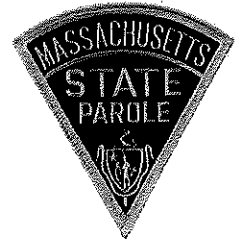


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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF
CHARLES PRICE
W37048

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing
DATE OF HEARING: August 13, 2020
DATE OF DECISION: January 12, 2021

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On March 14, 1979, in Suffolk Superior Court, Charles Price pleaded guilty to both armed assault with intent to rob and the second-degree murder of Stefanos Kyriakidis. A sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole was imposed on Mr. Price for the murder of Mr. Kyriakidis. Mr. Price was also sentenced to a concurrent term of not more than 15 years and not less than 5 years in prison for his conviction of armed assault with intent to rob.

Mr. Price appeared before the Parole Board on June 16, 2020 and was represented by Attorney Sharon Dehmand. Mr. Price was denied parole after both his initial hearing in 1994 and his review hearing in 1995. Mr. Price was released on parole supervision in 1998 and in 2001, both resulting in parole failures. The Board subsequently denied his parole in 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013 and 2016.

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 a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to Gavin House but not before 6 months in lower security. Mr. Price has been incarcerated since October of 2003. Mr. Price has made significant rehabilitative progress in the past 17 years, as he has completed numerous programs to address his causative factors. The Board considered the evaluation completed by Dr. Tabashneck. The evaluation included an assessment of social history, relationship history,

mental health issues, substance abuse, on-going medical, criminal history, institutional adjustment, and proposed parole plan. The gradual transition through lower security was at the recommendation of the expert and family.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to Gavin House but not before 6 months in lower security; Waive work for long term residential program; 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; Must take prescribed medications; Report to assigned MA Parole Office on day of release; No contact with [named individual]; No contact with victim(s) family; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition; Long term residential program- Gavin House; AA/NA at least 3 times/week.

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. Price, 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



Date