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Ohio Gov. John Kasich on Thursday rejected a request for mercy from a condemned inmate who argues he had such a bad childhood and is in such poor health he should be spared from execution next month.

The Republican governors decision came in the case of Alva Campbell, set to die by lethal injection on Nov. 15 for killing a teen during a 1997 carjacking. The slaying came five years after he was paroled on a different murder charge.

Kasich, who did not explain his decision, followed the Oct. 20 recommendation of the parole board, which concluded that Campbells upbringing and childhood experiences were certainly dysfunctional and no doubt traumatic but must be weighed against the circumstances of his crime.

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