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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

Carlos Carbonic
W61745

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **June 1, 2023**

DATE OF DECISION: **August 15, 2023**

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Tina Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, James Kelcourse

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On April 23, 1995, Carlos Carbonic started a house fire that caused the death of 30-year-old Jonathan Enslow. Mr. Enslow jumped from the third floor of the home during the fire and died from his injuries four days later, on April 27, 1995. On December 5, 1996, in Essex Superior Court, Mr. Carbonic pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Carbonic appeared before the Board on June 1, 2023, for a review hearing. He was represented by Attorney Kim Jones. Mr. Carbonic was previously released on parole following hearings in 2010, 2018, and 2021, and was returned to custody each time after violating parole. The entire video recording of Mr. Carbonic's June 1, 2023 hearing is fully incorporated by reference into 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 that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.

Parole reserve on/after 8/4/2023 to LTRP [Long Term Residential Program].¹ Mr. Carbonic has been back in custody since 1/5/2023 for the third time. The circumstances of this return are consistent with a similar pattern of engaging in dysfunctional relationships, relapsing, and lying to parole officers. Mr. Carbonic acknowledged that he has been difficult to supervise and to assist with his issues in the community because he attempts to deceive his parole officers rather than ask for help. Mr. Carbonic now presents he received a new diagnosis of "Complex PTSD," and attributes his behavior to this disorder. The forensic psychologist expressed concern that after receiving this diagnosis, no treatment was recommended to address his needs, and cautioned him not to use this diagnosis to alleviate his responsibilities.

The Board is now recommending that he receive specific mental health treatment to address symptoms and behaviors outlined in evaluation submitted. Mr. Carbonic will benefit from transitioning to LTRP, in addition to counseling. The Board considered testimony from two individuals who spoke in support of parole and Elin Graydon ADA, Essex County who spoke in opposition to his parole.

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. Carbonic'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. Carbonic's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Carbonic's case, the Board is of the opinion that Mr. Carbonic is rehabilitated and, therefore, merits parole at this time, subject to special conditions.

Special Conditions: Parole reserve on/after 8/4/2023 to LTRP, complete LTRP; Waive work for LTRP; Curfew at Parole Officer's discretion; Electronic monitoring at Parole Officer'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 Cyria Lewis or Lacey Sawyer; Must have mental health counseling for complex PTSD and possible borderline [personality disorder]; AA/NA at least 3 times/week.

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

08/15/2023

Date

¹ One Board Member voted to deny parole with a 1-year review.