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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**ALBERT JACKSON**  
**W63771**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing  
**DATE OF HEARING:** June 27, 2023  
**DATE OF DECISION:** September 12, 2023

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS:** Tina Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, James Kelcourse

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On March 13, 1996, Albert Jackson killed Walter Poe in a sheriff's van while being transported from the Nashua Street Jail. On December 12, 1997, following a jury trial in Plymouth Superior Court, Mr. Jackson was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Jackson appeared before the Board on June 27, 2023, for a review hearing. He was represented by Attorney Nicole Ouellette. Parole was denied following prior hearings in 2012 and 2017. After his 2020 review hearing, Mr. Jackson was granted parole. He was returned to custody for a parole violation, and parole was denied following a review hearing in 2022. The entire video recording of Mr. Jackson's June 27, 2023 hearing is fully incorporated by reference into 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 that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.

Parole reserve on/after 2 weeks after the issuance of the decision to CRJ or LTRP. Mr. Jackson has been back in custody for 19 months following a revocation of his parole. Mr. Jackson discussed his adjustment issues on parole and presented as forthcoming and insightful regarding the necessary support and treatment he will need to be successful. Since his return to custody, he completed the inside-out program through Tufts University and re-engaged in mental health. Mr. Jackson has been sober for 29 years. He and his counsel established a comprehensive release plan that will support his mental health needs, educational goals, housing, and general adjustment needs. Mr. Jackson has the support of a social worker who will assist him with establishing such services to continue with mental health treatment and parenting needs. The release plan provided to [the] Board includes additional services that will address his current needs.

Mr. Jackson has a strong support system. Speaking in support of parole were Jacquelyn Oppler, LICSW, who detailed his re-entry plan, Riley Smith from Justice for Housing, and his wife and step-daughter. The Board also considered the testimony of the victim's daughter and Karen Palumbo from the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office.

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. Jackson'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. Jackson's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Jackson's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Jackson is rehabilitated and, therefore, merits parole at this time, subject to special conditions.

**Special Conditions:** Parole reserve on/after 2 weeks after the issuance of the decision to CRJ or LTRP for at least 90 days; Waive work for when program allows; Curfew – Must be at home between 10PM and 6AM; Electronic monitoring; Must take prescribed medication; 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 mental health counseling for adjustment, parenting, Schizoaffective Disorder, TBI; AA at least 3 times/week; Sign release of information for all providers.

*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.*

  
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Tina M. Hurley, Chair

09/12/2023

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