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August 27, 2018

Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: Name: BARRUS, JEFFREY, CHIP
CDCR# T44331
DOB: February 9, 1980
Court Case #: CRF0024514

Dear Board of Parole Hearings:

The undersigned respectfully objects to a grant of parole to the above-referenced individual. The inmate's master file, especially the Comprehensive Risk Assessment prepared by S. Hoyt, Psy.D., indicate the inmate remains at high risk for violence should he be released. Without abusing your Board's time by repeating the content of the file, it is clear that the inmate suffers from severe psychiatric issues which, despite the efforts of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, cannot be controlled so as to provide any level of protection to the public.

While I am mindful that this inmate is not in any way legally responsible for the actions of his family members, I believe it is relevant to direct the Board to information regarding his father and brother Marshall's behavior in 2017. Mr. Lloyd Barrus, the inmate's father and co-offender in the case resulting in the inmate's incarceration was released from CDCR and completed parole. However, in 2017 Mr. Lloyd Barrus and the inmate's brother Marshall were allegedly involved in a disturbingly similar incident in the state of Montana. That incident resulted in the alleged murder of Broadwater County Deputy Sheriff Mason Moore, and the death of Marshall in a gunfight with Montana state authorities. I have included two articles regarding the incident, one from the website of the Southern Poverty Law Center and one from the *Billings Gazette* website which review this incident. Based on popular news accounts, Mr. Lloyd Barrus is pending competency proceedings in Montana. Given the impact of the inmate's family on the crime for which the inmate is imprisoned, this information may be of interest to you. At the least, they indicate the lack of any kind of reasonable support mechanisms for this inmate.

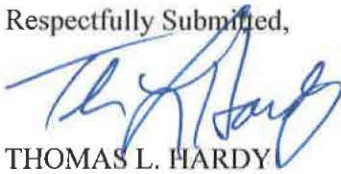
It is true that the inmate was youthful at the time of the original offense, but his psychiatric condition has, if anything, deteriorated while he has been in custody and he appears to be more dangerous now than he was at the time of the commitment offense.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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HATEWATCH

Lloyd Barrus, Antigovernment Suspect in Montana Killing, Previously Shot Down Helicopter

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by Bill Morlin

Before he was accused of this week's fatal shooting of a Montana sheriff's deputy, an antigovernment extremist was involved in an eerily similar high-speed chase and gunfight with officers in California that included downing a police helicopter.

Lloyd Barrus was sentenced to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to assaulting police officers during the March 17, 2000, standoff that lasted 18 hours and included a 70-mile gunfire chase on the Nevada-California border.

Now, the 61-year-old Barrus, who has lived in Bakersfield, California, faces deliberate homicide and other charges for firing at pursuing police following the fatal shooting of Broadwater County Sheriff's Deputy Mason Moore, 42, on Tuesday near Three Forks, Montana.

In the past 17-years, some of it behind prison bars, Barrus' antigovernment, anti-police views seemed to have hardened and grown more extreme, embracing assorted conspiracy theories, firearms and militia fantasies and selected passages from the Bible, his social media posts suggest.

His posts make references federal agencies involved in the 1992 siege at Ruby Ridge and the Branch Davidian raid in Waco, Texas, the following

year. There also are suggestions, as yet not fully confirmed, that Barrus had involvement with a militia group in Alaska.

It likely will take days for a team of investigators in Montana to fully piece together the background of the antigovernment extremist and his son, Marshall Barrus, also a felon, and the roles they played in Tuesday night's fatal shooting of Deputy Moore, three years on the job with a wife and three kids.

The deputy's body was found on Interstate 90, in Broadwater County. His dash-cam video, reviewed by a backup deputy, quickly led to the broadcast description of the suspects' vehicle.

An ensuing 140-mile police chase across Montana, involving gunshots fired at pursuing police, ended when Barrus and his son, Marshall Barrus, got out of their 1998 Chevrolet Suburban — its tires flattened by a police spike strip — and both began firing at a squadron of pursuing officers.

A 9mm handgun was shot from the elder Barrus' hand, while his son was shot in the head by officers. Marshall Barrus died from those wounds Wednesday in a Missoula hospital, authorities disclosed Wednesday.

