**Facts for Ann’s Juvenile Parole Case**

***Offense***

* The offense occurred at the store where Ann worked in 2000.
* She owed a drug dealer $1000 and was afraid he would kill her if she did not pay him.
* Ann decided she and a co-defendant could rob the store manager where she worked.
* Ann asked her manager for a ride home for herself and a friend.
* The three women eventually ended up parked on the side of the road next to a field.
* After robbing her, they made her leave the car.
* After she left the car, Ann’s co-defendant unexpectedly hit the manager on the head with a crescent wrench.
* The co-defendant then told Ann to tape the victim’s hands together.
* The victim was scared and ran away into the field.
* Ann and the co-defendant then went back to the store and were arrested in the parking lot.
* Ann immediately confessed and accepted responsibility for her involvement in the crime.

***Personal Accountability***

* On the day of her sentencing hearing, the judge gave her an opportunity to speak. She responded, “I just want to say that I’m sorry and I can’t think of anything else to say.”
* The judge sentenced her to 40 years.
* She was 15 years old and went straight into to adult prison.
* She had never been in trouble before.

***Practical Skills While Incarcerated***

* In 2005, Ann earned certification for employment in the prison as a word processor operator, an administrative clerk, and as a personal computer operator.
* A few years later, in 2007, Ann qualified to seek employment in several areas, including:
  + Light fixture servicer
  + AC installer servicer (window units)
  + Plumber’s helper
  + Electrician’s helper
  + Maintenance carpenter
  + Building maintenance repairer
* Ann has also spent a significant portion of her incarceration as a braille transcriber. She Her earned a certification through the Library of Congress as a Literary Braille Transcriber.

***Education***

* In May of 2015, Ann graduated *magna cum laude* from Community College with an Associate of Science degree. This degree took over a decade of hard work.
* In 2021, she earned a second associate’s degree from Community College and graduated as valedictorian. She is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree at the University.

***Emotional Growth***

* Since her incarceration, Ann has had great success working with mental health professionals.
* Ann suffers from PTSD stemming from early childhood sexual abuse.
* Prior to incarceration, Ann’s PTSD symptoms led doctors to misdiagnose her with a variety of mental health disorders and to overmedicate her.
* In 2003, she was finally diagnosed with PTSD and discontinued most of her medications.
* In 2018, Ann participated in “Victim Impact - Listen and Learn,” where she learned about the effects that different crimes can have on victims and their families.
* This training helped her to develop even more empathy for her victim.
* Ann told her parole examiner that if the victim did not think she had served enough time, that the parole board should not release her.

***Leadership Skills***

* One of Ann’s coping skills for her PTSD is yoga. In 2018-2019, she was trained as a yoga instructor while she was incarcerated at Prison.
* She continues to practice and teach yoga at the Prison.

***Low Number of Infractions***

* Within the previous five years, Ann has only incurred two infractions.
  + A mail violation involving a package from a family member.
  + A consensual sexual encounter with a cellmate.
* During her decades of incarceration, Ann has never committed a violent infraction.

***Re-entry Plan***

* Ann has earned a place in the FareStart Food Pathways job training program. This organization has been helping those experiencing homelessness and hunger for 30 years.
* The program pays $20 per hour and requires Ann to work for a minimum of 24 hours per week.
* While working in this program, Ann will be living with her Aunt and Uncle.

***Family Background***

* Both of Ann’s parents struggled with mental illnesses which made healthy communication difficult. Her neighbors referred to her home as “the fighting house.”
* 6th grade was the only year between first grade and high school graduation where she began and finished the year at the same school.
* When Ann was around ages 4 or 5, Ann’s mom was hospitalized for a mental breakdown.
* At age 6 in 1990, Ann’s family moved to another state. Between the ages of 4 and 8, she was sexually abused by a teacher, a neighbor, and her grandfather.
* When she was 11, Ann started using liquid LSD and later began taking pills.
* Around the age of 15-16, Ann attempted suicide by overdosing on a bottle of aspirin and prescription drugs. Her father drove her to the emergency room just in time.