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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**CARL THOMPSON  
W51174**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** April 27, 2021

**DATE OF DECISION:** November 4, 2021

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

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On September 19, 1991, in Bristol Superior Court, Carl Thompson pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of his girlfriend, Christine Roque. Thompson was sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole. The related firearms violations were filed.

Mr. Thompson appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on April 27, 2021, and was represented by Attorney Jeff Chapdelaine. This was Mr. Thompson's fourth appearance before the Board, having been denied in 2004, 2007, and 2015. The entire video recording of Mr. Thompson's April 27, 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 by unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to his United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer. If not deported reserve to MissionCare Holyoke. Since his last hearing he has completed cognitive skills programs. Mr. Thompson is currently suffering from a multitude of health issues and is wheelchair bound. He currently resides in the Health Services Unit at the facility. The Board considered the expert opinion of Dr. Carlos Cuevas who concluded that Mr. Thompson suffers from a major depressive disorder and unspecified neurocognitive disorder and would benefit from additional neuropsychological

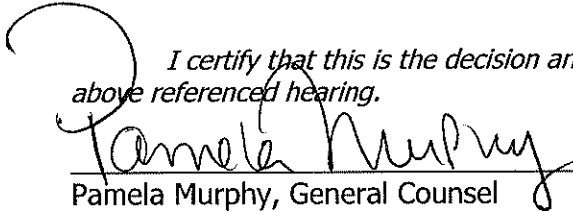
testing. He should be in a setting where he can receive appropriate supportive services for both his physical limitations as well as his current and likely future cognitive decline.

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. Thompson'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. Thompson's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Thompson's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Thompson is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

**Special Conditions:** Reserve to his United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer; Approved home plan prior to release, MissionCare at Holyoke before release (in the event Mr. Thompson is released from ICE custody); Waive work for medical; Must be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; Must take prescribed medication; 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; Mandatory adhere to treatment/case plan at MissionCare Holyoke.

*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

11/4/2021  
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