risk to reoffend.

(b) Appeal of Daniel Steeno requesting to move to 914 Coppens Road

Daniel appeared by phone from the Oakhill Correctional Institution. D. Gerondale advised Daniel of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Daniel was convicted of second degree sexual assault in 2006. The offenses occurred multiple times when the victim was between two and eight years old. Daniel will be released in April after serving nine years in prison.

Daniel stated he knew the victim and touched her on multiple occasions. He wasn't in a very good state of mind at the time and was drinking heavily. He is very sorry for what happened. He was 50 years old.

Daniel was not arrested but when the victim came forward, Daniel went to court.

When released, Daniel plans on getting a job. He would like to live with his elderly mother who has had a heart attack.

Daniel stated he completed 90 hours of SO-2 treatment and a drug treatment program in 1996 in Green Bay. He provided no documentation to the board. D. Gerondale asked Daniel if he's read his Sex Offender Program Report. Daniel stated he has read it and feels it is as accurate as it can be. D. Gerondale asked how he will avoid the re-offense risk indicators which are listed on the report. Daniel stated he has a fiancé and would like to get married again. He will avoid restricted areas and do whatever he is required to do.

Daniel's social worker is present with Daniel during this phone conference. She stated he will have standard SOT rules, such as not going near schools, parks, etc. His agent can also have special rules put in place.

D. Gerondale asked Daniel if he feels he needs additional support. Daniel said, "Yes, it would be good to take more courses on those types of things." He would be glad to do anything that would help him in any way.

H. Michel asked Daniel if he was married at the time of the incidents. Daniel said he was not. He had a girlfriend at the time. He was divorced at least 10 years prior.

H. Michel asked Daniel how he will deal with the re-offense indicators (unstable or absent intimate relationship, isolation/rejection from support system, sexual preoccupation/use of sex as coping mechanism) listed on the report. Daniel said he and his fiancé will have to get used to each other again. They talk on the phone and she visited him before he went to Oak Hill. It's been two years since they've seen each other.

Jacqueline Steeno, 914 Coppens Road, is present today. Jacqueline is Daniel's mother. She said he's a very good son. She does not feel he is guilty and he wouldn't be a risk to the public. He wants to return to a normal life and has served his time. She is present to support her son and feels he deserves a chance to show everyone he is a decent person. Daniel's daughter and granddaughter are also present today.

K. De Cremer asked Daniel why his fiancé is not here today. Daniel stated she had to work. He thinks she works at Lamers.

A motion to approve the appeal of Daniel Steeno, address specific, (until June 8, 2016) was made by D. Gerondale, at which time he is to provide employment and treatment documentation. Motion seconded by B. Heiman. Two in favor, two opposed (H. Michel, K. De Cremer). Motion failed.

H. Michel feels since Daniel has been in prison 10 years, it will be difficult to adjust getting back into the community. She would be more comfortable having Daniel first go into a halfway house. A lot has changed in ten years.

Daniel's social worker stated that Daniel has had no infractions since being in prison. She does not feel he will reoffend. She would not want Daniel to go to a halfway house because she feels people there are not very supportive.

D. Gerondale suggested that when he is released, Daniel should go to a halfway house, get a job and then come before the board again.

Daniel Steeno is DENIED living at 914 Coppens Road.

(c) Appeal of Richard Murray requesting to move to 1735 Eastman Avenue

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

Richard was charged with first degree sexual assault in 1994. He knew the victim. He was married at the time. The victim told her mother.

Richard came before the board in 2010 and was approved to live on Robert Lane. In 2012, he went to Alabama to visit a friend. He was sentenced to 10 years for failure to register. The reason he left Wisconsin was because the bank foreclosed on the Robert Lane address and everyone was evicted. He also lost his job during that time.

Richard was incarcerated for 3 years, 8 months. He is currently living with his brother, Ken, at this Eastman Avenue address. He was released from prison in February. The jail lost his social security card. He is in the process of getting a new one and then will be able to look for a job. Richard is no longer on paper.

Richard is staying busy helping his brother remodel his living room.

The property owner letter states he can live at this location until June 15, 2016. The reason for this is because leases are renewed every six months. His brother has been living here about four years and the lease should be renewed again.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Richard Murray, address specific, until June 15, 2016, was made by K. De Cremer, seconded by D. Gerondale. All in favor. Motion carried.

(d) Appeal of Tony Metoxen requesting to move to 226 Twelfth Avenue

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

Tony appeared before the board in January and was approved at this location for a period of 60 days. He was asked to return and provide a detailed summary of his treatment progress.

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

Tony stated he is still employed and works about 48 hours a week.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Tony Metoxen, address specific, was made by H. Michel, seconded by K. De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

(e) Appeal of Ignacio Vallarta requesting to move to 2872 Curry Lane

Ignacio appeared in person. Ignacio would like to withdraw his application to live at this location. However, he does wish to proceed with his appeal to live at 1701 University Avenue (see Item (g) below).

(f) Appeal of Jose J. Perez requesting to move to 1414 Emilie Street

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

Jose last appeared before the board in 2014 and was approved to live on Finger Road.

Jose asked that this application be withdrawn because the house has been sold.

Jose stated he has been at his current job for two years and was asked to be president of the union. He asked the board questions about buying a house and what his procedure should be as far as getting approved.

(g) Appeal of Ignacio Vallarta requesting to move 1701 University Avenue

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

In 2013, Ignacio was convicted of second degree sexual assault. Ignacio was 18 years of age and the victim was 15. She was his girlfriend at the time. He served 8 months in prison.

Ignacio appeared before the board in 2013 and 2015 and was approved to live at the requested locations. Ignacio would like to move in with a friend who owns this property.

Ignacio is still employed at the same company. He stated things are going well. He will be off probation on April 11, 2016.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Ignacio Vallarta, address specific, was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by K. De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date of April 13, 2016 was confirmed.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. De Cremer, seconded by B. Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.