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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**ANTONIO CRUZADO**

**W88784**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** December 20, 2022

**DATE OF DECISION:** January 26, 2023

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

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On November 28, 2006, after a jury trial in Middlesex Superior Court, Antonio Cruzado was convicted of unarmed robbery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stop for police. He was also convicted of being a habitual offender. Mr. Cruzado was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole for the unarmed robbery conviction and a concurrent term of 10 years in state prison on the assault and battery with a dangerous weapon conviction. He was sentenced to a concurrent term of two years in the House of Corrections on the negligent operation of a motor vehicle conviction. The failure to stop for police conviction was filed for three years.

Mr. Cruzado appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on December 20, 2022. He was represented by Attorney Michael Waryasz. Mr. Cruzado was denied parole after his 2020 initial hearing. The entire video recording of Mr. Cruzado's December 20, 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 Long-Term Residential Program. On September 22, 2005, Mr. Cruzado stole a vehicle and caused an accident wherein he dragged one victim and struck a vehicle containing additional victims. All parties survived. Mr. Cruzado has completed GPMP, Graduate Maintenance Program, Alternatives to Violence, Correctional Recovery Academy, and more. He has committed to mental health counseling. The Board notes that Mr. Cruzado has only incurred four disciplinary reports throughout this incarceration. The District Attorney's Office is in support of his release.

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. Cruzado'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. Cruzado's risk of recidivism. Applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Cruzado's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Antonio Cruzado is rehabilitated and, therefore, merits parole at this time.

**Special Conditions:** Reserve to Long-Term Residential Program; Waive work for program; Curfew at PO's discretion; ELMO-electronic monitoring at PO's 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; No contact with victim(s); No contact with victim(s); Must have substance abuse evaluation and follow recommended treatment; Must have mental health evaluation and follow recommended treatment.

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

/s/ Pamela Murphy p.p. Courtney E. Doherty  
Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

1/26/23  
Date