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October 17, 1993

State of Washington
Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
700 Capitol Center Building
410 West 5th
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: William Earl Cosden, Jr.
DOC Number: 249717
Date of Birth: 12/19/46

Dear Board Members:

We last communicated with Dennis Marsh, Secretary of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board, on August 31, 1989, concerning our worry that Bill Cosden, Jr. might be released back to Thurston County. We believe Cosden fits into a Level III sexual predator status and would be a danger to our community as well as his family. Our request is that you consider:

- A. Keeping him the full term of his 48 year sentence and at a minimum file a sexual commitment as a sexual predator. It is my feeling that this individual would be a serious threat to the citizens of Thurston County and to his original victim and family if he was ever returned to this jurisdiction.
- B. At the minimum bar his return to Thurston County or any county in the nation that his sister, Karen Cosden-Harris, or his 1975 rape victim may live.

In general, we cite information that Cosden is incarcerated for rape now; committed a 1963 murder in Maryland; is suspected here of a minimum of one unsolved murder; committed a minimum of one arson vehicle fire here, and is suspected of others; intentionally injured animals; sexually abused his brother; and allegedly had predatory contacts with other juvenile girls and women prior to his incarceration.

Cosden's ex-wife and two sisters fear his return. His rape trial prosecutor told the court that a life commitment would be proper as Bill is very dangerous to innocent people.

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We previously sent for your consideration the August 4, 1986, statement of Cosden's youngest sister. She is Susan (Cosden) Kelly of Olympia. Susan has suffered long-term child molestation by Cosden. He once told her he needed sex six times per day.

We now send to you statements recently given by Cosden's other sister, Karen Cosden-Harris, and his ex-wife, Rita Luce. Karen was his victim of sexual abuse and rape between the ages of about 4 and 15, including the day he returned from Vietnam up to the day he went for sentencing and incarceration for his rape conviction. Luce's statement covers Bill's alleged admission of an arson fire, corroboration of Susan's molestation, observations of hallucinations when drunk, inappropriate contacts with 12 and 13 year old girls (one of which was found naked in his car), cruelty to a family dog, and his claims of enjoying killing people while in Vietnam in about 1963 and 1964. Fits of rage were a common occurrence by Bill. His anger was often directed towards women in general, and he was described as unsafe to walk the streets. A very disturbing situation was related by Rita Luce on how Bill once brought home a lady whose phone and power was cut late at night and Bill just happened to stop by at that time.

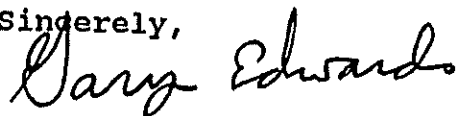
Collectively, Cosden's sisters and ex-wife have given us additional bits of information that tend to further point to Bill regarding a 1973 murder investigation at Capitol Peak in Thurston County.

Bill's brother is said to be willing to testify in a court as to the abuse allegations, but only if under subpoena.

We are aware that Bill had control of a .357 Magnum S&W, and a 30.06 rifle during the time frame of 1973, when he allegedly shot a neighbor's dogs at Scott Lake.

After consideration of the information previously submitted, together with the additional statements provided herein, we hope the Board will rule in favor of the protection of society and continue the incarceration of Mr. Bill Cosden.

Sincerely,



Gary Edwards
Sheriff

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cc: Gary Tabor, Chief Prosecuting Atty.

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October 22, 1993

Gary Edwards
Thurston County Sheriff
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RE: William E. Cosden
249717

Dear Sheriff Edwards:

Thank you for your letter of October 17, 1993.

Regarding Mr. Cosden's status, he was last seen at a parolability hearing in October, 1992. At that time, he was again found to be not parolable and an additional 60 months was added to his minimum term. He will, therefore, next be eligible for parole consideration in May, 1996.

Whether he will be paroled at that time or at any point prior to his maximum expiration date of February, 2024, is, of course, a future decision not yet made. In any case, be assured that your letter with accompanying materials will be retained in the file for consideration by Board Members making decisions in this case.

Sincerely,

Dennis Marsh
Executive Secretary

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cc: Gary Tabor, Chief Prosecuting Attorney