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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

CHAMROEUN MICH
W94037

TYPE OF HEARING: Initial Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: July 13, 2021

DATE OF DECISION: December 20, 2021

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On March 17, 2009, in Middlesex County Superior Court, Chamroeun Mich pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of Timothy Volis and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

On September 9, 2006, Chamroeun Mich, got into an argument with Timothy Volis inside an apartment in Lowell. The argument became heated and Mr. Mich struck Mr. Volis in the head with a handgun. Mr. Mich and another man then followed Mr. Volis into the bathroom where Mr. Volis was shot and killed moments later. Mr. Mich and others then carried the body out of the apartment and placed it in the trunk of a car. They then drove to Dracut and threw the body in the Merrimack River where it was discovered the following day.

Mr. Mich appeared before the Parole Board for an initial hearing on July 13, 2021 and was represented by Boston College Law student Sarah Carlow. The entire video recording of Mr. Mich's July 13, 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 that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.¹ Reserve to his United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer. Mr. Mich, at 25 years old, participated in the killing of 26-year-old Timothy Volis. His offense was directly related to the rival gang issues. His overall adjustment

¹ Five Board Members voted to grant parole, and one Board Member voted to deny parole with a review in two years.

has been positive. He earned his General Education Diploma and is currently attending the Boston University program. He completed programming such as Correctional Recovery Academy, Alternatives to Violence, Restorative Justice and Criminal Thinking. He has accepted responsibility for the crime and has strong family support.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to his United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer; Approved home plan Interstate Compact New Hampshire before release (in the event Mr. Mich is released from ICE custody); Waive work for two weeks; Not to enter Lowell, MA unless approved by PO; Must be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; ELMO-electronic monitoring; 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 co-defendants; No contact with victim(s) family; Must have substance abuse evaluation, adhere to plan; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition, adhere to plan; Mandatory - no contact or association with Security Threat Group.

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

Pamela Murphy p.p. SMB
Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

12/20/21
Date