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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

CHARLES JENKINS
W46844

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: April 5, 2022

DATE OF DECISION: July 7, 2022

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Colette Santa¹

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

Mr. Jenkins appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on April 5, 2022. He was represented by Attorney Russell Sobelman. This was Mr. Jenkins' first appearance before the Board since his final revocation hearing in 2022. The entire video recording of Mr. Jenkins' April 5, 2022, 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 a unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.

Reserve to Community Resources for Justice – Transitional Housing – Brooke House. Mr. Jenkins, on June 6, 1988, stabbed and killed 23-year-old Anthony Graves. Mr. Jenkins was returned to custody on his parole violation in December of 2021 for termination from programming. During his most recent period of parole, Mr. Jenkins struggled with significant medical issues that resulted in chronic pain. This was further complicated by insufficient treatment. In addition, Mr. Jenkins continued to struggle with depression and anxiety based on available information. Mr. Jenkins was in crisis based on withdrawal from pain medication at

¹ Chair Moroney was recused.

the time of the violation. Since his return to custody, he has reinvested in treatment and stabilized. He will benefit from the structured environment and support of a program and counseling for mental health diagnosis and adjustment/transition.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to Community Resources for Justice – Transitional Housing – Brooke House; Waive work two weeks/ social security disability insurance/medical; 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 substance abuse evaluation – adhere to plan; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition, anxiety disorder, major depression and pain management.

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


Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

7/7/22
Date