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RECORD OF DECISION In the matter of

FELIPE VICTORIO W70030

TYPE OF HEARING:

Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING:

September 14, 2021

DATE OF DECISION:

December 9, 2021

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On October 5, 2001, in Worcester Superior Court, Felipe Victorio pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the shooting death of 2-year-old Keila Morales. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, Mr. Victorio also pleaded guilty to armed assault in a dwelling, four counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (gun), and two counts of armed assault. All sentences were to be served concurrently with his life sentence.

Mr. Victorio appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on September 14, 2021 and was not represented by counsel and was afforded the services of an interpreter. This was Mr. Victorio's third appearance before the Board having been denied in 2015 and 2018. The entire video recording of Mr. Victorio's September 14, 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 unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to his United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer. Mr. Victorio has served 27 years for the murder of 2-year-old Keila Morales, who was an unintended target while attempting to shoot her father. He has had an excellent adjustment and followed the recommendations of the Board. He has been sober for 21 years. He has furthered his investment in his rehabilitation by

completing extensive programming from which he appears to have benefitted. Mr. Victorio also now takes full responsibility for the crime.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to his United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer; Approved home plan before release (in the event Mr. Victorio is released from ICE custody); Waive work for two weeks; 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.

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

Parhela Murphy General Counsel

Date