"I just can't imagine how horrible that must have been," Inyo County, California, District Attorney Tom Hardy told the *Missoulian* when he was briefed on the Montana gun battle between officers and the fleeing father-son fugitives.

In 2002, Hardy prosecuted the criminal case against Lloyd Barrus, an Idaho resident at the time, following the chase two years earlier on the Nevada-California border. It began near Lathrope Wells, Nevada, about 60 miles north of Las Vegas and ended at Furnace Creek, California, in Death Valley National Park.

Like the Montana incident, the 2000 assault on police began during overnight hours when Nevada Highway Patrol officers attempted to pull over a BMW on U.S. 95.

The car, which wasn't stolen, sped off as its occupants fired shots at pursuing officers. After crossing the Nevada-California border, the vehicle spun off the highway near Furnace Creek and broke down on a dry lake bed, according to one media account from that time.

The car's three occupants, including Lloyd Barrus, fled and hid for several hours in rocky outbreaks and scrub brush in the desolate desert, while a team of 100 law officers converged on the scene, including a California Highway Patrol helicopter.

As darkness set in, the CHP helicopter crew, using night vision equipment, saw the suspects attempting to "sneak away in the dark," Inyo County Sheriff Dan Lucas told CBS News at the time.

The fleeing suspects fired at the CHP helicopter, striking and damaging the aircraft, forcing it to make an emergency landing. Its crew members weren't injured.

Authorities said, according to the one media report, that it marked the first time civilians had downed a police helicopter.

"We've taken bullets before in both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters," Bruce Bonnett, CHP's supervisor of aerial operations in Daguerre, California, said at the time. "But this is the first time an aircraft has been downed. It's absolutely amazing luck that nobody was shot or killed."

The armed suspects continued shooting at other police aircraft that arrived on the scene, but they weren't struck by gunfire.

Lloyd Barrus, who was then 44, and Cheryl Maarteuse, 50, who listed Downey,

Idaho, addresses, and Barrus' other son, Jeffrey Barrus, 20, of Emeryville, California, were arrested 18 hours after the episode began.

Jeffrey Barrus is still serving a 25-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to attempting to kill police officers. Maarteuse served a year in jail for what authorities described as "her minor role in the standoff," the Missoula newspaper reported.

There was very little media coverage of the 2000 incident and news accounts used the spelling "Burrus."

