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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**ERALD STREET**  
**W65741**

**TYPE OF HEARING:**      **Review Hearing**

**DATE OF HEARING:**      **May 11, 2023**

**DATE OF DECISION:**      **August 10, 2023**

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS:** Tina Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, James Kelcourse

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On December 15, 1998, in Hampden Superior Court, Erald Street pleaded guilty to two counts of rape of a child, and was sentenced to two concurrent sentences of life imprisonment with the possibility of parole. The victim of his offenses was a thirteen-year-old girl. Mr. Street was also convicted of two counts of assault with intent to rape a child, two counts of assault and battery, and one count of breaking and entering in the daytime, and was sentenced concurrently. In 2009, Mr. Street filed a motion for a new trial. The motion was denied, and the denial was affirmed by the Appeals Court.

Mr. Street appeared before the Board for a review hearing on May 11, 2023. He was not represented by counsel. Parole was denied following Mr. Street's hearings in 2013 and 2018. The entire video recording of Mr. Street's May 11, 2023 hearing is fully incorporated by reference into 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 that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.

Parole reserve to ICE, but not before D.A. [District Attorney] clearance. This was Mr. Street's third appearance before the Board. Mr. Street has served 25 years. He completed SOTP [Sex Offender Treatment Program] in July 2021. He demonstrated he has benefitted from treatment, and is engaged in maintenance. Mr. Street addressed pertinent factors that contributed to his offense, including his personal trauma history and severe addiction, and earned his GED. He completed CRA [Correctional Recovery Academy] and has been sober for 25 years. It is also noted that Mr. Street has significant health issues secondary to a recent heart attack and stroke, and will require ongoing treatment.

Mr. Street is 63 [years old] and has family support to assist with re-entry. Mr. Street has a deportation order to Jamaica, where additional family resides and will assist with his needs. The Board considered testimony in support of his parole from two family members. The Board also considered opposition testimony from ADA Michael Julian from Hampden County [District Attorney's] Office.

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

**Special Conditions:** Parole reserve to ICE, but not before D.A. [District Attorney] clearance; Waive work for 2 weeks; Curfew at Parole Officer's discretion; Electronic monitoring at Parole Officer's discretion; Must take prescribed medication; 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; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment, sex offender counseling; AA/NA at least 3 times/week.

*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

08/10/2023

Date