

# Ohio Inmate Seeks Parole So He Can Watch LeBron James Chase NBA Title

An Ohio inmate is seeking parole, in part, because he wants to [“witness in person LeBron James’ pursuit of an NBA championship for my beloved hometown.”](#)

In a letter to Parole Board officials, Jason Goudlock, 39, argues that he is seeking the “opportunity to begin the process of redeeming myself,” adding that he has “begun to develop a plan for helping at-risk youths.”

Goudlock (seen at right) has spent more than 20 years in prison for felony aggravated assault and robbery, crimes committed when the gun-toting Cleveland native was 18. Goudlock, who has appeared before the Parole Board four prior times, is scheduled for a hearing this month.



Goudlock contends that he was sentenced under old laws that have resulted in punishment that has already exceeded what a “new-law prisoner could be made to serve.” He added, “I’ve served even more time than convicted murderers.” According to Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction records, Goudlock’s mandatory maximum release date is January 2028.



“I am not a career criminal, and I am ready to be released from prison,” wrote Goudlock in his September 26 letter, which is [excerpted here](#). After requesting that parole officials “retire” his prison number (284-561), Goudlock added, “On the lighter side, I would truly like to witness in person LeBron James’ pursuit of an NBA championship for my beloved hometown.”