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ATTN: Dennis Marsh, Executive Secretary  
Indeterminate Sentence Review Board  
4317 Sixth Ave. SE  
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RE: William Earl COSDEN Jr. #249717

Dear Mr. Marsh:

Mr. Cosden is in sexual-psychopathic treatment at Twin Rivers, at this time. He agreed to my interview on 25 April 1995, in the presence of counselor Shirley GRAY, and waived his right to silence. He did not permit tape recording. Enclosed is a copy of my report and related letters generated due to this interview.

Cosden seems as dangerous as he ever was and maybe more so, now, with planned sophistication. His possible re-entry into society flat gives me chills. He now claims he killed two U.S. servicemen while in Viet Nam. One killing was accidental and the other intentional. He admitted to his sister Susan, telephonically, about 1-1/2 years ago, that he recalls having sex in the woods in Maryland, 1967, with the Pilkerton girl who he also murdered in those woods. He had previously and since claimed that he blacked out and cannot recall the act of murder. Yet, on 25 April 1995, he displayed to us how he thrust the weapon. Shortly later, he claims how it was only "possibly" how he did it. Further, prior to incarceration for Rape, he freely would display photos of living, young Vietnamese children who he and other Marines "had to kill", later.

Cosden denies he murdered the young Kathy Merry DEVINE at/near Capitol Forest in Thurston County, in 1973. He still refuses to be polygraphed on that one, single case. He denies ever setting any fires, as long suspected. He also does not wish to fully admit to long-time sex abuse of siblings, nor other young girls, as suspected.

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Surely, his Twin Rivers treatment is not yet successful or he should by now be more honest. I am particularly worried about his opinion expressed that he may do anything he wants to drunken women. I have no confidence whatsoever that this attitude is solely in the past. Bill Cosden's behavior towards women is dangerous and predatory. He speaks very macho towards men, but it is girls and women who seem in danger.

Considering his past proven violence, and claimed unpunished violence, suspected arsons, other murders and sexual abuses, it seems reasonable to again ask the Board to consider a Civil Commitment. (He is now quite knowledgeable about what to say to impress or attempt to manipulate, relating to sexual psychopath treatment. But, the reality appears that only a good smoke screen is there. Cosden should be denied release and permanently retained in custody.

Sincerely,

  
Capt. Mark Curtis

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