



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security



PAROLE BOARD

12 Mercer Road
Natick, Massachusetts 01760

Telephone # (508) 650-4500
Facsimile # (508) 650-4599

Charles D. Baker
Governor

Karyn Polito
Lieutenant Governor

Terrence Reidy
Secretary

Gloriann Moroney
Chair

Kevin Keefe
Executive Director

RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

DARRELL WILLIAMS
W88140

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: February 3, 2022

DATE OF DECISION: June 15, 2022

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On August 9, 2006, in Suffolk Superior Court, Mr. Williams pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of twenty-seven-year-old Terrance Young. 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 was sentenced to four to five years in state prison. He also pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of ammunition, which was placed on file.

Mr. Williams appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on February 3, 2022 and was represented by student attorneys from Harvard Law School's Prison Legal Assistance Project. This was Mr. Williams' second appearance before the Board having been denied in 2020. The entire video recording of Mr. Williams' February 3, 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 a Long-Term Residential Program (LTRP) after six months in lower security. On February 1, 2005, 19-year-old Darrell Williams shot and killed Terrance Young. Mr. Williams has invested in his rehabilitation. He has participated in programs to include Restorative Justice, Criminal Thinking and obtained his General Equivalency Diploma and completed the

¹ Chair Moroney was recused.

Culinary Arts program among others. Mr. Williams has a minimal disciplinary history while incarcerated. He demonstrated insight into the crime and presented a comprehensive reentry plan.

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 (LTRP) – must complete; Waive work for two weeks or 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 a substance abuse evaluation – adhere to plan; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition.

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

Pamela Murphy pp. Courtney Doherty
Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

6/13/22
Date