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Statement by Rockland County Legislature Chairman Alden H. Wolfe on the Denial of Parole to the Convicted Mastermind of the Brink's Robbery that Left Two Nyack Police Officers and a Brink's Guard Dead:

“While this crime was committed nearly 35 years ago, for many in Rockland, it remains as fresh and as painful as the day it happened,” Wolfe said. “This attack – an attack on our entire society – left three families without their fathers, sons and husbands. The convicted killer can never be allowed to serve less than the full federal sentence for planning and carrying out this violent crime. I am satisfied that the Parole Board took a hard look and came to the rightful decision to deny the release.”

BACKGROUND:

Nyack Police Officers Sgt. Edward O’Grady and Officer Waverly “Chipper” Brown and Brink’s Guard Peter Paige were killed during the Oct. 20, 1981 robbery.

Paige was killed during a \$1.8 million armored car heist at the then-Nanuet Mall, now the Shops at Nanuet. Both police officers were killed during the escape attempt in a shootout at the Mountainview Road entrance to the state Thruway in Nyack, where a permanent memorial is located.

Mutulu Shakur, who was born Jeral Wayne Williams, was arrested in 1986 and sentenced in 1988 for his role in the robberies and killings by a self-proclaimed revolutionary group known as “The Family.”

He was sentenced to 60 years and the judge recommended no parole be granted. Under the sentencing rules in effect at the time, “mandatory parole” is required after 30 years unless a parole hearing determines the prisoner would commit new crimes or had repeat, serious violations of prison rules, according to a published news report.

The U.S. Parole Commission has denied the release and as of today, the federal Bureau of Prisons’ website shows Shakur remains at Victorville penitentiary in California.

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