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We write regarding the Psychiatric Security Review Board's Feb. 21 conditional release of Tyree Smith, who killed and ate part of his victim and was found not guilty by reason of insanity.

We have been highly critical of the conditional release decision, especially since the victim's family raised strenuous objections about his release. We view it as an injustice.

To ensure that the board's decision does not further put public safety in jeopardy, can you please tell us:

Where is Smith living? In a Waterbury group home?

Does he have roommates?

If so, are his co-habitants aware of his past?

Is group home staff aware of his past?

Have the people in his neighborhood been made aware that he is living in their vicinity?

Who exactly is making certain he takes his medication?

Does he take medication daily? Multiple times a day? Who makes certain that he doesn't run out of meds?

He must adhere to "structured supervision and maintain specific mental health services and requirements." What exactly does that entail?

In other words, what safety protocols are in place so that he doesn't re-offend?

Thank you for your attention to this pressing public safety issue.

Sincerely,

Sen. Heather Somers

Sen. Henri Martin

Sen. Paul Cicarella

Sen. Stephen Harding