

**News Release from
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**Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley Urges Residents to Sign the
Petition to Oppose the Release of James Moore from his Life Sentence for
Murder and Rape**

Rochester, NY- This coming October, the New York State Parole Board will interview James Moore for possible release consideration from his life-in-prison sentence for the rape and murder of Pamela Moss in 1962. Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley has created a petition to oppose his early-release to send to the Parole board at <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/da-moore-petition>.

James Moore was convicted of the savage rape and murder of 14-year-old Pamela Moss in 1962 in Penfield, NY. In addition to this crime, Mr. Moore confessed to sexually assaulting dozens of other young girls in the Rochester area in the years and months leading up to Pamela Moss' murder. Prior to sentencing, Moore agreed to spend the rest of his life in prison to avoid the death penalty—an arrangement authorized by the victim's grieving family if they could be assured that Moore would never again be free. Changes in New York State law, however, have allowed Mr. Moore the opportunity to annul this sentence agreement and seek his freedom. He has served 56 years of his life sentence.

“Despite his age and the current duration of his incarceration, I believe that James Moore remains a threat to our community and to any community in which he settles,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “To keep a dangerous predator off the streets while preserving the pact that allowed Mr. Moore to escape the death penalty for his crime decades ago, I urge the community to sign our petition to oppose his release. I believe in truth in sentencing and that that Life in Prison should mean Life in Prison, which is the only way to ensure that justice continues to be served to Mr. Moore's victims and the Moss family.”

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