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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

ANTHONY CALABRO
W87798

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing
DATE OF HEARING: September 2, 2021
DATE OF DECISION: December 21, 2021

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Gloriann Moroney, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Colette Santa¹

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On June 9, 2006, in Norfolk Superior Court, Anthony Calabro pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of Marina Calabro. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Calabro appeared before the Parole Board for review hearing on September 2, 2021 and was represented by Attorney Richard Heartquist. This was Mr. Calabro's second appearance before the Board, having been denied in 2017. The entire video recording of Mr. Calabro's September 2, 2021 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 that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to an approved home plan after one year in lower security. Mr. Calabro was 18-years-old when he participated in the murder of his 84-year-old aunt Marina Calabro. Since his last hearing, he has completed numerous programs to include the Enlightenment Group for Lifers, Alternatives to Violence, and he has earned 36 credits towards an associate's degree. He has also maintained employment throughout his

¹ Four Board Members voted to grant parole, and two Board Members voted to deny parole with a review in two years.

precipitants that contributed to this offense. The Board considered his age at the time of offense as well as peer influences.

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. Calabro'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. Calabro's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Calabro's case, the Board is of the opinion that Mr. Calabro is rehabilitated and merits parole after completion of one year in lower security, and subject to special conditions.

Special Conditions: Reserve an approved home plan before release after one year in lower security; Waive work for two weeks; Must be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; ELMO-electronic monitoring; Must take prescribed medications; 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; Must have mental health evaluation, follow any recommendations; Must have substance abuse evaluation, follow any recommendations; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition; Mandatory – follow all recommended treatment of providers.

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



Pamela Murphy, General Counsel



Date