

Please share-Kenneth Wayne Woodfin is again up for Parole. He will be 69 this year and under Geriatric Reform could easily be released without a strong concern being expressed through letters from the Public and Law Enforcement. I will go before the Parole Board next month to request that he remain incarcerated for killing his Wife, Sister-in-Law, Best Friend, and attempting to kill Hanover County Deputy Sheriff Willard "Bubba" Worsham and me in 1984. As you all know-I was ambush attacked and shot in the head at point blank range, with a .357 Magnum with a .38 caliber load when working off duty in uniform at the Marriott Downtown. These letters are critical to Woodfin remaining incarcerated for another 1-3 years. Need everyone's help in collecting signed letters which also must have a printed name and date on the form letter. Letters can come from any part of the country. Letters can be mailed or for large amounts of letters collected locally, we will try to arrange pick up. Letters can be downloaded from the website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/noparoleforwoodfin/>

Please visit the FB Page: Woodfin No Parole Letter Writing Campaign for updates and additional information.

Thank you for your support,

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Subject: Kenneth Wayne Woodfin- Offender # 1109868
Parole Eligibility-Second Quarter 2017 (April, May, June 2017)

Dear Members of the Virginia Parole Board:

I am writing to request that convicted murderer Kenneth Wayne Woodfin, Offender # 1109868, be denied parole when he seeks such relief before you during the second quarter of 2017.

In 1984, this convicted felon shot and murdered his Wife, Jean Whitaker-Woodfin, his Sister-in-Law, Susan Hall, and Ms. Hall's Boyfriend, Frank Gabbin, Jr. Additionally, Kenneth Wayne Woodfin also ambushed, shot, and attempted to kill 2 sworn Virginia Law Enforcement Officers-Hanover Co. Deputy Sheriff Willard "Bubba" Worsham and Richmond Police Officer Cheryl Nici. Consequently, Kenneth Wayne Woodfin was tried and convicted of these heinous acts, and also convicted of other violent and felonious crimes, committed in Petersburg, VA, the City of Richmond, VA, and Hanover County, VA. Duly impaneled juries rendered their guilty verdicts for all 3 of the murders he committed and also found him guilty of feloniously shooting 2 uniformed Law Enforcement Officers in two separate incidents. He was also found guilty of additional related charges. These sentences were imposed prior to parole being abolished for violent criminals in Virginia.

Kenneth Wayne Woodfin, Offender # 1109868 is a violent, repeat offender, who murdered 3 innocent Victims, and attempted to murder 2 sworn Law Enforcement Officers, both of whom were in uniform and working in their official capacities at the time of Kenneth Wayne Woodfin's separate attempts to kill them. Kenneth Wayne Woodfin attempted to murder a Hanover County, Virginia Deputy Sheriff and a Richmond, Virginia Police Officer by feloniously intentionally shooting them with a .357 Magnum handgun. I am of the strong opinion, that if paroled, Kenneth Wayne Woodfin possesses an imminent threat to the safety of the general public, and additionally, all Law Enforcement Officers. In accordance with our country's judicial process, afforded all defendants, Kenneth Wayne Woodfin received multiple life sentences which are being served concurrently, for his numerous cold blooded murders, and other acts of violence. Through his repeated acts of violence, he has continuously demonstrated his wanton disrespect of all human life.

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen, who believes that justice applies not only to the perpetrators of such violent crimes, but that justice also applies to the Victims, those innocent recipients of Kenneth Wayne Woodfin's horrific crimes of violence. It is our justice system, in which you, the members of the Virginia Parole Board, assume the most significant role of protecting these Victims, their Families, and all Citizens from such demonstrated acts of violence. In this particular case, a serious and credible concern must be protecting these Victims and their Families from any possibility of subsequent retaliatory acts of violence.

I have sent this letter at the request of former Richmond Police Officer Cheryl Nici and on behalf of all of Kenneth Wayne Woodfin's Victims. On October 26, 1984, Kenneth Wayne Woodfin deliberately and feloniously ambushed and shot Richmond Police Officer Cheryl Nici in the head, at point blank range. Officer Nici was in uniform at the time, and was acting in her official capacity. Additionally, I make this request on behalf of all the Victims, who were shot and/or murdered by this convicted felon, during a 3 day violent rampage that took place October 24-26, 1984. Honorable Members of the Commonwealth of Virginia Parole Board, please exercise your authority and judgement by denying Kenneth Wayne Woodfin parole. Please protect the Victims and their Families and protect & spare all of us from the demonstrated violence which Kenneth Wayne Woodfin, effortlessly inflicts upon others without any remorse. Continue to hold Kenneth Wayne Woodfin accountable for the crimes which he committed. Thank you for your consideration.

