

Declaration of Jerry Calvin

1. My name is Jerry Calvin. I am the step-father of Thomas Smith (IDOC Number S10842), who is currently imprisoned at Taylorville Correctional Center.
2. Thomas was convicted of criminal sexual assault. He is scheduled to be released from prison on Mandatory Supervised Release on January 14, 2021. He will be on MSR for three years to life.
3. My wife, Tammy (Thomas' mother), and I would like to have Thomas live with us at our home in Pocahtontas, Illinois, while he is on parole. We have a three-bedroom home and can give Thomas his own bedroom and bathroom. We are prepared to make whatever arrangements are necessary for our home to be a suitable host site for Thomas. It is our understanding that our home is not within 500 feet of any schools, playgrounds, or daycares.
4. The IDOC told us that Thomas cannot parole to our home because I was convicted of a sex offense 34 years ago (in 1986) and Thomas is prohibited from living while on parole with another person who has been convicted of a sex offense.
5. I have no arrests or convictions subsequent to my 1986 sex offense. I have lived a law abiding life since my release from prison. I am not on the sex offender registry and am not under any kind of criminal justice supervision.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1746, I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Jerry Calvin

5/4/2020

Declaration of Stanley Meyer

1. My name is Stanley Meyer. I was convicted of one count of criminal sexual assault in 2008 and was sentenced to serve 48 months in the Illinois Department of Corrections at 85 percent, with a MSR term of three years to life. The victim of my offense was an adult. The PRB approved me for release on MSR on July 15, 2011.

2. I remained imprisoned for more than eight years after my release date because I did not have money to pay for housing and did not have family outside of prison who were willing or able to help me.

3. On January 13, 2020, I was released on MSR to an apartment in North Chicago operated by NewDay Apartments. I resided there by myself for approximately four months. The apartment has two bedrooms and could easily accommodate two people. On May 27, 2020, another person on MSR from the Illinois Department of Corrections, Jerrand Miller, came and lived with me. We are currently both residing here.

4. I am currently looking for work in Lake County. Once I find a job and have a means to support myself, I will rent an apartment in the area. I have spoken to J.D. Lindenmeier, another individual who is on MSR and currently residing at NewDay Apartments, about the possibility of being roommates when we move.

5. It would be beneficial for J.D. and I to live together and share expenses like rent and utilities while we both serve our MSR sentences. J.D. and I get along well. Because I was released before him, I have tried to offer him help with things like obtaining clothing, applying for SNAP benefits, and navigating public transit in the area.

6. I have researched apartments for rent in the North Chicago and Waukegan areas. Many one bedroom apartments rent for approximately \$750 to \$850 per month, would be very difficult for me to afford on my own. However, two-bedroom apartments in the area often rent for approximately \$900 to \$1,100 per month, which is more affordable when split between two people.

7. It would enable both J.D. and me to move out of NewDay Apartments more quickly if we could live together and share living expenses.

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Stanley Meyer

7-1-20

Date

Declaration of Luis Aponte

1. My name is Luis Aponte. I was released from IDOC onto mandatory supervised release in January 2020 to my father's home in Waukegan, Illinois. I have three-years-to-life of MSR.
2. My father's home is in a four-story apartment building that contains approximately 12 separate units. When I was released, no other registrant lived in the building. IDOC determined that the address complies with the prohibition on residing within 500 feet of a school, playground or daycare, and approved me to live there while on MSR.
3. I am doing well on MSR. I have a full-time job in a warehouse and have been attending required sex offender therapy regularly.
4. In March 2020, another registrant (not on parole) moved into a different unit in the same building where I live with my father.
5. I received notice from my parole agent that I have to move because of this other registrant in the building. If I do not find somewhere else to live, I will have my MSR revoked and will be sent back to prison. If I go back to prison, I will lose my job and will be stuck in IDOC until I can find another place to live.
6. I have been looking for another place to live, but I have not been able to find a host site that IDOC will approve and that I can afford with my current income.
7. I want to keep living with my father while I adjust to life on parole and get back on my feet.