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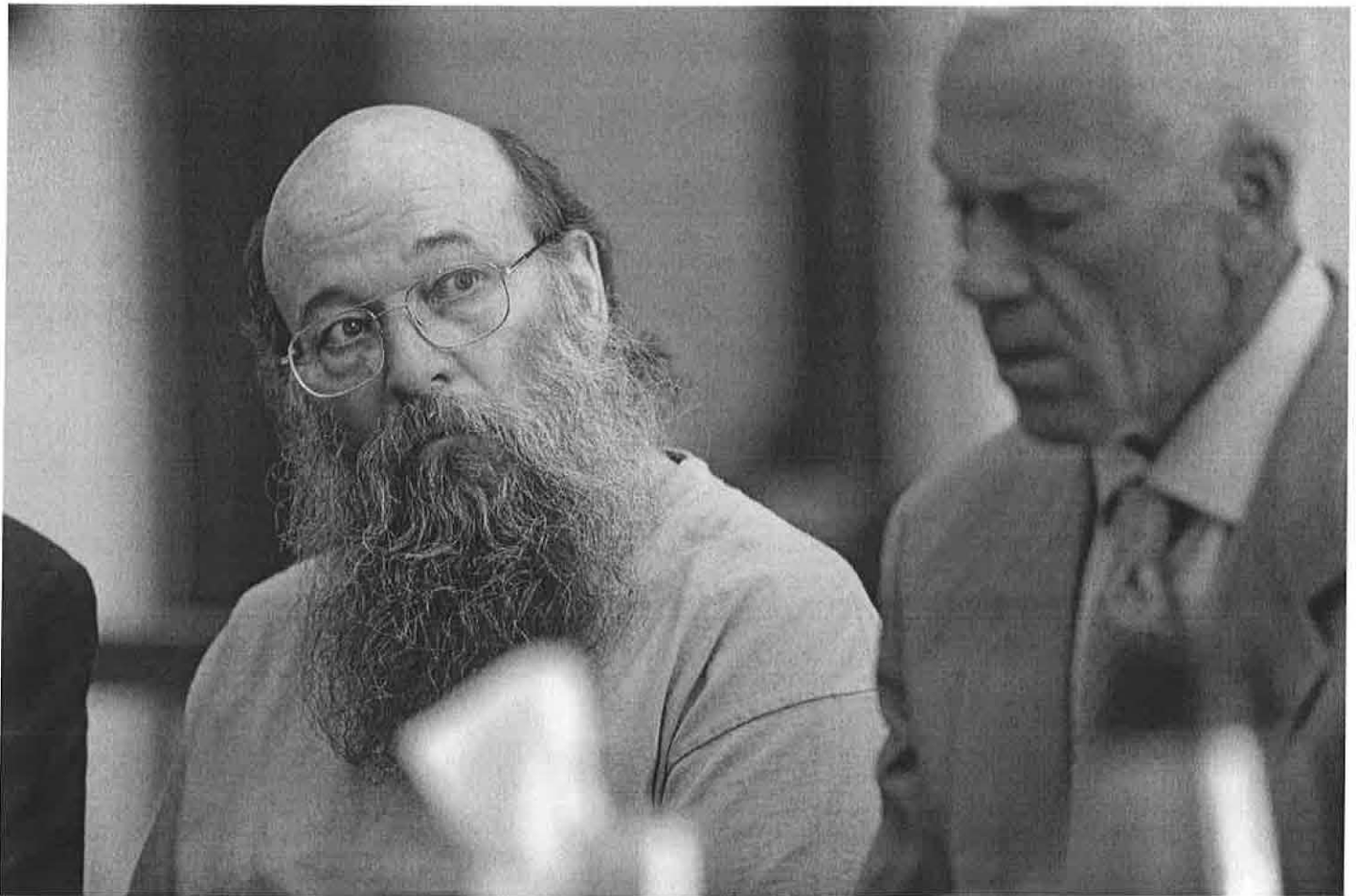
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Barrus deemed mentally unfit to stand trial in fatal shooting of Broadwater County deputy

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Lloyd Barrus, left, alongside his defense attorneys Craig Shannon, right, and Greg Jackson, not pictured, appears before Judge Kathy Seeley Thursday in the Lewis and Clark County Courthouse for a status hearing regarding charges stemming from the killing of Broadwater County Sheriff's Deputy Mason Moore last year.

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The man accused of being an accessory in the 2017 shooting death of Broadwater County sheriff's deputy Mason Moore will not be going to trial any time soon.

Lloyd Barrus, 62, is charged with accessory to deliberate homicide for the death of Moore, along with multiple other counts of accessory to attempted deliberate homicide in connection with the deputy's death outside Three Forks and a chase that spanned several counties.

Barrus could face the death penalty for any of those charges if convicted.

During Thursday's status hearing, lawyers from the state attorney general's office assisting Broadwater County Attorney Cory Swanson agreed with a decision made by a Montana State Hospital that Lloyd Barrus was unable to stand trial due to years of mental health issues stretching back to 2000.

"The report of the examination looked at past mental history dating back to 2000," state Assistant Attorney General Brant Light said. "We do not contest the findings of the report that the defendant is presently unfit to proceed."

Barrus will be committed to the Department of Health and Human Services for further evaluation and treatment, including medication. His defense lawyers said Barrus would most likely object to that, which would require another hearing on the matter.

Judge Kathy Seeley set a new hearing for Sept. 7 to review whether Barrus would be fit to stand trial.

Moore, who was a husband and father of three, was shot and killed early on the morning of May 16, 2017.

Officials believe Barrus and his son went out the night before seeking a gunfight with law enforcement. Around 2 a.m., Moore attempted to stop the pair as they sped north on Highway 287 and a pursuit ensued. About six minutes into the pursuit, the deputy started taking gunfire from the Barrus' vehicle.

Dashcam footage shows that Moore survived his initial gunshot wound but died after the assailants turned around and drove right up to where the deputy's car had stopped, firing another two dozen rounds.

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