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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

EDWARD HOLLOMAN

W95739

TYPE OF HEARING: Initial Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: April 6, 2023

DATE OF DECISION: June 8, 2023

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On January 12, 2010, in Suffolk Superior Court, Edward Holloman pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Curtis Ashford and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, Mr. Holloman pleaded guilty to assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and received a concurrent sentence of seven years to seven years and one day in state prison.

Mr. Holloman appeared before the Parole Board for an initial hearing on April 6, 2023. He was represented by student attorneys from Boston College Law School. The entire video recording of Mr. Holloman's April 6, 2023, 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 vote that the inmate is not a suitable candidate for parole.

The Board is of the opinion that Edward Holloman has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. On May 31, 2008, 19-year-old Mr. Holloman and his codefendants were involved in the stabbing death of Curtis Ashford in Boston. Mr. Holloman has had an overall positive institutional adjustment. He is currently employed and has maintained employment throughout his incarceration. He has availed himself of rehabilitative programming to include CRA, Restorative Justice, Criminal Thinking, and

Violence Reduction. He obtained his GED and completed the Mount Wachusett program. Although the Board notes Mr. Holloman's positive progress, it remains concerned as to his forthrightness regarding the underlying crime itself. The version he provided seemingly is at odds with the official version. The Board finds it is imperative for Mr. Holloman's rehabilitation to fully understand why he chose to stab the victim. He does not fully appreciate how his criminal lifestyle and the allegiance he felt toward his former gang led him to needlessly take the life of a 24-year-old man. The Board encourages him to reflect upon his beliefs about the crime and his motivation.

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. Holloman'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. Holloman's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Holloman's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Edward Holloman is not yet rehabilitated and, therefore, does not merit parole at this time.

Mr. Holloman's next appearance before the Board will take place in two years from the date of this hearing. During the interim, the Board encourages him 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.


Tina M. Hurley, Chair

6/8/23
Date