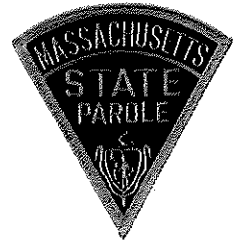


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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

GLEN BOVAT
W44984

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **March 7, 2024**

DATE OF DECISION: **May 7, 2024**

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Edith J. Alexander, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sarah B. Coughlin, Tina M. Hurley, James Kelcourse

VOTE: Parole is denied with a review in 4 years from the date of the hearing.¹

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On June 7, 1988, in Hampden Superior Court, Glen Bovat pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated rape - committed against separate victims on June 14, 1987, and November 7, 1987 - and was sentenced to two life sentences with the possibility of parole, to be served concurrently. On that same date, Mr. Bovat pleaded guilty to kidnapping and received a concurrent 12 to 15-year sentence.² On September 19, 1988, Mr. Bovat also received a consecutive 18-month federal sentence for fashioning a metal cylinder that was eventually used in bombing a car dealership. Parole was denied following an initial hearing in 2002, and after review hearings in 2007, 2014, and 2019. Mr. Bovat postponed his 2012 hearing. On March 7, 2024, Glen Bovat appeared before the Board for a review hearing. He was not represented by counsel. The Board's decision fully incorporates, by reference, the entire video recording of Mr. Bovat's March 7, 2024 hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: The first incident occurred on June 14, 1987. The 23-year-old victim had been at a club in Three Rivers, Massachusetts with some friends and needed a ride home. She noticed Mr. Bovat (age 25), whom she had previously met through friends. She asked him for a ride home, and he agreed. Mr. Bovat made sexual advances on the victim, which she refused. Mr. Bovat, however, forced the victim to perform sexual acts, multiple

¹ Two Board Members voted to deny parole with a review in 3 years.

² Mr. Bovat was also convicted of several other charges, which were placed on file.

times, while threatening to bash her head in with a rock if she failed to comply. The victim subsequently reported the incident to the Wilbraham police, and Mr. Bovat was arrested on charges of kidnapping, rape, attempted rape, assault with intent to commit rape, and assault and battery. Mr. Bovat's bail was set at \$25,000. He posted bail and was released into the community on bail conditions at the time of the second incident, approximately five months later, on November 7, 1987.

On the night of the second incident, Mr. Bovat encountered two women at a bar in Bondsville around closing time. Mr. Bovat approached the driver and her friend, asking for a ride to Three Rivers. The driver knew Mr. Bovat and agreed to give him a ride. She drove with her friend in the front passenger seat and Mr. Bovat in the back. Mr. Bovat asked the driver to pull over so he could relieve himself. After she did so, he exited the car and returned with a large rock in hand. He then opened the passenger side door, tore out the ceiling light and smashed the rear-view mirror. He attempted to remove the key from the ignition, while the passenger struggled to prevent him from doing so. During the struggle, Mr. Bovat broke off the key in the ignition, and thereafter began aggressively groping the women. He ordered the front passenger to the back of the vehicle and raped the driver. All three exited the vehicle, and Mr. Bovat held the women both by the belt loops at the back of their pants and led them up a hill, along the side of the road. Mr. Bovat claimed they were going to a vacant house. A van drove by slowly, and the women began screaming for help. When the van slowed to a stop, Mr. Bovat took off running into the woods. The driver of the van took the women to the police station, where they reported the incident.

APPLICABLE STANDARD: Parole "[p]ermits shall be granted only if the Board is of the opinion, after consideration of a risk and needs assessment, that there is a reasonable probability that, if the prisoner is released with appropriate conditions and community supervision, the prisoner will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society." M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. In making this determination, the Board takes into consideration an incarcerated individual's institutional behavior, their participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of incarceration, and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize the incarcerated individual's risk of recidivism. M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. The Board also considers all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offense, the age of the incarcerated individual at the time of the offense, the criminal record, the institutional record, the incarcerated individual's testimony at the hearing, and the views of the public as expressed at the hearing and/or in written submissions to the Board (if applicable).

DECISION OF THE BOARD: This was Mr. Bovat's fifth appearance before the Board. He has been incarcerated for 37 years. He continues in the Maintenance Program. However, he again received a disciplinary report for possession of pornography just prior to the hearing. The Board remains concerned with his minimization of his pattern of sexual or violent offending and the significant trauma he has caused his victims. With regards to the most recent disciplinary report, he stated he was using the pornographic pictures to sell for stamps. Such conduct continues to resemble his pattern of rationalization and criminal thinking. The Board notes his academic achievements and his participation in ACCI programs, to include Contentious Relationships and Anger Management. The Board encourages Mr. Bovat to engage in any opportunity to engage in Victim Impact Programming. Mr. Bovat had no one speak in support

of his parole. The Board also considered opposition testimony provided by Hampden County ADA Michael Julian.

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


Date