



# State of Arizona Psychiatric Security Review Board 2018 Annual Report

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is intended to give interested parties an accurate picture of Board actions, conditional release, crimes committed by and mental illnesses of the people who are committed to the Psychiatric Security Review Board's (hereinafter referred to as the PSRB or Board) jurisdiction in 2018.

## NOTABLE EVENTS

### 2019 Performance Audit and Sunset Review Report

The PSRB is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2020, meaning legislators will review the purpose and functions of the PSRB to determine whether continuation, revision, consolidation, or termination is warranted. In 2018, the PSRB underwent a performance audit completed by the Auditor General's Office and [the full report](#) was issued in December of 2018.

In summary, the report recommended revising its hearing notification letters to clarify the Board's expectations for the amount of information that should be provided at its hearings, take steps to reduce errors in its process for hearing notifications and orders, develop policies, procedures, and other written guidance to outline its processes for meeting its key responsibilities, and to adopt rules to clarify its statutes.

### Outreach and Education

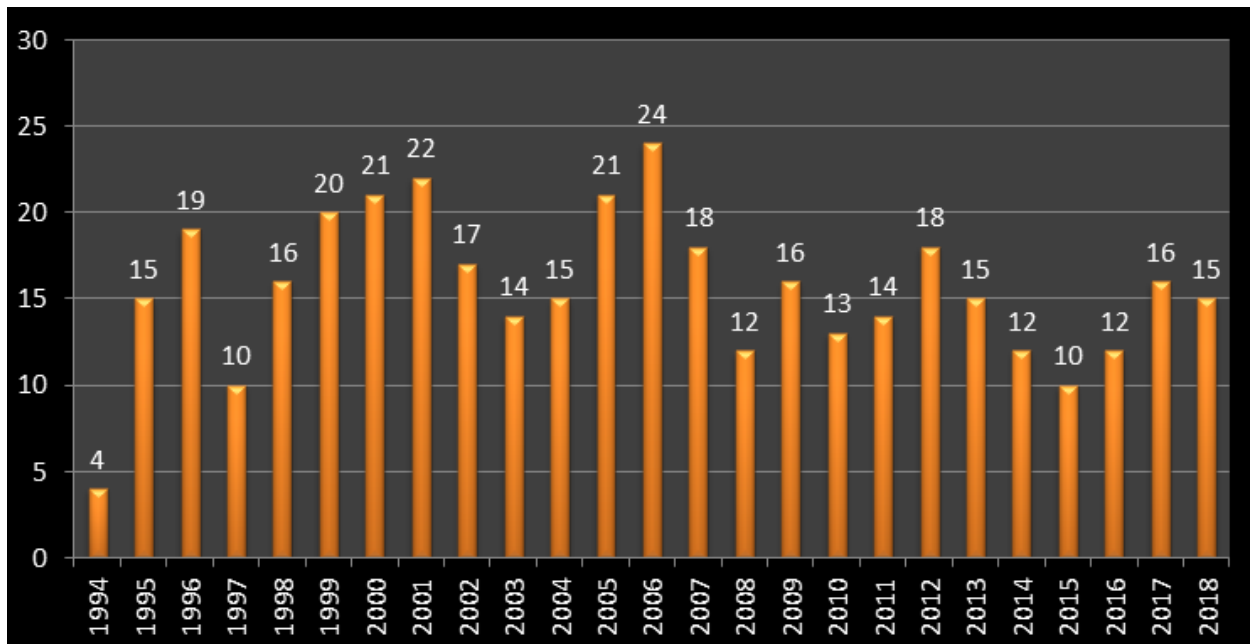
The PSRB's Chairman and staff worked to educate stakeholders about the functions of the Board. In 2018, presentations were given to Psychology Interns at the Arizona State Hospital (ASH) and to Psychiatry Residents at Desert Vista Behavioral Health Center. Outreach and education will expand to victims of the crimes perpetrated by individuals under the Board's jurisdiction and other stakeholders.

### PSRB Office Move

In January of 2018, the PSRB office was moved from the PSRB Suite located at ASH to the Department of Health Services building in the Government Mall. Hearings continue to be held at ASH.

GUILTY EXCEPT INSANE (GEI) COMMITMENTS BY HISTORY

Total: 389



HEARING INFORMATION

- The PSRB conducted sixteen meetings in 2018: twelve regular meetings, two administrative meetings, and two special meetings.
- The PSRB conducted a total of 117 statutory hearings.

INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE PSRB’S JURISDICTION IN 2018

- As of December 31, 2018, the Board had jurisdiction over 121 people.
  - 84.30% male and 14.88% female;
  - 105 individuals confined in the Arizona State Hospital;
  - 16 individuals in the community;
  - The average age is 45 years, ranging from 21 to 76.

Racial Data	
WHITE/CAUCASIAN	66.94%
HISPANIC	15.70%
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	14.05%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	4.48%
NATIVE AMERICAN	.83%

- Fifteen individuals were committed to the PSRB’s jurisdiction in 2018.

- Nine individuals' terms expired in 2018:
  - Three individuals were ordered to undergo an evaluation for civil commitment;
  - Six individuals' terms expired with no further action.

**SNAPSHOT OF INDIVIDUALS ON CONDITIONAL RELEASE**

**Conditional Release to ASH**

Individuals who qualify are permitted to take temporary leave of ASH grounds with gradually reduced supervision in three phases: phase one consists of off-grounds passes supervised by ASH staff; phase two consists of off-grounds passes monitored by vetted and approved pass supervisors; and phase three consists of self-monitored off-grounds passes.

