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DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

FECKIERT EXILHOMME

W82057

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: June 24, 2021

DATE OF DECISION: April 26, 2022

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

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 not a suitable candidate for parole. Parole is denied with a review scheduled in two years from the date of the hearing.¹

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On June 16, 2003, after a jury trial in Middlesex Superior Court, Feckiert Exilhomme was found guilty of second-degree murder in the death of 24-year-old Oscon Sainterling. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

On July 23, 2002, at about 12:45 a.m., Feckiert Exilhomme (age 32) stabbed Oscon Sainterling in the groin with a knife, resulting in his death. The killing had been planned by Mr. Exilhomme, who was acting out of revenge for the attention he perceived Mr. Sainterling had paid to his (Mr. Exilhomme's) girlfriend. Mr. Exilhomme maintained that he had tried to talk to Mr. Sainterling earlier in the day to settle their problems, but their mutual friends interfered and turned on him. Later that evening, Mr. Exilhomme learned that Mr. Sainterling and some of his friends were looking for him, and that they had armed themselves with knives.

¹ Two Board Members voted to deny parole with a review in three years.

Mr. Exilhomme grabbed a knife from his kitchen and went outside, as he did not want anyone coming inside to harm his mother and sister, with whom he lived. Outside, he encountered Mr. Sainterling, who was alone and appeared to be holding something in his waistband. Mr. Exilhomme claimed that he was afraid Mr. Sainterling would kill him, so he stabbed him in self-defense. Mr. Sainterling did not, in fact, have any weapons with him. When police arrived at the scene, an officer asked Mr. Sainterling, "Who did this to you?" Mr. Sainterling responded, "Feckiert, Feckiert." Mr. Sainterling was transported to the hospital, where he died that night. Mr. Exilhomme turned himself in to Somerville police later that night.

II. PAROLE HEARING ON JUNE 24, 2021

Feckiert Exilhomme, now 50-years-old, appeared before the Parole Board on June 24, 2021, for a review hearing. He was not represented by counsel. Mr. Exilhomme was denied parole after his initial hearing in 2017. In his opening statement to the Board, Mr. Exilhomme apologized to the family of the victim, accepted responsibility for the murder, and expressed remorse for his actions. When Board Members questioned him as to whether he still maintained that he acted in self-defense, Mr. Exilhomme responded that he told the truth in 2017. He believed that Mr. Sainterling and his friends had weapons and were on their way to his mother's house to attack him. The Board noted that Mr. Exilhomme's girlfriend testified at trial that she did not see the victim with a weapon when Mr. Exilhomme attacked him. Mr. Exilhomme stated that, nonetheless, he believed that they had weapons, which is why he grabbed a knife to confront them. He indicated at the time of the murder, he was young and "made the wrong choice."

Mr. Exilhomme told the Board that he and Mr. Sainterling lived in the same neighborhood and had been friends for about two years prior to the murder. Although Mr. Exilhomme "felt a little bad" about murdering his friend, it wasn't until his mother died in 2017, that he really understood the pain he had caused the Sainterling family. The Board discussed Mr. Exilhomme's programming efforts and encouraged him to take the full Restorative Justice program to gain empathy and insight into how his crime affected both the victim's family and the community. Mr. Exilhomme has one minor disciplinary report from 2003. He denied having any mental health or substance abuse issues.

Several family members of Mr. Exilhomme testified in support of parole. Mr. Sainterling's brother testified in opposition to parole. Middlesex County Assistant District Attorney Terrence Kiernan testified in opposition to parole and submitted a letter of opposition.

III. DECISION

The Board is of the opinion that Feckiert Exilhomme has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. Mr. Exilhomme is serving a sentence for the stabbing of 24-year-old Oscon Sainterling, resulting in his death. He appears to have limited insight into the impact of his crime on the victim's family and the community. It is recommended that he participate in recommended programming to address his need areas, including empathy, such as in Restorative Justice. He has done some programming to date, but it is unclear what he has gained or benefitted from those programs.

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

Mr. Exilhomme's next appearance before the Board will take place in two years from the date of this hearing. During the interim, the Board encourages Mr. Exilhomme to continue working toward 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.

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4/26/22
Date