****If my address is annotated below, please notify me of your decision by e-mail or letter. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, I am, Sincerely,

Signed _____ Date _____
Printed Name _____

Street Address (Optional) _____
City, State, and Zip Code (Optional) _____

E-Mail (Optional) _____

Many fight parole for 1984 killer

BY FRANK GREEN
Times-Dispatch Staff Writer

A handgun used to kill three people and wound another was aimed at the head of Richmond police officer Cheryl Nicl at 11:20 p.m., Oct. 26, 1984, just outside the Richmond Marriott.

"All of a sudden there was this huge explosion," Nicl said. "I heard people screaming, I heard chaos. I was looking out at Broad Street. I was blinking my eyes because the whole picture of Broad Street had gotten blurry."

The bullet struck her left temple, shattered her jaw, traveled through her mouth and came to rest near her carotid artery. "It

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FOURTH RICHMOND POLICE OFFICER WOUNDED IN 1984
BY KENNETH WAYNE WOODFIN

was like somebody had dropped a gallon of red paint ... and then my sight just went totally all red and I remember saying, 'Am I bleeding? Am I bleeding?'"

"I was in uniform. There was no doubt about it: I was a police officer."

"That bullet that hit me — it

was nothing personal," she said. "That was a bullet that was aimed directly at law enforcement and at every citizen in our community."

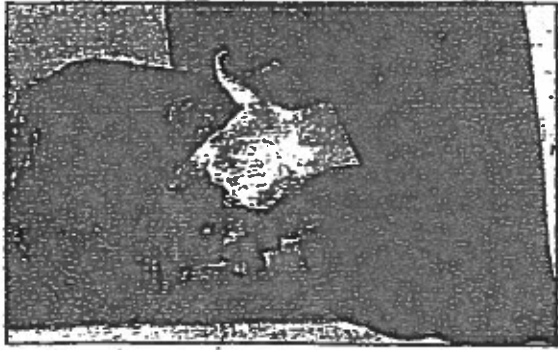
The man who pulled the trigger, Kenneth Wayne Woodfin, was sentenced to three life terms for three murders, 22 years for

shooting Nicl, and 84 years for wounding Hanover County Deputy Sheriff Willard "Dubbe" Worsham.

In April, he will be eligible for parole. While parole was entered for crimes that occurred on or after Jan. 1, 1996, criminals who offended before then still are parole-eligible, even "lifers" such as Woodfin whose criminal acts leave behind a legacy of loss and suffering.

As of the end of November, 4,859 men and women were on parole in the state. Of the state's 28,250 inmates, 19,033 still are eligible for parole under the old

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Cheryl Nicl describes how Kenneth Wayne Woodfin tried to kill a Hanover County sheriff's deputy.

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rules for crimes that occurred before 1995.

The parole rules are complicated, but, with good behavior, inmates can become eligible for parole after serving less than one-quarter of their sentence.

The Parole Board considers thousands of cases each year — 8,782 in the year that ended June 30 — but few generate the opposition that Woodfin's has. Woodfin, reached recently at the Augusta Correctional Center, declined to be interviewed for this story.

1,200 letters to Parole Board

An effort spearheaded by Nici thus far has generated at least 1,200 letters to the Parole Board asking Woodfin to be kept behind bars.

"I'm angry and I am appalled," Nici said of the possibility Woodfin could be paroled. "At least I'm still alive to have something to say about it. What about the people he killed, his wife, his sister-in-law, his best friend?"

Worsham, likewise, said he was shocked by the news.

The dead, Nici said, "can't come forward and have anything to say. How can a system that is supposed to ensure safety and justice even consider letting such a heinous criminal like Woodfin back out?"

Nici contends that "if he is let out on parole, he will kill again."

The motive for Woodfin's killing spree remains murky.

Not long before it happened, Woodfin and his wife, Jean Whittaker Woodfin,

were charged by Ashland police with possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute it. While released on bail, Jean Woodfin told her lawyer she was afraid of her husband and wanted a divorce.

In a note he handed to Nici shortly before he shot her, Woodfin blamed a Richmond police officer, a relative of his wife, of interfering in his marriage. Woodfin's family and friends said he believed the officer was trying to break up his marriage.

On Oct. 24, Woodfin met his wife and her sister, Susan Whittaker Hall, at the home of Woodfin's mother in Petersburg. His wife's body was found the next day in a Petersburg cemetery. She had been shot in the chest and back.

On the night of the 24th, Hall and her boyfriend, Frank Gabbin, who also was Woodfin's close friend, were killed by gunshot wounds to their heads in their home at 111 Strawberry St. in Richmond.

