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DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

ALAN GREENMAN

W45495

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: September 19, 2017

DATE OF DECISION: July 26, 2018

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Paul M. Treseler, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Lucy Soto-Abbe

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 not a suitable candidate for parole. Parole is denied with a review scheduled in three years from the date of the hearing.

I.STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On November 7, 1988, in Middlesex Superior Court, Alan Greenman pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of Marshall Taylor and received a life sentence with the possibility of parole.

On October 30, 1987, 31-year-old Alan Greenman shot 40-year-old Marshall Taylor to death at approximately 3:00 a.m. in Everett. Earlier that evening (October 29, 1987), at approximately 10:45 p.m., Alan Greenman left his job near Logan Airport and drove by his wife's home in East Boston because he suspected that a man was visiting. After seeing Mr. Taylor's car at the home, he loaded a rifle that he had placed in his vehicle. He continued to drive around the block, waiting for Mr. Taylor to leave the home. When Mr. Greenman observed Mr. Taylor leave to get into his car, he followed him to Mr. Taylor's residence in Everett, where Mr. Greenman confronted him in a jealous rage. Mr. Taylor tried repeatedly to calm Mr. Greenman, even

suggesting that Mr. Greenman come into his home to talk. Instead, Mr. Greenman raised the loaded rifle to Mr. Taylor. As Mr. Taylor begged for his life, Mr. Greenman hit him in the head with the butt of the rifle and shot him two times. An autopsy determined that Mr. Taylor died from gunshot wounds to the head and chest.

II. PAROLE HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Mr. Greenman, now 60-years-old, appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on September 19, 2017. He was not represented by counsel. Mr. Greenman was denied parole after his initial parole hearing in 2002, as well as after his review hearings in 2007 and 2012. A Board Member asked Mr. Greenman to describe what he has learned about the victim, Marshall Taylor. Mr. Greenman stated that Mr. Taylor was a father, husband, brother, son, uncle, and a "productive member of society." Mr. Greenman regrets "killing Mr. Taylor" 30 years ago. Mr. Greenman told the Taylor family that he is sorry for the loss of their loved one and acknowledges that their pain and suffering come from his actions. He did not realize that his actions would have affected so many people. He stated, "It was wrong for me to take his life." He went on to say, "I wish I could take back that night, or more importantly, my actions that night."

Mr. Greenman was asked to provide his version of the events surrounding the murder. He stated that while he was at work one night, he called his wife to check on his son. He left work and went by his wife's house, where he observed a car sitting in front of the house. He acknowledged that he drove by a couple times. Mr. Greenman continued that sometime later, he went by again and saw his wife with Mr. Taylor (a man he did not know) in front of the house. When Mr. Taylor left, Mr. Greenman followed him to his house. Mr. Greenman stated that after Mr. Taylor pulled into his driveway, Mr. Greenman got out of his car to speak to him, along with a .22 caliber rifle. He stated that Mr. Taylor tried to get Mr. Greenman to go into the house with him, but Mr. Greenman chose not to. Mr. Taylor came close to Mr. Greenman as they were speaking, and Mr. Greenman held the rifle in front of him. Mr. Greenman told the Board that when Mr. Taylor reached out to grab the gun, Mr. Greenman hit him with the end of the gun. Words were exchanged, Mr. Taylor started coming towards him again, and Mr. Greenman shot him in the chest and the face. He stated that after the shooting, he got in his car and left. Mr. Greenman acknowledged that he didn't know if Mr. Taylor was armed and claimed that it was "self-defense." He said he was angry that night and had been dealing with a large range of emotions.

A Board Member noted that Mr. Greenman's version of the events have shifted over the last 30 years, and that the various versions are in conflict with some witness testimony, as well as his own prior testimony. A Board Member stated that during prior hearings, Mr. Greenman described the incident as an accident or self-defense. Today, Mr. Greenman described it as an accident. Mr. Greenman was asked if he intentionally fired the weapon twice at Mr. Taylor, he responded "Yes." Mr. Greenman acknowledged that he struggled with depression all his life. In recent years, however, he has not struggled with suicidal thoughts. He described himself as a loner with no friends at the institution, rather, only acquaintances. When asked, Mr. Greenman said that his last disciplinary report was in 2002. His support in the community would be his son and brother. Mr. Greenman's contact with his son over the recent years has been limited, however.

Since his last hearing, Mr. Greenman has completed the Basic, Advanced, and Facilitator's Course in the Alternatives to Violence Program, as well as the Facilitator's Support Group. He acknowledged that he has issues with anger. A Board Member asked Mr. Greenman where his anger issues stem, and he stated "that is what I work on a daily basis, to try to find out exactly where it stems from." He went on to say that there are so many different things that happen and he "just get[s] angry." Mr. Greenman indicated to the Board that his parole plan would be a gradual step-down to a minimum security facility, and then to a pre-release/work release. He would need to ascertain living and working arrangements. Currently, he is working as a utility worker.

The Board considered testimony in support of parole from Mr. Greenman's son. The Board considered testimony in opposition to parole from Mr. Taylor's sister and nephew. Middlesex County Assistant District Attorney Nils Lundblad spoke in opposition to parole.

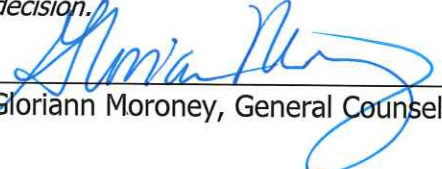
III. DECISION


The Board is of the opinion that Mr. Greenman has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. The Board maintains that he does not take full responsibility for his actions and lacks insight as to his causative factors of his criminal behavior. Mr. Greenman should engage in programming to address violence and anger.

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." 120 C.M.R. 300.04. In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Greenman'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. Greenman's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Greenman's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Alan Greenman is not yet rehabilitated and, therefore, does not merit parole at this time.

Mr. Greenman's next appearance before the Board will take place in three years from the date of this hearing. During the interim, the Board encourages Mr. Greenman to continue working towards his full rehabilitation.

I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above referenced hearing. Pursuant to G.L. c. 127, § 130, I further certify that all voting Board Members have reviewed the applicant's entire criminal record. This signature does not indicate authorship of the decision.


Gloriann Moroney, General Counsel


Date