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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

CHARLES JENKINS
W46844

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: November 17, 2020

DATE OF DECISION: March 31, 2021

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On July 27, 1989, in Suffolk Superior Court, a jury convicted Charles Jenkins of the second-degree murder of 23-year-old Anthony Riccardo Graves. Mr. Jenkins was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Jenkins appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on November 17, 2020 and was represented by Attorney Russell Sobelman. This was Mr. Jenkins' second appearance before the Board since his final revocation hearing in February of 2016, having been denied in in November of 2016. Mr. Jenkins was previously released on parole in 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2015 but was revoked due to parole violations. The entire video recording of Mr. Jenkins's November 17, 2020 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 an unanimous decision that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to Long Term Residential Program (LTRP) after one year in lower security. Mr. Jenkins stabbed and killed 23-year-old Anthony Graves in Boston. Mr. Jenkins has been incarcerated for almost five years since his return to custody. He squandered multiple opportunities on parole supervision. Mr. Jenkins was 18 years-old at the time of offense and has served almost 30 years. Since his return to custody he has benefited from the following programs Prison Fellowship, Violence Reduction, and the Restorative Justice Retreat. Release on parole supervision after a gradual transition meets the legal standard. Mr. Jenkins needs to demonstrate that he can be successful in a

lesser restrictive environment. The Board did review/consider his underlying medical issues in rendering their decision. Additionally, he appears to have developed a support network since his return to custody.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to Long Term Residential Program (LTRP) after one year in lower security; Waive work for LTRP; Curfew 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 with victim's family; Must have a substance abuse evaluation, adhere to plan; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition, depression and pain management.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The above decision is an abbreviated administrative decision issued in an effort to render an expedited resolution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Jenkins, through counsel, has waived his right to a full administrative decision.

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



Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

3/3/2021
Date