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Luis Aponte Jr.
Luis Aponte

5-24-20
Date

Declaration of Kevin Manson

1. My name is Kevin Manson. I was released from IDOC onto mandatory supervised release on May 6, 2020. I currently reside in Chicago Heights, Illinois, with my aunt. I have three-years-to life of MSR.
2. IDOC approved me for release to my aunt's home, but when I tried to register with Chicago Heights police, I was informed that my aunt's house is too close to a school and I have to move somewhere else.
3. I just got out of prison and don't have funds to pay for housing of my own. The Cook County Justice Advisory Council ("CCJAC"), a governmental entity that provides reentry assistance to citizens returning to Cook County after imprisonment, is willing to pay for my housing through an agency called New Beginnings.
4. It is my understanding that New Beginnings has a bed available for me at 11934 S. Lowe Chicago Illinois, 60628, and is able to take me immediately.
5. I have not yet been approved to go to New Beginnings because there is another registrant living at 11934 S. Lowe and I am prohibited from living at the same address as another sex offender.
6. If I am not allowed to go to New Beginnings I will not have a compliant place to live and will be sent back to prison. I could also be criminally charged with failure to register and residing too close to a school.

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Kevin Manson

5-25-20
Date

Declaration of Dana Monson

1. My name is Dana Monson. My date of birth is February 4, 1950. I was convicted of Criminal Sexual Assault in 2008 and was sentenced to serve four years in prison plus two years of Mandatory Supervised Release.
2. I was released from the IDOC onto MSR on March 23, 2012, the home of a friend from high school. Unfortunately, two days after my release, the friend changed his mind about allowing me to stay with him. Because I didn't have a host site, I was returned to prison.
3. I am indigent and do not have family who can help me pay for housing or give me a place to live. I had no financial support while in prison other than \$5 a month I earned while working in the kitchen.
4. I tried to obtain a host site by asking friends and friends of friends if I could come stay with them while on MSR, but I was not able to secure a place to live that the IDOC would approve.
5. I asked to be released to a halfway house, but I was told there were no providers in the State of Illinois that could accept someone with a sex offense conviction.
6. I remained imprisoned for more than eight years beyond the completion of my court-ordered term of incarceration. I believed that I would spend the rest of my life in prison because I had no money and no one who could help me pay for a place to live. I had lost hope of ever being released until I learned that I could potentially be considered for release to Wayside Cross Ministries.
7. On May 20, 2020, I was released to Wayside Cross Ministries, where I am currently residing.
8. I am thriving at Wayside Cross. It is a positive, supportive environment that has given me hope for the future. I have a job assignment in the maintenance building that I enjoy. I have been a Christian since childhood, and I enjoy studying the Bible with the other residents and having the opportunity to deepen my faith in God.

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Dana Monson

07/01/2020
Date

Declaration of John Margarella

1. My name is John Margarella. I was convicted of possession of child pornography in 2012. I was sentenced to three years of incarceration at 50 percent and three years to life on mandatory supervised release. I completed my sentence of incarceration and was approved for release on MSR in December 2013.
2. I remained imprisoned for more than six years beyond the completion of my sentence because I couldn't secure housing. My family asked IDOC to release me to homes with every family member who was willing to take me in. Every proposed location with members of my family was rejected because of proximity to schools or playgrounds or the presence of children. No one in my family has the money to buy or rent a separate place for me to live and I do not have savings to pay for my own housing.
3. While in IDOC, I was told that I was not eligible for release to a halfway house or shelter.
4. On June 23, 2020, I was released on MSR to an apartment operated by NewDay Apartments in Waukegan, Illinois. I reside with Jerry Davis, another person on MSR from the Illinois Department of Corrections. It is a two-bedroom apartment. Jerry and I get along well. We are both grateful for the opportunity to be out of prison and to have the ability to get our lives back on track and reestablish our relationships with our families.
5. Since my release, I have been looking for work and talking with my family frequently.

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John Margarella

7-1-20

Date

Declaration of Fredrick Chamblis

1. My name is Fredrick Chamblis. My date of birth is July 13, 1992. I was convicted of criminal sexual assault in 2012 and was sentenced to serve four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections plus three years to life of mandatory supervised release.

2. My original out date for release from prison was January 22, 2016. I was not released from prison at that time because I could not find housing. I did not have savings to pay for my own housing. I submitted addresses with every member of my family who was willing to take me in both in Illinois and in Wisconsin, but every address was rejected.

3. I remained in prison until May 19, 2020, when I was approved for release to Wayside Cross Ministries, where I currently reside.

4. Wayside Cross has a positive, uplifting and motivating atmosphere that makes it a great place for me to build a foundation for reentry into society. There are many resources and services that help with parole, and there is a strong sense of love, brotherhood and fellowship. The daily routine and schedule here helps all of the residents focus on our priorities and set high standards and expectations for ourselves. It has helped me look at the bigger picture and begin thinking about and planning for short and long term goals such as successfully completing the program at WCM, obtaining employment, and saving up to go back to college to earn a degree. Most importantly, it allows me a chance to really establish a close relationship with God that will be the foundation for my future.

