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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

DAWUD ABDUL-BASIR

(F/K/A DAVID MONROE)

W33579

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: August 2, 2022

DATE OF DECISION: December 5, 2022

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS¹: Tina Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, James Kelcourse, Colette Santa

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On April 14, 1972, in Suffolk Superior Court, Dawud Abdul-Basir (formally known as David Monroe) was convicted of the armed robbery of a 22-year-old Boston student and was sentenced to life with the possibility of parole. He was also convicted of armed assault with intent to murder, kidnapping, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, carrying a firearm, and larceny of a motor vehicle².

Mr. Abdul-Basir appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on August 2, 2022 and was represented by student attorneys from Northeastern University School of Law. This was Mr. Abdul-Basir's fourth appearance before the Board since his final revocation hearing in January 2007³. The entire video recording of Mr. Abdul-Basir's August 2, 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 Former Chair Gloriann Moroney was recused from the hearing and was no longer a Board Member at the time of the vote.

² The sentences for these offenses have expired.

³ Mr. Abdul-Basir was denied parole after his initial hearing in 1986 but granted parole after his 1987 review. His parole was revoked in 1997. He was granted parole after his 2004 review hearing which was revoked in 2007.


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 Brooke or Hope House or other LTRP. On September 14, 1971, 22-year-old Mr. Abdul-Basir along with his codefendants kidnapped and shot the 22-year-old victim, who survived. Mr. Abdul-Basir has been back in custody for over 15 years. He has had no disciplinary infractions in that time. At this most recent hearing, he appeared more willing to discuss the Board's concerns and more receptive to feedback. He participated in Able Minds and Restorative Justice Retreat and serves as a liaison between the inmates and DOC administration. He has a strong support network that now includes the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. He reports that through programming like Jericho Circle, he is now more capable of expressing his emotions. He is 73 years old and suffers from a number of health issues.

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. Abdul-Basir'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. Abdul-Basir's risk of recidivism. Applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Abdul-Basir's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Dawud Abdul-Basir is rehabilitated and, therefore, merits parole at this time.

Special Conditions: Reserve to LTRP – Must Complete; Waive work for SSI/only part-time; 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; No contact with victim(s); Counseling adjustment/transition.

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



Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

12/5/22
Date