

EXCLUSIVE: Milwaukee Cop Killer To Be Released From Prison
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A man convicted of first degree murder for the killing of an off duty Milwaukee Police officer in December of 1973 is being released from prison this week.

Kenneth Jordan, now 66, has been eligible for parole for years and had a couple of work release stints but has consistently been denied his requests for a release from custody. The Wisconsin Parole Commission has granted Jordan his release, effective July 31.

Friends of the family of the slain officer say they are angry and stunned by the decision.

A Milwaukee officer named Ronald Reagan was killed when he attempted to stop the robbery of The Bungalow Tap in Milwaukee. Jordan was one of three men involved in the holdup and evidence at trial said all three fired their weapons during the ensuing gunfight. Officer Reagan pulled his weapon after one of the men pointed his gun at a female bartender.

In one of his pleas for release, Jordan wrote in 2015 that he has been a model prison and has never held any bitterness over being incarcerated for decades. Jordan was convicted long before Wisconsin abolished parole so he is eligible under the old statutes in place at the time of his conviction. As a parolee, he will be monitored by agents of the state Department of Corrections.

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