

Senator Gallivan Presents Petition Calling on NYS Board of Parole to Deny Release of Judith Clark

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) presented a petition signed by nearly 10,000 concerned citizens to the New York State Board of Parole Wednesday. The petition urges board members to deny the release from prison of Judith Clark, the driver of a getaway car in a 1981 robbery of a Brink's armored car in Rockland County, N.Y. The robbery left a security guard and two police officers dead. Clark is scheduled to be considered for parole next week.

"Residents across New York have expressed great concern about the possible parole of Judith Clark," Gallivan said. "Citizens who signed the on-line petition agree that releasing her from prison would minimize the lives of those killed and is a slap in the face to all law enforcement officers who dedicate their lives to protecting our communities."

Clark was convicted for her role in the brazen armed robbery of \$1.6 million dollars from a Brinks armored car in Nanuet, New York, on October 20, 1981. The attack resulted in the shooting deaths of security guard Peter Paige, Nyack Police Sgt. Edward O'Grady, and Nyack Police Officer Waverly Brown. Ms. Clark not only participated in the planning of this crime, she also drove one of the getaway vehicles and attempted to reach for a handgun when apprehended by police. Judith Clark was convicted and sentenced to the maximum allowed at the time: three consecutive 25-year-to-life terms. However, Governor Cuomo recently commuted her sentence, making her eligible for parole.

Senator Gallivan will deliver four boxes of signatures to the Albany office of the NYS Board of Parole in advance of the hearing on Clark's possible release.