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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**ANTONIO GENDRAW**  
**W66526**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** October 6, 2020

**DATE OF DECISION:** March 1, 2021

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS:** Gloriann Moroney, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Karen McCarthy, Colette Santa

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On May 19, 1999, in Suffolk Superior Court, a jury convicted Antonio Gendraw of the second-degree murder of Barry Handy. Mr. Gendraw was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Gendraw appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on October 6, 2020 and was not represented by counsel. This was Mr. Gendraw's third appearance before the Board, having been denied in 2012 and 2016. The entire video recording of Mr. Gendraw's October 6, 2020 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 an unanimous decision that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to Federal Detainer. Upon release from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Mr. Gendraw will complete Community Resources for Justice – Transitional Housing – Brook House. Mr. Gendraw has served approximately 23 years for the murder of Barry Handy in Dorchester, Massachusetts. Since his last hearing he has completed several programs to further address his causative factors. Programming includes Alternatives to Violence, Restorative Justice, Jericho Circle, and he leads an AA meeting on a weekly basis. Mr. Gendraw has made enough rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. Mr. Gendraw appears to have a solid support network as he reintegrates.

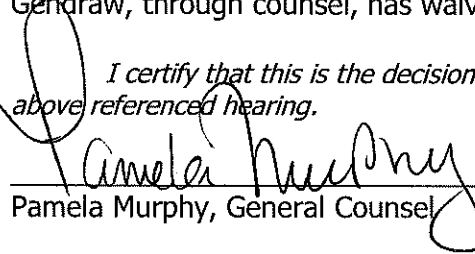
The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society."

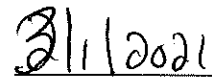
In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Gendraw's institutional behavior, as well as his participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of his incarceration. The Board has also considered a risk and needs assessment and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize Mr. Gendraw's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Gendraw's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Gendraw is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

**Special Conditions:** Reserve Federal Detainer; upon release from the Federal Bureau of Prisons must complete Community Resources for Justice – Transitional Housing – Brook House program; Waive work for two weeks; Curfew must be at home between 10 p.m and 6 a.m.; ELMO-electronic; 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/transition; AA/NA at least 3 times/week; and Mandatory - sponsor.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The above decision is an abbreviated administrative decision issued in an effort to render an expedited resolution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Gendraw, through counsel, has waived his right to a full administrative decision.

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

  
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Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

  
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