What is Parole, Probation and Supervised Release?

- Probation is a term of community supervision imposed by the Court in lieu of a prison sentence.
- Parole is a period of community supervision imposed by the U.S. Parole Commission to be completed after release from a prison term. The U.S. Parole Commission's jurisdiction is limited to offenders who committed offenses prior to November 1, 1987, and certain Washington D.C. offenders.
- Supervised Release is a period of community supervision imposed by the Court to be completed after release from jail or prison sentence.