

Hearing set on McCain parole status

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A status hearing has been set to determine whether a former Gothenburg resident, Eric McCain, will be paroled.

As a juvenile, McCain received a life sentence for the 1990 shooting of Gothenburg police sergeant Glenn Haas.

According to the Associated Press, McCain seeks release from prison after Nebraska lawmakers passed a law last year that ends mandatory life sentences for juveniles who commit first-degree murder.

The law is in response to a 2012 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that declared mandatory life-without-parole sentences for juvenile killers unconstitutional, the article said.

Guidelines now call for a sentence of 40 years to life for juveniles.

Dawson County District Judge James Doyle set the hearing for Aug. 22.

McCain is now 41 and was 17 when Haas was killed.