

# PETITION TO DENY PAROLE

## PETITION

New York State Division of Parole  
Victim Impact Unit  
97 Central Avenue  
Albany, New York 12206

Re: Parole Hearings for:

Salvatore DeSarno DIN#81A-1798  
NYSID#4075158Q

A visitor to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. can view the name of Police Officer Cecil F. Sledge, 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct, NYPD on Panel 36E, Line 2. His name is listed with the thousands of other police officers who have given the "last full measure of devotion" to us all. Officer Sledge died in the line of duty on January 28, 1980. While performing duty on solo patrol in the confines of the 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Brooklyn, New York, Officer Sledge stopped an auto driven by a suspect who was on parole and was wanted for questioning regarding a robbery. As he approached the vehicle, Officer Sledge was shot by the suspect later identified as Salvatore DeSarno. DeSarno then accelerated the vehicle dragging Officer Sledge at a high rate of speed. DeSarno continued to drag the Officer and resulted in the death of Officer Sledge.

Officer Sledge had served for twelve years as a police officer with the NYPD. He was a husband and the father of a three year old son and a nine month old daughter. He was 35 years of age. He would never live to see his children grow to adulthood. His wife would never have her husband to share her life.

The release of DeSarno on parole would be a grave injustice to his family as well as society. The murder of a police officer is a crime that cries out for justice. In this time of great danger to our society, we must reinforce in the minds of criminals and terrorists that assaults on our police will be merit not only swift justice, but with punishment that fits the crime. Absent the death penalty in such cases, life imprisonment is a fitting sentence.

The undersigned petitions members of the Board to deny parole for Salvatore DeSarno. At the time of the murder of Officer Sledge, DeSarno was on parole. This fact speaks volumes about his appeal for parole.

Respectfully,

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RESIDENCE ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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