

Convicted robber asks for early release from prison to see LeBron James play

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CLEVELAND, Ohio — An Ohio inmate is petitioning for an early release from prison, in part, because he wants to watch LeBron James play basketball.

Jason Goudlock, 39, is a former Clevelander who has served nearly 21 years for aggravated robbery. He's approaching his fifth time before the Ohio Parole Board and is currently incarcerated in the Toledo Correctional Institution.

Goudlock was sent to prison back in 1994 after being convicted of aggravated robbery and felonious assault in Cuyahoga County. The bulk of his letter to the parole board asking for early release was serious.

He's mounted a very public campaign for his freedom, claiming a flaw in sentencing guidelines has forced him to serve more time for robbery than newer inmates convicted of murder.

In his letter, he wrote "I urge you to retire #248-561 because I have history to make."

He goes on to say: "On the lighter side, I would truly like to witness in person LeBron James' pursuit of an NBA championship for my beloved hometown."

Goudlock's sentence could keep him behind bars until 2028. He goes before the parole board in October.

He said in his letter that he plans to work with "at-risk youths" if he's granted an early release.