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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

EMMETT SNOW
W47116

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: July 22, 2021

DATE OF DECISION: December 6, 2021

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Colette Santa¹

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On September 28, 1989, after a jury trial in Suffolk Superior Court, Emmett Snow was convicted of second-degree murder in the death of Richard Bailey. He was sentenced to serve life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Snow appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on July 22, 2021 and was represented by Northeastern University Law students Jennifer Reale and Jacob Hayward. This was Mr. Snow's second appearance before the Board since his final recission hearing in 2018 due to a return to higher security. The entire video recording of Mr. Snow's July 22, 2021, 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 a unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to a Long-Term Residential Program. Mr. Snow is serving a life sentence for the murder of Richard Bailey. Mr. Snow was 18 years old at the time of the offense. He has been re-incarcerated for approximately 15 years having had three prior parole failures. He has invested in addressing the issues that have prevented him from succeeding on parole. Her has gained valuable insight into his needs and has strong supports to assist him in the community. He has also been sober since 2008.

¹ Chair Moroney recused.

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. Snow'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. Snow's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Snow's case, the Board is of the opinion that Mr. Snow is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time, subject to special conditions.

Special Conditions: Reserve to Long Term Residential Program (LTRP) (must complete); Waive work for two weeks or program; 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 have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition; AA/NA at least three times a week; May have contact with [named individual].

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


Pamela Murphy, General Counsel


Date