

Ohio inmate to parole board: Free me to witness LeBron James chase title

Robber complains of being “framed” for misdeed by former warden.

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An Ohio inmate is urging parole authorities to grant his release, in part so he can witness LeBron James and the Cavs make a run for an NBA title.

Jason Goudlock, 39, has been imprisoned since 1994 for felonious assault and aggravated robbery charges in Cuyahoga County. He has a parole hearing in October, but has been denied his release on four previous attempts.

“I am not a career criminal, and I am ready to be released from prison. I urge you to retire [my prison number] because I have history to make.

“On the lighter side, I would truly like to witness in person LeBron James’ pursuit of an NBA championship for my beloved hometown,” he wrote to board members in a letter last month.

Goudlock also writes at length about his prison stay. He goes on to complain of being “framed” for a misdeed by a former warden who now sits on the parole board, and alleges he was once attacked by prison guards who later “covered up” the assault.

Goudlock, formerly of Cleveland, asks for his release from a 6- to 25-year term, a sentence no longer used in Ohio, saying he has served as much time as some killers. He also has a 9-year sentence for using a gun. His term won’t end until 2028, unless the parole board intervenes.

At the end of his letter, Goudlock promises to help at-risk youths avoid prison and watch the Cavs.

County prosecutors did not immediately return a call for comment.

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