**Conditional Release to the Community**

Individuals who qualify are discharged from ASH and are maintained in the community under a conditional release treatment plan put together by ASH, in conjunction with the PSRB, and outpatient service providers. The PSRB, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA), and community behavioral health service providers are responsible for monitoring the patient's adherence to requirements such as frequency of psychiatric appointments, medication observation, case management services, drug and alcohol testing, required therapies, and substance abuse treatment.

<b>Total Number Of Individuals On Conditional Release to ASH</b>	
Phase 1	10
Phase 2	10
Phase 3	3
Community	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

<b>Type of Residential Monitoring for Conditional Release to the Community</b>	
Group Home - 24 hour	1
Group Home - 16 hour	2
Independent Living w/ Family	1
Independent Living	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

- The PSRB placed three individuals on conditional release to ASH this year and amended phases of conditional release to ASH seventeen times.
- The PSRB revoked conditional release to ASH for two individuals:
  - One for mental deterioration and one for violation of terms.
- Four individuals were conditionally released to the community in 2018.
  - Two individuals were granted conditional release to the community, which took an average of 1242 days, or 3.4 years, from admission to discharge.

- Two individuals were re-released subsequent to a previous readmission and revocation, which took an average of 761 days, or 2.08 years, from readmission to discharge.
- The PSRB returned three individuals to confinement in the State Hospital from conditional release to the community in 2018.
- The PSRB revoked conditional release to the community for four individuals based on the following findings:
  - Two due to deterioration of mental health;
  - Two due to violation of one or more of the terms of conditional release.
- The PSRB voted to amend the terms of conditional release to the community thirteen times, with four individuals appearing twice this year.

### OTHER BOARD ACTIONS IN 2018

- The Board transferred no one to the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC).
- The PSRB voted to deny conditional release 27 times.
- The PSRB approved seven out-of-state travel requests.

### PRIMARY OFFENSES

HOMICIDE	57
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	35
ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	12
BURGLARY/ROBBERY	9
ATTEMPTED ARSON	3
ARSON	2

KIDNAPPING	1
MOLESTATION	1
ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1
RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT	1
Total	121

### PRIMARY OFFENSES BY COUNTY

<b>APACHE</b>	HOMICIDE	3
	MOLESTATION	1
	ARSON	1
<b>COCHISE</b>	HOMICIDE	1
	RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT	1
	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1
<b>COCONINO</b>	HOMICIDE	3
	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1
<b>GILA</b>	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2

	ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	2
	BURGLARY/ROBBERY	1
<b>GRAHAM</b>	HOMICIDE	1
<b>LA PAZ</b>	HOMICIDE	1
<b>MARICOPA</b>	HOMICIDE	16
	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6
	ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	5
	ARSON	1
<b>MOHAVE</b>	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1
<b>NAVAJO</b>	HOMICIDE	2
	ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	1
<b>PIMA</b>	HOMICIDE	19
	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	11
	BURGLARY/ROBBERY	5
	ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1
<b>PINAL</b>	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5
	HOMICIDE	4
	ATTEMPTED ARSON	2
<b>YAVAPAI</b>	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5
	HOMICIDE	4
	ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	3
	BURGLARY/ROBBERY	2
	KIDNAPPING	1
	ATTEMPTED ARSON	1
<b>YUMA</b>	HOMICIDE	3
	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	3
	ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	1

**COMMITMENTS BY COUNTY**

PIMA	36
MARICOPA	28
YAVAPAI	16

PINAL	11
YUMA	7
GILA	5



COCONINO	4
NAVAJO	3
APACHE	5
COCHISE	3

GRAHAM	1
LA PAZ	1
MOHAVE	1
Total	121

### SENTENCING DURATION

#### **IN YEARS**

There are 28 people that are sentenced to life under the PSRB; the data below is evaluated for non-life sentences.

CRIME	AVERAGE	MAX	MIN
HOMICIDE	25.7	127	2.5
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	12	50	2.5
ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	16.5	43.5	5
BURGLARY/ROBBERY	8.5	10.5	5
ATTEMPTED ARSON	7.5	7.5	7.5
ARSON	6	10.5	1.5
KIDNAPPING	10.5	10.5	10.5
MOLESTATION	17	17	17
ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6	6	6
RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT	2.25	2.25	2.25

BY FELONY CLASS	
CLASS 1	43.33%
CLASS 2	25.83%
CLASS 3	21.67%
CLASS 4	6.67%
CLASS 5	1.67%
CLASS 6	.83%

**DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION**

Primary diagnoses were taken from the last report submitted to the PSRB by the patient's attending practitioner. In some cases, the patient has not appeared before the PSRB and thus, diagnoses were based on a report by an evaluator or health records prior to GEI adjudication. Of the 121 individuals under the Board's jurisdiction in 2018, 67 carry secondary substance abuse diagnoses.

<b>DIAGNOSIS</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER	47	38.84%
SCHIZOPHRENIA	35	29.93%
BIPOLAR DISORDER	18	14.88%
PTSD	7	5.79%
DELUSIONAL DISORDER	5	4.13%
DEPESSIVE DISORDER	3	2.48%
PSYCHOTIC DISORDER, NOS	2	1.65%
NEUROCOGNITIVE DISORDER	2	1.65%
ADHD	1	.83%
ALCOHOL USE DISORDER	1	.83%