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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

GLENN ALEBORD

W83121

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: July 7, 2022

DATE OF DECISION: December 5, 2022

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS¹: Tina Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, James Kelcourse, Colette Santa

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On February 2, 2006, after a jury trial in Plymouth Superior Court, Glenn Alebord was convicted of the lesser-included offense of second-degree murder in the death of Benjamin Shiren. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Alebord appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on July 7, 2022. He was represented by Attorney John Rull. Mr. Alebord postponed his 2015 initial hearing and was denied parole after his 2016. He was denied parole after his review hearing in 2020. The entire video recording of Mr. Alebord's July 7, 2022, 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 approved home plan after six months in lower security. On July 2, 1989, Mr. Alebord was involved in the shooting death of 32-year-old Benjamin Shiren. Mr. Alebord has been incarcerated for twenty-one years. The Board granted him a reconsideration based on his positive rehabilitative progress. At his hearing, Mr. Alebord accepted full responsibility for the murder. During his incarceration he has completed over forty rehabilitative programs, to

¹ Former Chair Gloriann Moroney was no longer a board member at the time of the vote.

include Alternatives to Violence, Domestic Violence, Violence Reduction, Criminal Thinking, GMP, and Restorative Justice Reading Group. He has maintained employment in the institution for fifteen years. He has incurred only three disciplinary reports in eighteen years with no returns to higher custody. He has family support and has been sober for over twenty years. He presented a realistic parole plan that includes employment and AA.

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. Alebord'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. Alebord's risk of recidivism. Applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Alebord's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Glenn Alebord is rehabilitated and, therefore, merits parole at this time.

Special Conditions: Reserve to approved home plan; Waive work for two weeks; Curfew at PO's discretion; ELMO-electronic monitoring at PO's discretion; 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 trauma history; 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.


Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

12/5/22
Date