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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF DALE WILLIAMS W66527

TYPE OF HEARING:

Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING:

June 14, 2022

DATE OF DECISION:

October 13, 2022

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Gloriann Moroney, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre¹, Tina Hurley, Colette Santa

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On May 15, 1999, after a jury trial in Plymouth Superior Court, Dale Williams was convicted of second-degree murder in the death of Windsor Raymond and sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole².

Mr. Williams appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on June 14, 2022. He was not represented by counsel. This was Mr. Williams' third appearance before the Board having been denied following his initial hearing in 2013 and review hearing in 2018. The entire video recording of Mr. Williams' June 14, 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 that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole³.

Reserve to a Long-Term Residential Treatment Program but not before 12 months in lower security. On December 20, 1995, Mr. Williams and his co-defendant beat and stabbed to death 46-year-old Windsor Raymond. At the time of the crime, Mr. Williams was homeless and suffering from alcohol addiction. He recognizes that his lifestyle contributed to his conviction.

¹ Board member Dupre participated in the hearing but was no longer a board member at the time of the vote.

² Mr. Williams co-defendant, Jason Stiles, was found guilty of second-degree murder on June 25, 1998.

³ One board member voted to deny parole with a review in two years from the date of the hearing.

He has been sober since 1996 and his adjustment has improved since the last hearing, he has continued to engage in programming and maintain employment. The Board recognizes his ongoing commitment to sobriety and encourages him to pursue this in the community. He will benefit from a gradual transition through lower security before his release to an LTRP.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to Long Term Residential Program; Waive work for program; 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 counseling for transition issues; AA/NA at least 3 times/week; Must complete Long Term Residential Program.

I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the

above referenced hearing.

Pamela Murphy, General Counsel