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**DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**DANIEL REDMOND**

**W35990**

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

**DATE OF HEARING:** **June 17, 2021**

**DATE OF DECISION:** **March 9, 2022**

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

**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. Parole is denied with a review scheduled in four years from the date of the hearing.

**I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

On January 24, 1975, after a jury trial in Worcester Superior Court, Daniel Redmond was found guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison. Following a successful appeal, a new trial was ordered and, on February 18, 1977, Mr. Redmond pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. On the same date, he also received two concurrent 20-to-30-year sentences for armed burglary and armed robbery. Mr. Redmond had been on parole at the time of the murder.

On February 23, 1974, 20-year-old Daniel Redmond murdered 29-year-old Pamela Hurlburt in her home in Worcester. Ms. Hurlburt was developmentally disabled. Mr. Redmond stabbed her numerous times and mutilated her body. The night before the murder, Mr. Redmond was at a party in Worcester, where he drank alcohol and took PCP. After he left the party, he was walking and saw a light on in a nearby house. He broke a cellar window and entered the

house. When Ms. Hurlburt's dog, a springer spaniel, attacked him, Mr. Redmond stabbed the dog with a paring knife. He then went upstairs and saw Ms. Hurlburt, who startled him. He proceeded to stab her multiple times, killing her. During the murder, the victim suffered numerous stab wounds to her stomach, chest, neck, face, arms, and legs. Mr. Redmond also sliced off part of her breast and her ear and caused a 3-inch laceration from her vagina to her stomach. He left her mutilated body face down, partially disrobed. Her back was covered in white cream and a butter knife was protruding from her rectum.

A neighbor contacted police after observing suspicious activity at the victim's home. Mr. Redmond was apprehended after the police discovered her body. Mr. Redmond had been traveling as a passenger in a vehicle, where property belonging to the victim was found. A search of Mr. Redmond's residence also revealed his bloodied clothing.

## **II. PAROLE HEARING ON JUNE 17, 2021**

Daniel Redmond, now 67-years-old, appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on June 17, 2021. Mr. Redmond was represented by Attorney Brian Kelly. Parole was denied after his initial hearing in 1988, and after his review hearings 1991, 1994, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012. Mr. Redmond postponed his hearings in 2017 and April of 2021. In his opening statement to the Board, Mr. Redmond apologized to the family and victim of his crime, stating that because of "booze and PCP, I was out of my mind." After stabbing Ms. Hurlburt, Mr. Redmond remembered thinking that "a burglary entails life anyway, and she can identify me, so I stabbed her to death." When the Board questioned him as to the sexual nature of the governing offense, Mr. Redmond responded, "Well, I didn't have sex with her." He claimed that he tried to cover up the murder by making it look like a sexual predator had committed the crime. Mr. Redmond told the Board that "a sexual predator, in my eyes, would be to relieve her from the suffering that others bring on her by applying pressure on her." He explained that he put white cream on her back "to make it look like a pervert had committed the crime" and because there was no sperm.

When the Board questioned him about his refusal to participate in the Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP), Mr. Redmond responded that he did not feel like he needed sex, and therefore, he did not need to attend such a program. The Board, however, confronted Mr. Redmond with a disciplinary report incurred for sexually assaulting a dental hygienist. Mr. Redmond denied the assault, claiming that he "accidentally" groped her. Board Members also noted another disciplinary report, where Mr. Redmond asked a corrections officer to let him touch her breasts. Mr. Redmond claimed, however, that he did not remember the incident. The Board noted that Mr. Redmond had a significant number of disciplinary reports, including a 2017 report, where Mr. Redmond told prison staff that "inmates are all puppets under your control," and he is "going to get a knife and you're going to have problems and there's nothing you can do about it." Again, Mr. Redmond told the Board that he did not remember the incident.

The Board discussed the treatment and medication that Mr. Redmond has been prescribed over the years to treat his anti-social personality disorder, borderline personality disorder, and schizo-affective disorder. Mr. Redmond admitted to hoarding, and abusing, some of the medication he was prescribed. He refused to take other medications, stating that "sometimes, I don't need it." In describing his mental health problems, Mr. Redmond said that he angers easily and, when he gets angry, he "becomes another person, unlike the calm self".

Family members of the victim testified in opposition to parole. Worcester County District Attorney's Office also submitted a letter of opposition.

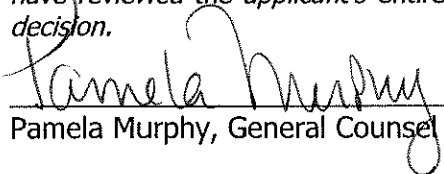
**III. DECISION**


The Board is of the opinion that Daniel Redmond has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. Mr. Redmond has served approximately 47 years for the brutal murder of 29-year-old Pamela Hurlburt. The crime involved indications of sexual deviance, and he has declined to engage in SOTP. His overall incarceration has been problematic. He has incurred over 117 disciplinary reports. He has approximately 10 disciplinary reports since his last hearing, including misuse of prescribed medication, refusing urine tests, threats, and insolence. The Board recognizes subject's mental health history and possible cognitive issues. However, subject continues to have issues with medication compliance and resists recommended therapeutic treatment programs.

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 an 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. Redmond's institutional behavior, as well as his participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of his incarceration. The Board also considered a risk and needs assessment, and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize Mr. Redmond's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Redmond's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Daniel Redmond is not yet rehabilitated and, therefore, does not merit parole at this time.

Mr. Redmond's next appearance before the Board will take place in four years from the date of this hearing. During the interim, the Board encourages Mr. Redmond 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. Pursuant to G.L. c. 127, § 130, I further certify that all voting Board Members have reviewed the applicant's entire criminal record. This signature does not indicate authorship of the decision.*

  
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Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

  
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