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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**EDMOND HENNESSEY**

**W39303**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** October 17, 2019

**DATE OF DECISION:** March 26, 2020

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

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On November 8, 1982, a Suffolk Superior Court jury found Edmond Hennessey guilty of second-degree murder for stabbing Michael T. Lumentì to death, guilty of larceny for stealing Mr. Lumentì's bag after the stabbing and guilty of animal cruelty for stabbing a dog. Mr. Hennessey was sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole for murder. As well as, a concurrent sentence of 3 to 5 years for larceny. The animal cruelty conviction was placed on file.

Mr. Hennessey, now 69-years-old, appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on October 17, 2019 and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Hennessey was denied parole after his review hearings in 1996, 2001, 2005, 2010 and 2015. The entire video recording of Mr. Hennessey's October 17, 2019 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 unanimous decision that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to CRJ – transitional housing after 6 months in minimum security. Mr. Hennessey has been incarcerated for 38 years for the murder of Mr. Lumentì. Since his last hearing, he has continued to address his causative factors. His release is not incompatible with the welfare of society.

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

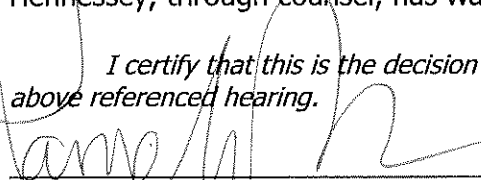
probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society." 120 C.M.R. 300.04.

In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Hennessey'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. Hennessey's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Hennessey's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Hennessey is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

**Special Conditions:** Reserve to CRJ – transitional housing after 6 months in minimum security; Waive work at PO discretion (age/medical); Must be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. at PO discretion; ELMO-electronic monitoring at PO discretion; 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; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition; CRS transitional housing - remain at program until suitable housing is found; Must attend AA/NA at least 3 times per week; Sign release for medical records for Mass. Parole Board.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The above decision is an abbreviated administrative decision issued in an effort to render an expedited resolution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Hennessey, through counsel, has waived his right to a full administrative decision.

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

  
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Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

  
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