

Ohio prisoner seeks parole so he can watch LeBron James chase NBA championship for Cleveland

Jason Goudlock tells parole board he has mended his ways after serving more than 20 years behind bars and is ready to rejoin society. And, by the way, he'd really like to see the Cleveland Cavaliers in person.

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Ohio inmate Jason Goudlock, 39, is seeking parole, in part, because he wants to ‘witness in person LeBron James’ pursuit of an NBA championship for my beloved hometown.’

He has done his time and paid his debt to society and now he would like a get-out-of-jail-free card so he may see, in person, the mighty LeBron James pursue an NBA championship with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Jason Goudlock, 39, wrote a heartfelt letter to the Ohio Parole Board asking to be released after spending more than 20 years in prison for aggravated assault and armed robbery — offenses committed when he was 18.

He argues that under less restrictive sentencing guidelines passed since he went to jail, he should have been set free by now. "I've served even more time than convicted murderers," he wrote, according to an excerpt of his letter [published on the Smoking Gun website](#).

"I am not a career criminal, and I ready to be released from prison," he said in his Sept. 26 plea.

"I have begun to develop a plan for helping at-risk youths. To do this, I must lead by example, which is what I will do if you grant me the opportunity to begin the process of redeeming myself," he said.



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Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James in this 2009 photo. He rejoined the team this year after playing for the Miami Heat since 2010.

Goudlock then asked the board: Could you retire my inmate number 284-561? "Because I have history to make," he wrote.

Oh, and one more thing:

"On the lighter side, I would truly like to witness in person LeBron James' pursuit of an NBA championship for my beloved hometown," Goudlock said.