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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**COREY WALKER**

**W60782**

**TYPE OF HEARING:**        **Review Hearing**

**DATE OF HEARING:**       **September 1, 2022**

**DATE OF DECISION:**     **December 6, 2022**

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS<sup>1</sup>:** Tina Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Dr. Maryanne Galvin, James Kelcourse, Colette Santa

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On July 13, 1996, in Suffolk Superior Court, Corey Walker plead guilty to second degree murder in the death of 21-year-old Jesse Shamele Baker. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On the same date, he pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm and received a concurrent sentence of 3 to 4 years. Two additional counts of witness intimidation were filed.

Mr. Walker appeared for his fourth parole hearing on September 1, 2022. He was represented by student attorneys from Northeastern University School of Law. Mr. Walker was denied parole after his 2010 initial hearing and his 2015 and 2019 review hearings. The entire video recording of Mr. Walker's September 1, 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 unanimous vote that the inmate is not a suitable candidate for parole.

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<sup>1</sup> Former Chair Gloriann Moroney was no longer a board member at the time of the vote.

The Board is of the opinion that Corey Walker has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. On September 5, 1995, 20-year-old Corey Walker shot and killed 21-year-old Jesse Shamele Baker. He has been incarcerated for approximately 27 years. Mr. Walker experienced a difficult childhood in and out of the foster care system. He was exposed to sexual trauma and substance abuse from a young age. He joined a gang by the age of twelve and had his first interaction with the criminal justice system at the age of nine. He lives with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The Board notes he is in the process of disassociating from his Security Threat Group. He should continue the process of disassociation and work hard to maintain positive adjustment. He presented with complex needs for which he should apply to DDS for services. The Board encourages him to develop a strong, comprehensive reentry plan to support his neurodevelopmental needs.

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

Mr. Walker's next appearance before the Board will take place in one year 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.*

  
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Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

12/6/22  
Date