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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**ALEXIS MOLINA**  
**W82456**

**TYPE OF HEARING:**           **Review Hearing**

**DATE OF HEARING:**       **December 19, 2024**

**DATE OF DECISION:**      **May 5, 2025**

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS:** Edith J. Alexander, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sarah B. Coughlin, Tina M. Hurley, James Kelcourse, Rafael Ortiz

**VOTE:** Parole is granted to Interstate Compact Pennsylvania

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On September 24, 2003, in Bristol Superior Court, Alexis Molina pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of his mother Catherine Molina Velazquez. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, he also pleaded guilty to armed robbery with a knife, larceny of a motor vehicle, and larceny. Those charges were filed. Parole was denied following an initial hearing in 2017, and after a review hearing in 2021. On December 19, 2024, Alexis Molina appeared before the Board for a review hearing. He was not represented by counsel. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Alexis Molina's December 19, 2024, hearing.

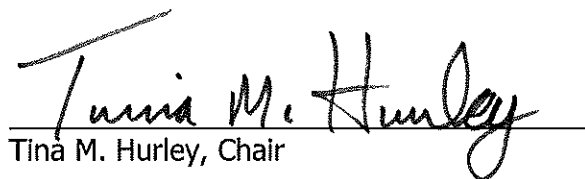
**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On November 25, 2002, New Bedford police responded to a report of a foul order coming from a second-floor apartment. Upon investigation, officers found the body of 39-year-old Catherine Molina Velazquez in a bedroom closet, wrapped in a blanket. The medical examiner determined the cause of death to be a knife wound to the neck. Her son, 22-year-old Alexis Molina, was questioned multiple times by the New Bedford police. The investigation revealed several discrepancies in Mr. Molina's various stories. On December 9, 2002, Mr. Molina was arrested for the murder of his mother. After he was booked, Mr. Molina confessed to the murder. He also confessed to taking his mother's car and jewelry, as well as approximately \$6,000 and drugs.

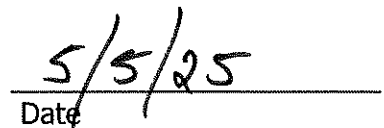
**APPLICABLE STANDARD:** Parole "[p]ermits shall be granted only if the Board is of the opinion, after consideration of a risk and needs assessment, that there is a reasonable probability that, if the prisoner is released with appropriate conditions and community supervision, the prisoner will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society." M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. In making this determination, the Board takes into consideration an inmate's institutional behavior, their participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of incarceration, and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize the inmate's risk of recidivism. M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. The Board also considers all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offense, the age of the inmate at the time of the offense, the criminal record, the institutional record, the inmate's testimony at the hearing, and the views of the public as expressed at the hearing and/or in written submissions to the Board (if applicable).

**DECISION OF THE BOARD:** This is Mr. Molina's third appearance before the Board. He is currently housed out of state. Mr. Molina has engaged in programming and counseling since his last hearing. He admits to a history of substance misuse, has engaged in counseling and AA/NA, and recognizes his need to continue addressing those need areas in the community. He continues to pursue educational opportunities. He has engaged in institutional employment, although he is not currently employed due to his programming. Mr. Molina has family support. Mr. Molina's aunt spoke in support of parole. The Bristol District Attorney's Office made a statement in opposition. The Board concludes by unanimous decision that Alexis Molina has demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** Approve home plan before release; Release to other authority: Interstate to Pennsylvania; Waive work for program; Electronic monitoring at PO discretion; 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; Not contact or association with active gang members; Must have substance abuse evaluation and comply with recommended treatment plan; Must have mental health counseling for depression and trauma; Long-Term Residential Treatment - must complete; NA at least 3 times per week; Mandatory Office of Vocational Rehab.

*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.*

  
Tina M. Hurley, Chair

  
Date