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Fredrick Chamblis

Fredrick Chamblis

6-30-2020

Date

Declaration of Corey Crowe

1. My name is Corey Crowe. My date of birth is February 7, 1979. I was convicted of criminal sexual assault in 2013 and was sentenced to serve six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections plus three years to life of mandatory supervised release.
2. My original out date was June 5, 2018. I was held for almost two years past my out date because I could not find housing. My family in Illinois and Kentucky tried to help me find a place to live, but all of their homes were rejected by the IDOC. I didn't have money to pay for my own housing, and my family was unable to pay for a place on my behalf. My mother is older and has minimal income.
3. Before I learned about the possibility of going to Wayside Cross, I was convinced I would die in prison. My mental state was in jeopardy and I was becoming depressed because I saw no way that I would ever be able to get out of prison. It was also an emotional burden on my family who worried about me but helpless to get me out.
4. On May 19, 2020, I was released to Wayside Cross Ministries. I now have the opportunity to move past my conviction and have a normal life. I am looking forward to working, helping my mother, and being a father to my daughter again.

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Corey Crowe


7-1-20

Date

Declaration of Jerry Davis

1. My name is Jerry Davis. I was convicted of criminal sexual assault in 2006 and was sentenced to four years in prison plus three years to life of mandatory supervised release. I became eligible for release on MSR on December 30, 2008. I was not released at that time because I could not find housing.
2. I had family members who were willing to take me in, but IDOC did not approve any family members' addresses because they were all deemed to be too close to schools or parks.
3. In June 2016, nearly eight years after my out date, I was released to Hand-n-Hand Outreach, a transitional housing provider in Chicago. I was out on MSR for approximately a year and half. I was doing well on MSR. I had a job and was enrolled in school. Unfortunately, in November 2017, I lost my housing at Hand-n-Hand because I returned there after curfew.
4. The PRB did not revoke my MSR. I was immediately eligible for re-release if I could find a place to live. But, I was not able to find housing for the next two years. In total I served ten years of dead time before I was released to NewDay Apartments in December 2019.
5. I am currently residing at NewDay Apartments in Waukegan with John Margarella. I have obtained employment in a warehouse and will be able to move into my own place in the near future.

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Jerry Davis

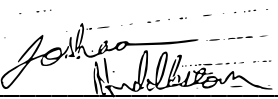
7-2-20

Date

Declaration of Joshua Huddleston

1. My name is Joshua Huddleston. I was convicted in 2013 of predatory criminal sexual assault and sentenced to six years in IDOC plus three-years-to-life MSR. I completed my prison term on January 22, 2019, but I remained imprisoned because I was unable to secure housing.
2. My parents were unable to help me find a place to stay outside of prison and did not have room to let me stay with them.
3. I am medically retired from the U.S. military and have savings sufficient to pay for my own housing for at least a year. But, while I was imprisoned, I wasn't able to secure housing because I couldn't search for housing, sign a lease or set up utilities. Because of my inability to find housing, I spent 16 months of "dead time" in prison.
4. On June 8, 2020, I was released to New Beginnings at 6655 S. Perry in Chicago, where I currently resides with eight other parolees. New Beginnings is a very encouraging and positive place. Everyone here is very committed to succeeding on parole and highly motivated to stay out of prison.
5. We offer each other mutual support and encouragement; share our respective faiths; and all pitch in to make the house a home.

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Joshua Huddleston

7-1-20

Date

Declaration of Ronald Garrison

1. My name is Ronald Garrison. I was convicted of predatory criminal sexual assault in 2009. I was sentenced to serve 12 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections and three years of mandatory supervised release.
2. I completed my sentence and became entitled to be released on MSR on March 6, 2019. However, because I was unable to secure housing, I remained imprisoned for 15 additional months. I was released to New Beginnings at 6655 S. Perry, on June 12, 2020, when my mother and a friend agreed to help me pay for a month's rent. I am currently residing at New Beginnings with eight other parolees at this address.
3. New Beginnings is a structured environment where the residents look out for and support one another. We have a brief meeting every day where we discuss ways to stay positive and hopeful for the future. We have a support group twice a week where we share insights and advice and offer each other support.
4. I am looking for full-time employment that will enable me to pay rent and remain at New Beginnings. In the meantime, I am earning some money by cooking and doing landscaping and drywall at New Beginnings.

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Ronald Garrison

7-1-20

Date