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## **Rockland Legislature: Brink's Mastermind Should Not Be Paroled**

**Wolfe Sponsors Resolution Opposing Release of Convicted Killer  
of Two Nyack Police Officers & Security Guard**

**- Parole Hearing Could Be As Early As April 4 -**

**New City, NY (March 18, 2016)** – The architect of the 1981 Brinks' robbery that left two Nyack police officers and a security guard dead should not be released from prison, the Rockland County Legislature says.

Legislators voted 13-0 Tuesday on a resolution proposed by Legislature Chairman Alden H. Wolfe that opposes the parole and release of the convicted killer.

"This crime forever changed Rockland and left three families without their fathers, sons and husbands," Wolfe said. "The convicted killer cannot serve one day less than the full federal sentence for planning and carrying out such a violent crime. When you attack police officers, you attack all of society."

Nyack Police Officers Sgt. Edward O'Grady and Officer Waverly "Chipper" Brown and Brinks' 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." The group included Black Liberation Army members and former members of violent groups from the 1960s, according to news reports.

In addition to the Brink's case, Shakur was found guilty in another armored car robbery in which a guard was shot dead. He had been accused of participating in 12 robberies from 1976 to 1981. He was also found guilty of aiding the prison escape of his sister, Joanne Chesimard, who was convicted in 1977 of killing a New Jersey state trooper and who fled to Cuba.

Shakur was sentenced to 60 years. 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.

As of today, the Federal Bureau of Prisons' website lists Shakur's release date as Feb. 10, 2016 – 30 years after his 1986 arrest – but shows that he is still incarcerated in Victorville, Calif.

Shakur, 65, is due before the U.S. Parole Commission early next month, possibly April 4, according to published news reports.

Some people have expressed interest in commenting on the parole.

Here is the contact information:

All those who have been involved with the incident or who were impacted by this crime are encouraged to write-in and express their opinions and views as to Shakur being granted parole. Letters or emails can be directed to:

Chairman J. Patricia Wilson Smoot  
United States Parole Commission  
90 K Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20530  
Or  
public.inquiries@usdoj.gov.

In expressing your views, you are encouraged to reference the inmate's full name, Mutulu Shakur, aka Jeral Wayne Williams, Federal Registration #83205-012. This will enhance the flow and cycle of communication with the appropriate USPC officials.

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