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Re: Raylene Brooks - CDC W40103

Dear Parole Board Members:

As President of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the organization representing the more than 9,900 sworn members of the Los Angeles Police Department, I am writing on behalf of LAPD officers and many others in the law enforcement community to urge you **not** to grant parole to Raylene Brooks, the murderer of LAPD Officer Daniel Pratt.

On the night of September 3, 1988, Officer Pratt and his partner, Officer Veronica Delao Jenkins, were on an undercover stakeout at the Pine Liquor Store in South Los Angeles, when they heard what they thought were two shotgun blasts. They then heard rapid gunfire. Seconds later, they saw the headlights of the car that, just minutes before, had been involved in a gang-related drive-by shooting, leaving three people wounded. Pratt and his partner radioed their observations to communications and began their observation of the suspect's vehicle.

A short chase ensued which ended at Florence Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard. The officers parked their undercover vehicle at a gas station and adjacent car wash for cover. As Officer Pratt called for backup and requested an airship, the suspects' car made an abrupt U-turn, and headed toward the officers. As gunfire erupted from one suspect's AR-15 assault weapon and bullets began to strike the police car, Pratt returned fire. As he fired the last round from his 9-mm service revolver, he took a fatal round, dying instantly.

After the shooting, Raylene Brooks fled and was on the run from law enforcement until she was profiled on America's Most Wanted. She ultimately gave herself up in Las Vegas, Nevada.

As the driver of the car involved in the shooting, Raylene Brooks was convicted of first-degree murder of a peace officer.

Daniel Pratt was survived by his pregnant wife, Andria; daughter, Amanda; sons, Danny Jr. and Nicholas; and unborn daughter, Heather, who was born on February 7, 1989. Also surviving him were his parents, Joyce and Roy Pratt Sr., four brothers, three sisters, and a host of other loved ones.

As a young police officer, I worked 77th street patrol with Danny. I remember him as a low-key professional who cared deeply about the people living in our area, his fellow officers and his family. He was a peer leader who was admired for his knowledge, skill and willingness to go into harm's way to protect others. I think about him often and the loss is still painful.

I urge the Parole Board to deny parole for Raylene Brooks. This vicious murderer has not yet paid her debt to society and should be forced to serve the maximum term of her sentence.

Please send the clear message that murder of police officers is unacceptable and all those who are guilty of it must expect the harshest possible punishment available under the law.

Very truly yours,

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Los Angeles Police Protective League

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul M. Weber", is written over the typed name.

PAUL M. WEBER
President

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