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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF ADRIAN JESSAMY W52137

TYPE OF HEARING:

Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING:

July 28, 2020

DATE OF DECISION:

January 12, 2021

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Gloriann Moroney, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Karen McCarthy, Colette Santa

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On March 9, 1992, in Suffolk County Superior Court, Adrian Jessamy pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of 22-year-old Roberto Cruz and was sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole. On that same date, he received a concurrent 10 to 15-year sentence for armed robbery. Mr. Jessamy also pleaded guilty to two counts of armed robbery, one count of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and one count of receiving a stolen motor vehicle for his role in a separate carjacking in Dorchester. He was sentenced to two concurrent 10 to 15-year sentence for the armed robbery counts. The assault and battery with a dangerous weapon count and receiving a stolen vehicle count were filed.

Mr. Jessamy appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on July 28, 2020 and was not represented by counsel. This was Mr. Jessamy's fourth appearance before the Board, having been denied after his 2006, 2011, and 2016 hearings. The entire video recording of Mr. Jessamy's July 28, 2020 hearing is fully incorporated by reference to the Board's decision.

DECISION OF THE BOARD: After careful consideration of all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offense, the age of the inmate at the time of offense, criminal record, institutional record, the inmate's testimony at the hearing, and the views of the public as expressed at the hearing or in written submissions to the Board, we conclude by unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to his United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer. Mr. Jessamy has served 29 years for the murder of Roberto Cruz. Mr. Jessamy was 18 years old at the time of the offense. Mr. Jessamy has made sufficient rehabilitative progress that would not make his release

incompatible with the welfare of society. He has availed himself to all recommended programming and obtained his Hi-set Degree. Mr. Jessamy appears to have gained insight as to his criminal behavior and pathway to incarceration.

The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society."

In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Jessamy's institutional behavior, as well as his participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of his incarceration. The Board has also considered a risk and needs assessment and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize Mr. Jessamy's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Jessamy's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Jessamy is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

Special Conditions: Reserve to his United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer; Approved home plan before release (in the event Mr. Jessamy is released from ICE custody); Waive work for two weeks; Must be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; ELMO-electronic monitoring; Supervise for drugs; testing in accordance with agency policy; Supervise for liquor abstinence; testing in accordance with agency policy; Report to assigned MA Parole Office on day of release; No contact with victim(s) family; Must have substance abuse evaluation, adhere to plan; and Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The above decision is an abbreviated administrative decision issued in in an effort to render an expedited resolution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Jessamy, through counsel, has waived his right to a full administrative decision.

I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above referenced hearing.

Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

Date