

Culprit in Glover murder eligible for parole soon

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The 20-year-old man who accepted a 10-year prison sentence for his involvement in hiding the body of murder victim Ashton Glover in 2008 will be eligible for parole only 10 months into his sentence.

Sean Huston Brown, who pleaded guilty to tampering with evidence on March 4, was one of two men with Glover when she was murdered in a field southwest of Sugar Land. She was 18 years old and set to be a junior at Clements High School. Police reported her missing before finding her body and arresting Brown and John McCoske, both 18 at the time, as they tried to leave the country for Canada.

Brown accepted a 10-year prison sentence for tampering with evidence after testimony and evidence indicated he did not know McCoske would be killing Glover. McCoske pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to 80 years in prison.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark confirmed Brown would be eligible for parole on Jan. 24, and his case will be reviewed by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. Clark said Brown by law is eligible for parole after serving one-quarter of his sentence. The Jan. 24 date was determined by combining Brown's actual time served plus seven months of good behavior time and five months for work time.

Fort Bend County District Attorney John Hensley said being up for parole review is a far cry from being granted parole, as the parole board must look at a number of factors before making their decision. Nevertheless, Hensley said he has written a letter to the group, urging them to not grant the parole.

"I don't care how good he was when he was in the penitentiary. The actions of Sean Brown toward the person he had considered a friend — Ashton Glover — in my mind indicates he needs to complete that sentence," he said.

Hensley said he urges others to write letters to the parole board, which is an independent agency whose members will be reviewing those letters before making their decision.

McCoske was reported to have told the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office that he shot Glover out of "morbid curiosity."

Hensley added he believes Brown being up for parole now could be a sign of a prison system reaching its capacity and a shortage of prison space could lead to a situation like the 1980s when inmates would be released only months or even days into long sentences for violent crimes.

"I think we're seeing defendants given credits for extra good time that they might not be getting if we had more prison beds to place the newer prisoners in," said Hensley.

Letters of protest can be written to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles at: PO Box 13402, Austin, Texas 78713-0402.