Ninety minutes after the Strawberry Street shootings, Worsham, the Hanover deputy, was sitting in his patrol car at an Ashland traffic light when he turned to his left and saw a car passing slowly, heading in the opposite direction. He heard four shots. Two hit him in the shoulder. He was able to radio for help.

'Lack of conscience'

Nici was shot Oct. 26.

Warren Von Schuch, now a Chesterfield prosecutor, was with the Richmond commonwealth's attorney's office when he prosecuted Woodfin for some of his crimes.

"If he's released, there's no question in my mind that he will kill again," he said.

Von Schuch, who has sent more men

to death row than any prosecutor in the state, told the Parole Board in a Dec. 3 letter that "in 25 years of prosecuting murder cases ... I am still able to conclude, without hesitation, that Mr. Woodfin was one of the most dangerous murderers I have ever prosecuted."

Von Schuch said last week that, during his trial, Woodfin displayed "a lack of conscience and an arrogance that he was right and was being mistreated in some way."

Hospitalized under police guard

Von Schuch is helping Nici oppose Woodfin's parole. Others involved include Richmond police officers, the Virginia State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, and representatives of the Teamsters Union.

Nici was in the hospital for 10 days — police guarded her room in the event her assailant showed up to finish the job — but she's spent years recovering. "I have some permanent disabilities," she said.

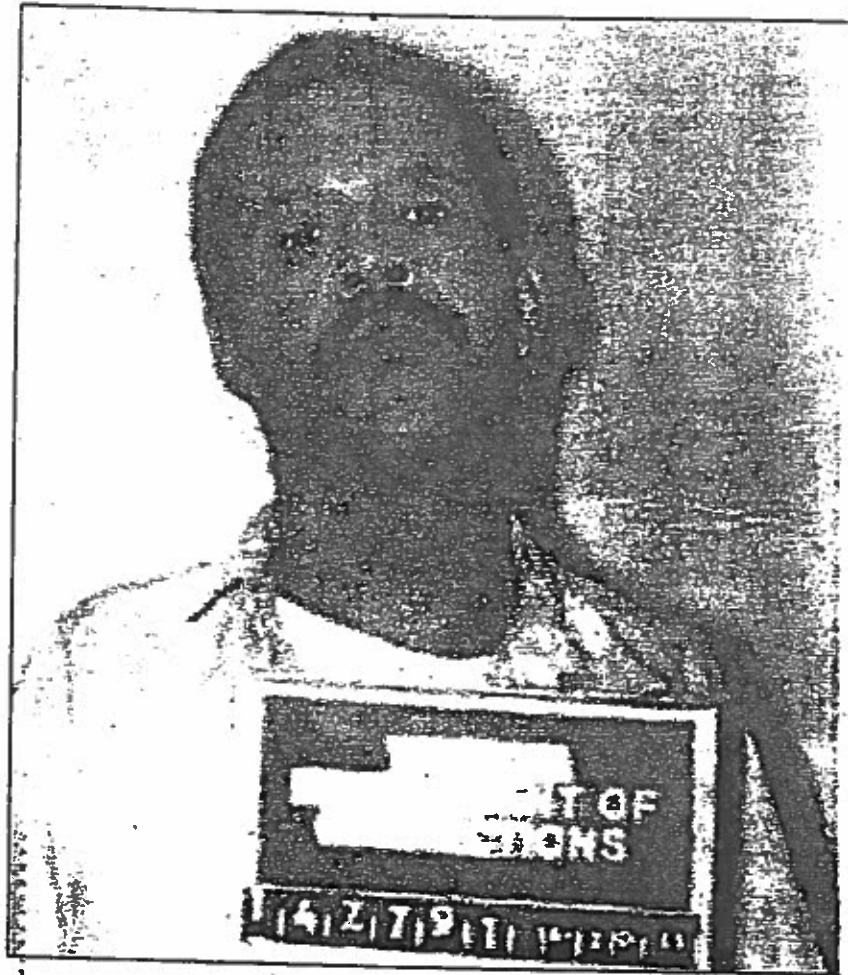
She left the force in 1987 to return to school for a degree in social work. She is married and the mother of one. She now works with children with emotional disabilities and lives in the Tri-Cities area.

And she is putting in long hours in an effort to ensure Woodfin does not make parole. "I just want to live my life. I have a wonderful family. I would be in fear if he were let out."

Woodfin cannot make parole until April. However, on Dec. 20, Nici, Von Schuch and several others opposed to Woodfin's parole argued their case before a Parole Board member.

"My big fear," Nici said, is that "if he ever gets out he's going to come back."

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WARREN VON SCHUCH
Who Prosecuted Kenneth Wayne Woodfin (Pictured Above) in Richmond