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IMPORTANT UPDATE: STATE V. ALLMAN

Status of Appeal:

As you know, Judge Dee David Gay sentenced Andy Allman to serve 35 years for his crimes. That sentence has been affirmed by the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. Mr. Allman is seeking to have the Tennessee Supreme Court review his case. We are waiting to see whether they agree to review it. Many defendants seek review by the Tennessee Supreme Court; most are denied.

Status of Parole Eligibility:

The Tennessee Board of Parole reviews all felony sentences to determine whether the inmate may be released before the expiration of their sentence. Under the general law, Allman is entitled to have the Parole Board review his sentence after he has served thirty percent. However, there are "safety valve" statutes which allow a parole hearing even earlier. The "safety valve" statutes are causing the acceleration of Allman's parole consideration.

Please be aware that being *eligible* for a parole hearing does **not** mean that a defendant will actually get paroled on his sentence. The Board of Parole will review the case and determine if parole is appropriate. As part of their evaluation of the case, they will consider letters and testimony of victims. **Your input matters.** You have the right to communicate with the parole authorities and share your thoughts about Allman's attempt to get parole. You have the right to attend the proceeding in person or electronically. We encourage you to exercise your right.

Attached are materials published by the Board of Paroles to explain the process. A form Victim Impact Statement is included if you wish to use it. The contact information to arrange your testimony or to file a written objection is:

Tennessee Board of Parole
Attn: Victim Services Division
500 James Robertson Pkwy, 4th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0850

Toll-Free: (866) 795-7467
Fax: (615) 741-5337
Email: Victim.witness@tn.gov

In October of last year, we asked the Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) when Allman would be eligible for parole. They told us his first eligibility would be January 21, 2029. They said: “this date does not mean that he will be released at that time. This date helps the Department of Corrections determine when an offender will be eligible for a parole hearing. Please encourage any victims who would like to be notified of any parole hearings to contact our office and be added to the confidential interested party list. Let us know if you have any other questions.”

As some of you know, TDOC recently listed a parole hearing date of **March 17, 2025**, in their system. The DA’s Office will be filing our written opposition to early release. We encourage all of you to contact Victim Services to let your opinions be known as well.

We appreciate your help, sincerely,

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