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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

**ALEXANDER RODRIGUEZ
W68242**

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: May 5, 2022

DATE OF DECISION: August 22, 2022

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On June 12, 2000, in Worcester Superior Court, Alexander Rodriguez pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of 46-year-old James McCormack and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same day, he also pleaded guilty to armed robbery while masked and unarmed robbery. He received a sentence of 7 to 10 years for armed robbery while masked and 7 to 10 years for unarmed robbery. These sentences were ordered to run concurrent to his life sentence. The armed robbery conviction stemmed from a robbery at a Texaco Gas Station in Worcester on June 26, 1999.

Mr. Rodriguez appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on May 5, 2022. He was not represented by counsel. This was Mr. Rodriguez's third appearance before the Board, having been denied at his initial hearing in 2014 and at his review hearing in 2018. The entire video recording of Mr. Rodriguez's May 5, 2022, 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 CRJ for six months but not before obtaining DA clearance. On June 29, 1999, James McCormack was shot and killed during an armed robbery. Mr. Rodriguez has been incarcerated for 23 years and was 19 years old at the time of the shooting. During his incarceration he took advantage of rehabilitative programming to include Restorative Justice and vocational training as

well. The Board has further reviewed the concern of sex offender treatment as Mr. Rodriguez has not availed himself of this program. After further inquiry, the Board does not view this as an area of need.

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. Rodriguez'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. Rodriguez's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Rodriguez's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Rodriguez is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

Special Conditions: Reserve to CRJ – 6 months; Waive work for two weeks; Curfew at PO's discretion; Curfew at PO's discretion; 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; Contact with Richie Gonzalez at PO's discretion; No contact with victim's family; Must have mental health evaluation and follow any recommendations; Counseling for adjustment; Must have mental health counseling for past trauma; Mandatory – DA clearance.

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


Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

8/22/22
Date