

# PETITION TO DENY PAROLE

Victim Services Office  
State Board of Pardons—Paroles  
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**Re: Parole Hearings for:**  
**Colvin C. Hinton, III**  
**GDC ID # 0001201616**



Dear Parole Board:

Please deny parole to Colvin C. Hinton, III. A sexual predator that kidnapped, raped, and murdered Shannon Melendi. Since the day of her disappearance, her parents, sister, and my South Florida community have struggled to become whole. Colvin C. Hinton, III must not be let out of prison.

Shannon Melendi was a 19-year-old girl who grew up in South Florida. She was her high school's junior and senior class president, she was a soccer player, a Legal Eagle, she spoke before the UN and the US Congress, and she was so much more. Her goals were to be a Navy JAG attorney and one day serve as a Justice on the United States Supreme Court. She won a scholarship to Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and was working as scorekeeper at a softball game when she vanished during her lunch break on Saturday, March 26, 1994. Her mistake was to have let her guard down around the umpire at the game, Colvin C. "Butch" Hinton, III.

Hinton, a sexual predator who knew how to blend in amongst us appeared to be a church-going family man, but Colvin C. Hinton, III, had a three-time record of kidnapping, assault and rape, including on members of his own family, before Shannon. One of his victims was 14-year-old Tammy Singleton, he kidnapped her, tied her up in his basement and as he tried to attack the girl, his first-wife walked in on him. If he had been kept in prison, Shannon would be alive today.

In 2005, Hinton was found GUILTY of murdering Shannon Melendi. Though he has since confessed to kidnapping, brutally raping, and murdering Shannon, (her body has not been recovered). Hinton was sentenced to life in prison, with a chance for parole. **Please do not let this murderer out of prison...** give Shannon's family, friends, and my community peace of mind, to know that her killer will remain behind bars where he rightfully belongs.

I respectfully request you deny parole to kidnapper, rapist, and murderer, Colvin C. "Butch" Hinton.

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