

March 1, 2018

Anthony J. Annucci, Acting Commissioner  
New York State Corrections and Community Supervision  
The Harrison State Campus  
1220 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12226-2050

Dear Commissioner Annucci:

I am writing to urge the New York State Parole Board to deny parole to James Rossano (DIN # 77B1048).

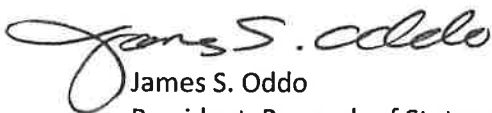
Mr. Rossano was found guilty in 1975 of the murder of Staten Island resident Arthur Leahy.

Some years ago, I attended the dedication of the memorial for Arthur Leahy at LaTourette Park, the scene of his murder. The family members, including his daughter Denise, were devastated and in a state of mourning even several years after their father's murder. The memorial in the park is a moving testament to a dedicated civil servant, but it does not mitigate the impact of this murder on the Leahy family and the suffering they endure every day. The family has related to me some of the details of the murder: how brutally Mr. Rossano beat Mr. Leahy on his head and body, in addition to shooting him and leaving him mortally wounded in the park to die.

I was told by the family that Mr. Rossano is a repeat offender, and that each offense was committed on Staten Island, including murder and armed robbery.

Mr. Leahy's family members are community-minded citizens who participate in charitable causes to help other human beings. It would be deeply unfortunate to put this good family through the pain Mr. Rossano's parole would inflict upon them, as well as other Staten Island families who were victims of his crimes. Given the severe dire impact this would have on the family and the community at large, I urgently request that the parole board deny parole to Mr. Rossano.

Sincerely,



James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Islands

