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DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

CHARLES INGEMI

W48453

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: September 10, 2019

DATE OF DECISION: May 18, 2020

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

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. Parole is denied with a review scheduled in five years from the date of the hearing.

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On July 18, 1990, in Plymouth Superior Court, Charles Ingemi was found guilty by a jury of rape of child and use of force. He was given a life sentence with the possibility of parole. On that same date, he was convicted of two counts of rape of child and use of force and was sentenced to a term of 10 to 12 years, to be served from and after the life sentence. In addition, Mr. Ingemi was found guilty of two counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14 and was sentenced to a term of 8 to 10 years. He was also found guilty of assault and battery on a person over 14 and received a sentence of 3 to 5 years. All of these sentences were ordered to run concurrent to his from and after sentence.

Mr. Ingemi appealed his case with the Appeals Court of Massachusetts on September 16, 1992. On October 1, 1992, judgment was affirmed. See *Commonwealth v. Charles Ingemi*, 33 Mass. App. Ct. 1110 (1992). A motion for Further Appellate Review was denied by the

Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. See *Commonwealth v. Charles Ingemi*, 413 Mass. 1108.

Between 1982 and 1989, Charles Ingemi terrorized his wife and seven children. He inflicted fear, threats of bodily harm, physical violence, and repeated deviant sexual abuse upon his family at their home in Hull. During this period of time, Mr. Ingemi repeatedly raped one adolescent daughter and continually sexually assaulted another daughter. In addition, Mr. Ingemi physically abused his children (including his son) repeatedly, which resulted in severe injuries. On numerous occasions, Mr. Ingemi threatened to kill his family in sadistic and violent ways. On January 18, 1989, Mr. Ingemi, age 37, was arrested by Hull police after his wife reported the abuse. The victims of the crimes included Mr. Ingemi's two daughters and youngest son, who were between the ages of 13 and 17-years-old.

II. PAROLE HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

Charles Ingemi, now 68-years-old, appeared before the Parole Board on September 10, 2019, for a review hearing. He was not represented by counsel. Mr. Ingemi was denied parole after both his initial hearing in 2009, and his review hearing in 2014. In his opening statement to the Board, Mr. Ingemi said that he was sorry for his actions; he didn't know why he "did it," but admitted that he "did do it." Although it's been a concern for him, Mr. Ingemi claims that he "can't come up with an answer for that." When questioned as to the governing offense, Mr. Ingemi did not deny the facts of the case. When the Board expressed concern regarding the underlying facts, Mr. Ingemi admitted that he was abusive towards his wife and understood that he was a domestic abuser. He told the Board, however, that he has learned his lesson. Although he was drinking beer at the time, Mr. Ingemi explained that he didn't know he had a problem. He also indicated that he does not have an issue with completing additional classes, if necessary.

Mr. Ingemi attended Domestic Abuse, Anger Management, Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous, 12-Steps, and Big Book programs. He told the Board that he is waiting to attend the Sex Offender Treatment Program. Mr. Ingemi understood that, without completing the Sex Offender Treatment Program, it would be difficult to consider him for parole supervision. When Board Members questioned him as to anything additional he might engage in for consideration, Mr. Ingemi responded that he would continue "doing the right thing," attending classes, and keeping busy. He explained that he doesn't know what happened to his children, as he was told not to have contact with them. Mr. Ingemi stated that he does not have any support in the community, nor has he had any contact with his family since his incarceration.

Plymouth County Assistant District Attorney Richard Savignano testified in opposition to parole.

III. DECISION

It is the opinion of the Board that Charles Ingemi has not yet demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. Mr. Ingemi victimized his wife and children for years. By his own admission, he does not understand why he committed such horrific acts against his own family. He needs to participate in the Sex Offender Treatment Program to address his causative factors.

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

Mr. Ingemi's next appearance before the Board will take place in five 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. 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.


Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

5/18/2020
Date