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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

GLENN MATTSON

W35408

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **August 4, 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 March 15, 1976, after a jury trial in Plymouth Superior Court, Mr. Mattson was convicted of Assault with Intent to Rape and sentenced to 7 to 10 years in state prison. The offense occurred on September 11, 1974. The victim in this case was 16 years old.

On February 25, 1977, in Plymouth Superior Court, Mr. Mattson was convicted of Assault with Intent to Rape and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole to be served consecutively to his March 15, 1976 conviction. On the same day, he was convicted of Assault with Intent to Murder and Assault and Battery by means of a Dangerous Weapon and was sentenced to 7 to 10 years in state prison. This offense occurred on August 24, 1975. The victim of this offense was 16 years old.

On June 8, 1977, in Plymouth Superior Court, Mr. Mattson pled guilty to Rape and was sentenced to 15 to 20 years concurrent with the March 15, 1976 conviction. This offense occurred on May 11, 1974. The victim in this case was 19 years old.

Mr. Mattson appeared for his sixth parole hearing on August 4, 2022. He was represented by student attorneys from Northeastern University School of Law. Mr. Mattson was denied parole

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

after his initial hearing in 1995, and after his review hearings in 1998, 2002, 2007 and 2012. He postponed his hearing in 2017. The entire video recording of Mr. Mattson's August 4, 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 LTRP after six months in lower security but not before DA clearance. Mr. Mattson has served approximately 46 years for three rapes that occurred in 1974, 1975, and 1976. Now 71 years old, he was 22, 23, and 24 years old at the time of the offenses. He completed the SOTP in 2006. In the past two decades he has worked to identify the precipitating factors that contributed to his crimes. He has had no disciplinary reports since 1999 and has been sober for 38 years. He suffers from numerous medical issues. He presented a solid parole plan and demonstrated that he actively participated in treatment to understand his own traumatic history. While incarcerated, he obtained his GED and bachelor's degree from Boston University. He has been in the Companion Program at the state hospital for seven years. He will benefit from the structure of a long-term residential program.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to LTRP – must complete; Waive work for program; Curfew – Must be home between 10pm and 6am; 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; No contact with victim(s); Must have substance abuse evaluation and follow all recommendations; Counseling for adjustment/transition; AA/NA at least 3 times/week; Sex A conditions; Sex offender evaluation and follow recommended treatment.

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