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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF
DAVID WILLIAMS
W63624

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: March 1, 2022

DATE OF DECISION: July 6, 2022

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On February 4, 1983, after a jury trial in Plymouth Superior Court, Mr. Williams was convicted of rape (during the commission of other crimes). He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. The victim was a 72-year-old widow. This sentence was to be served from and after a series of concurrent sentences also received on that same date, including armed assault in a dwelling (20 to 30 years); two counts of armed robbery (20 to 30 years each); unlawful carrying of a firearm (3 to 5 years), assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon (3 to 5 years); two counts of burglary (10 to 20 years each) and assault by means of a dangerous weapon (3 to 5 years). Mr. Williams unsuccessfully appealed his rape and armed robbery convictions.¹ Mr. Williams was released from his concurrent 20 to 30-year sentence on September 3, 1997, and began serving his life sentence.

Mr. Williams appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on March 1, 2022, and was represented by student attorneys from Boston College Law School. This was Mr. Williams' fourth appearance before the Board having been denied in 2008, 2013 and 2018. The entire video recording of Mr. Williams' March 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

¹ *Commonwealth v. Williams*, 18 Mass. App. Ct. 945 (1984); *Commonwealth v. Williams*, 23 Mass. App. Ct. 716 (1987).

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 Community Resources for Justice – Transitional Housing – Brooke House but not before District Attorney clearance. Mr. Williams has been incarcerated for 40 years for the aggravated rape and armed robbery of the elderly victims as well as robbery and firearms convictions. Mr. Williams was granted a reconsideration hearing based on significant progress. The Board recognized that Mr. Williams became very involved in his rehabilitation in 2015. Since that time, he completed the Sex Offender Treatment Program as well as all recommended programming including the Correctional Recovery Academy. He has become a peer leader and helps other inmates in the programs. He earned a bachelor's degree and is close to completion of his master's degree. He has earned numerous vocational certificates and has been consistently involved in NA/AA. The Board notes he incurred only two disciplinary infractions in 40 years.

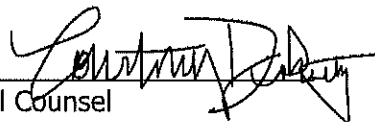
The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the 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 Community Resources for Justice – Transitional Housing – Brooke House – must complete; Waive work for two weeks; 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 substance abuse evaluation, adhere to plan; Mental health counseling for adjustment/transition; Mandatory – adhere to Sex "A" conditions.

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

/s/ Pamela Murphy p.p.
Pamela Murphy, General Counsel



7/6/22

Date