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## Sen. Griffo statement on release of Herman Bell

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UTICA – State Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-Rome, released the following statement following the release of Herman Bell, who was serving time for his role in killing two New York City Police officers:

“I am deeply disappointed and disturbed that the State Parole Board has decided to release Herman Bell, who ruthlessly murdered two New York City Police officers in 1971 by calling 911 and luring the officers into a trap at a housing project in NYC. One of the officers was killed after being shot in the head. The other officer was shot 22 times and with his own service revolver while he begged for his life.

Bell, who has never shown any remorse for his actions and who doesn't appear to have deviated from the mindset that caused him to do this dastardly act, is now free. The families of the two murdered officers, as well as their colleagues in law enforcement, must now live the rest of their lives knowing that the callous, heartless and uncaring man who killed their loved ones is out of prison and able to enjoy his life.

Our brave police, fire and first responders risk their lives every day to protect our families and us from harm. While it seems that targeted attacks against first responders are sadly happening with more frequency, it is imperative that we stand up and support the

courageous men and women who are committed to keeping our communities safe. I am calling on the Governor, who has the ability under the state constitution, to remove those board members who supported the unbelievable decision to release Bell.”

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