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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

ANTONIO SANCHEZ
W91568

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **October 31, 2024**

DATE OF DECISION: **February 12, 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 on/after 6 months in lower security to CRJ (Community Resources for Justice) for at least 90 days and not before DA clearance.¹

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On February 22, 2008, in Hampden Superior Court, Antonio Sanchez pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated rape and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.²

On October 14, 2021, Antonio Sanchez appeared before the Board for an initial hearing and was denied parole. At his review hearing on October 31, 2024, Mr. Sanchez was represented by Northeastern University Law School student attorneys Taylor Grenga and Erin Groves under the supervision of Attorney Patricia Garin. The Board's decision fully incorporates, by reference, the entire video recording of Mr. Sanchez's October 31, 2024, hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On February 19, 1991, 25-year-old Antonio Sanchez entered the victim's home after observing her enter the residence moments before. The 17-year-old

¹ Two Board Members concurred with final vote, but not with the waiver of polygraph and journaling conditions. One Board Member voted to grant parole with nine months in lower custody, but not with the waiver of polygraph and journaling conditions.

² One count of assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon was dismissed.

woman, J.F.,³ attempted to flee and struggled with Mr. Sanchez when he tried to stop her. When Mr. Sanchez asked whether there was any money in the home, the victim responded that there was not. Mr. Sanchez then forced her to disrobe by shoving a screwdriver in her ear and proceeded to violently rape her, both digitally and anally. Mr. Sanchez tied her hands, punched her in the face, and then fled by stealing her car.

A male DNA profile was derived from swabs taken in the aftermath of the attack, which was entered into a database. A match was obtained years later, in 2006, after Mr. Sanchez was compelled to provide a DNA sample resulting from another conviction. Mr. Sanchez was indicted in 2006 for aggravated rape, while serving a sentence for a separate offense.

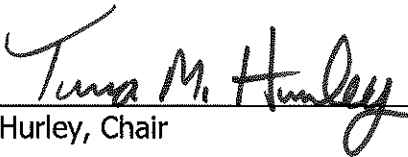
APPLICABLE STANDARD: Parole “[p]ermits shall be granted only if the Board is of the opinion, after consideration of a risk and needs assessment, that there is a reasonable probability that, if the prisoner is released with appropriate conditions and community supervision, the prisoner will live and remain 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 incarcerated individual’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 incarcerated individual’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 incarcerated individual at the time of the offense, the criminal record, the institutional record, the incarcerated individual’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 was Mr. Sanchez’s second appearance before the Board. Mr. Sanchez committed an aggravated rape of a 17-year-old female in 1991. He was 25-years-old at the time of the rape. Mr. Sanchez was indicted 15 years later, via a DNA match while serving a sentence for a different crime. Since the last hearing, Mr. Sanchez invested in Board recommendations. He completed 15 programs, including CRJ, and attended three Restorative Justice Retreats. Mr. Sanchez previously completed SOTP (Sex Offender Treatment Program). He appears to have benefitted from his investment in rehabilitative programs and occupational skills training. He has maintained employment throughout his incarceration. Mr. Sanchez is 21 and a half years sober. Mr. Sanchez provided insight into the precipitants to his criminal history and this offense. His re-entry plan supports his needs. The Board considered the testimony of his brother, who spoke in support of his parole. The Board also considered the testimony of the victim and Hampden County Assistant District Attorney Michael Julian, who spoke in opposition to Mr. Sanchez’s parole.

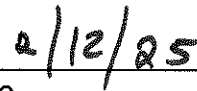
SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Waive work for two weeks or program; Electronic monitoring; Must be supervised for drugs, testing in accordance with Agency policy; Must be supervised for liquor abstinence, testing in accordance with Agency policy; Polygraph testing is waived; Report to assigned MA Parole Office on day of release; No contact with victim(s)’ family; No contact with victim(s); Must have substance abuse evaluation and must comply with any requirements imposed by treatment providers; Must have mental health counseling for depression and adjustment; Long-term Residential Program - CRJ for a minimum of 90 days; SEX A (Sex Offender) Conditions; Mandatory – DA Referral; Journal condition is waived.

³ This is a pseudonym. G.L. c. 265 § 124C.

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