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DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

EDWARD WHITE

W39072

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: March 7, 2017

DATE OF DECISION: September 5, 2017

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Paul M. Treseler, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Lucy Soto-Abbe

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 a suitable candidate for parole. Parole is granted to a long term residential treatment program with special conditions.

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On July 7, 1982, in Suffolk Superior Court, Edward White pleaded guilty to the second degree murder of Carlos Madariaga and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. That same day, he pleaded guilty to three counts of armed robbery and was sentenced to serve 15 to 20 years. Those sentences ran concurrent with each other and concurrent with the life sentence.

On June 27, 1981, Edward White and his co-defendants, Martin McCauley and Joseph Barry, robbed the Casa Romero restaurant on Gloucester Street in Boston and killed the manager, Carlos Madariaga. In the spring of 1981 (prior to the killing), Mr. McCauley and Mr. White had discussed robbing the restaurant and had made several dry runs. On the night of June 26-June 27, 1981, Mr. McCauley and Mr. White met Mr. Barry, retrieved two guns, wiped them with a cloth to remove fingerprints, and put them in a bag. They traveled to the restaurant in Mr. Barry's van. Mr. White and Mr. McCauley each had one of the guns.

Casa Romero was at one end of the alley running between Gloucester and Hereford Streets. Mr. White and Mr. McCauley directed Mr. Barry to the Hereford Street end of the alley and instructed him to wait. Mr. White and Mr. McCauley left the van, walked down the alley to the restaurant and, after waiting for the last patrons to leave, entered the restaurant. Mr. White held two employees at gunpoint and took their money, while Mr. McCauley took the restaurant receipts from a third employee. The pair herded the three employees out of the restaurant and into the alley, where Mr. McCauley put his gun to the victim's head and shot him between the eyes. The men fled the scene. Mr. White was arrested in February 1982, gave a statement to police, and admitted his role in the crime.

II. PAROLE HEARING ON March 7, 2017

Mr. White was denied parole after his initial hearing in 1997. He was paroled in 2001, but was returned to custody in 2002. In 2003, Mr. White was released to parole supervision. He was returned to custody in 2005, and was re-paroled in 2006 to an inpatient drug treatment program. In March 2011, however, he was returned to custody for associating with a known felon and a relapse. In March 2012, parole was denied with a review scheduled in three years from the date of the hearing. In June 2015, parole was again denied with a review scheduled in two years from the date of the hearing.

Mr. White, now 59-years-old, appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on March 7, 2017, and was represented by Attorney John Rull. In Mr. White's opening statement, he expressed remorse for the death of Mr. Madariaga. He accepted full responsibility for his crimes and for the grief and sorrow he has caused the family. Mr. White also apologized to the Board for his prior parole violations. The Board noted Mr. White's positive institutional adjustment, having received only one disciplinary since his re-incarceration, which resulted in a continuance without a finding. The Board also acknowledged the multitude of programming and rehabilitative efforts that Mr. White has engaged in. Mr. White is currently incarcerated at North Central Correctional Institution, where he works as a block runner. He has successfully participated in programs covering a variety of topics, including those recommended by the Department of Correction in his risk reduction plans. Since his hearing in 2012, Mr. White has participated in several programs, including: Taking a Chance on Change, Alternatives to Violence, Able Minds, and Leadership/Transformational Thinking. He attends Big Book 12 Step and NA/AA meetings on a weekly basis.

Throughout the course of the hearing, Mr. White discussed how both his addiction and his inability to make sound decisions have negatively impacted his life. He described how the Taking a Chance on Change program has provided him with the necessary skills to live a pro-social lifestyle. Since his last hearing, he completed a self-inventory that identifies character defects. He now understands how his patterns of thinking have contributed to his addiction, errors in judgment, and subsequent parole failures. Mr. White also explained how the Big Book 12 Step and NA/ AA programs have taught him humility. He believes that these programs have been instrumental in helping him understand his addiction, as well as providing him with the necessary tools to prevent relapse and live as a productive member of society. Mr. White understands that parole is a privilege and is not to be taken lightly.

Mr. White had several supporters in attendance at his hearing. The Board considered testimony from Mr. White's sister, who expressed strong support for parole. Letters of opposition were submitted on behalf of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and the Boston Police Department.

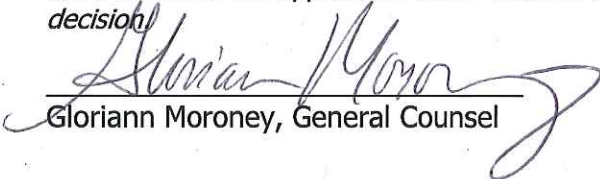
III. DECISION

Since his return to custody, Edward White has invested in rehabilitation. He has completed numerous programs to address his causative factors, coupled with a positive adjustment and a thoughtful parole plan. Mr. White has indicated a willingness to add Vivitrol treatment to his re-entry/supervision plan, and the Board encourages him to do so.

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. White's institutional behavior, as well as his participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of his incarceration. The Board also considered a risk and needs assessment and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize Mr. White's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. White's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Edward White is a suitable candidate for parole. Parole is granted to a long term residential treatment program with special conditions.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Waive work for 2 weeks; Must be home between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am; GPS 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; Must have mental health evaluation and adhere to plan; Long Term Residential Treatment; NA/AA at least 3 times/week; Mandatory hearing in custody at first sign of relapse.

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.


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Date