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Board of Pardons and Paroles introduces video outlining victim's role in parole review process

Chairman Gutierrez continues public assistance with latest online tool to aid crime victims and survivors

Austin, TX (June 20, 2019) — The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (the Board) announces the release of its latest public E-resource, an in-depth and detailed online video “walk-through” of the parole review and Board interview processes.

The online video, available on the Board’s website, is an innovative way for the Board to provide information on how a victim may be involved in these two procedures.

"I've worked in the criminal justice field for over 40 years and have met some of the bravest and most generous people — some of those being victims of crime," stated David Gutierrez, Chairman, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. "Its programs like this that keep the citizens of Texas informed on what our agency does and how we can best help them navigate our processes."

In 2017, the Board established the Victim Liaison program for victims and survivors to have a direct contact with the Board. The agency has worked to ensure consistent and quality services are provided to all victims and survivors, where the offender is under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

The Victim Liaison accomplishes this by accompanying victims, upon request, to meet with Board Members and Parole Commissioners.

"Parole review and interview processes can be stressful and intimidating, but we are here to help

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guide victims and survivors through each step,” said Libby Hamilton, Victim Liaison, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. “From ensuring a victim is registered with TDCJ’s Victim Services Division to a Board Office interview with a Board Member or Parole Commissioner, our goal is to make this difficult time as accommodating as possible.”

For questions regarding eligibility to receive an interview, please contact the Victim Liaison directly (bpp-victim.liaison@tdcj.texas.gov or {512} 406-5833); to view the video, please click on the following link: <https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/bpp/VictimLiaison/VictimLiaisonVideo.html>

The Board of Pardons and Paroles, established by the Texas Constitution, decides which eligible offenders to release on parole, the conditions for parole and whether to revoke parole if conditions are not met, as well as recommendation of resolution of clemency matters to the Governor. For more information, please visit: <http://www.tdcj.texas.gov/bpp/index.htm>

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