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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**ARTHUR REMILLARD**

**W44690**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** March 7, 2023

**DATE OF DECISION:** April 10, 2023

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

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On March 25, 1988, after a jury trial in Hampden Superior Court, Arthur Remillard was convicted of five counts of rape of a child with force and received five concurrent 30 to 50-year sentences in state prison. On October 14, 1988, in Hampden Superior Court, Mr. Remillard was convicted of an additional five counts of rape of a child with force. On four of these convictions, Mr. Remillard was sentenced to four concurrent life sentences with the possibility of parole. On the fifth conviction, he was sentenced to a concurrent term of 6 to 9 years in state prison. On that same date, Mr. Remillard was additionally convicted of one count of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 and two counts of open and gross behavior. He was sentenced to concurrent terms of 6 to 9 years and 2 1/2 to 3 years in state prison, respectively. The numerous convictions reflect multiple incidents, with multiple children, that took place on diverse dates in 1985 and 1986.

Mr. Remillard appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on March 7, 2023. He was represented by Attorney Justin Dreschler. Mr. Remillard was denied parole after his initial hearing in 2006. He waived his 2011 review hearing and postponed his 2016 review hearing. He was denied after his review hearing in 2020. The entire video recording of Mr. Remillard's March 7, 2023, 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 not a suitable candidate for parole.

The Board is of the opinion that Arthur Remillard has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. Mr. Remillard is serving multiple sentences for sexual assaults on children. Mr. Remillard maintains his innocence as to all offenses. The Board has consistently provided recommendations for treatment and programming, all of which Mr. Remillard has declined. Although the Board reviewed Dr. Bard's report which indicates he is at little to no risk of reoffending, the Board notes that Mr. Remillard was found guilty in 2018 for sexual acts with another inmate. The Board remains of the opinion that Mr. Remillard needs to participate in the Sex Offender Treatment Program before he could be considered an appropriate candidate for parole release. The Board is troubled by Mr. Remillard's continued unwillingness to engage in his rehabilitation.

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. Remillard'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. Remillard's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Remillard's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Arthur Remillard is not yet rehabilitated and, therefore, does not merit parole at this time.

Mr. Remillard's next appearance before the Board will take place in two years from the date of this hearing. During the interim, the Board encourages him to continue working towards his full rehabilitation.

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

  
Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

April 10, 2023  
Date