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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

GLENN MONIZ
W32900

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: January 14, 2025

DATE OF DECISION: May 5, 2025

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

VOTE: Parole is granted to a federal detainer.¹

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On April 6, 1970, in Suffolk Superior Court, Glenn Moniz pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree for the death of Walter Cavanaugh. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.² Parole was denied after an initial hearing in 1995, and after review hearings in 1998, 2004, and 2009.³ On January 14, 2025, Glenn Moniz appeared before the Board for a review hearing. He was represented by Attorney Patricia DeJuneas. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Glenn Moniz's January 14, 2025, hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On March 1, 1970, in Boston, 21-year-old Glenn Moniz and his accomplice John Hoffmaster, shot and killed 29-year-old Walter Cavanaugh. On February 27, 1970, Mr. Moniz and Mr. Hoffmaster had rented a room at the Huntington Hotel in Boston. On March 1, 1970, Mr. Hoffmaster and Mr. Cavanaugh entered the lobby of the hotel and went directly to the room. The following day, Mr. Cavanaugh's body was discovered in the room by hotel personnel. Mr. Cavanaugh had been shot at least seven times. Five days after the murder, Mr. Moniz and Mr. Hoffmaster were arrested for a bank robbery. At the time of their arrest, Mr.

¹ One Board Member voted to deny parole with a review in 2 years.

² In 1971, Mr. Moniz pleaded guilty to robbery of the South Shore Bank and received a 12 year sentence to run concurrently with his second-degree murder conviction. In 1986, Mr. Moniz also pleaded guilty to escape while incarcerated and received an 18 month sentence to be served from and after his governing offense.

³ Mr. Moniz postponed his review hearings in 2003, 2014, 2019, and 2024.

Moniz was wearing Mr. Cavanaugh's jacket, and Mr. Hoffmaster possessed ammunition of the same type used to murder Mr. Cavanaugh. In 1976, Mr. Moniz escaped custody on the underlying charge. Ten years later, Mr. Moniz was located and arrested in Florida.

Approximately 5 years prior to the murder of Mr. Cavanaugh, 16-year-old Glenn Moniz had murdered his mother. He was discharged from custody for that murder after approximately 4 years.

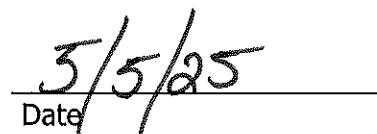
APPLICABLE STANDARD: Parole "[p]ermits shall be granted only if the Board is of the opinion, after consideration of a risk and needs assessment, that there is a reasonable probability that, if the prisoner is released with appropriate conditions and community supervision, the prisoner will live and remain 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 inmate'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 inmate'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 inmate at the time of the offense, the criminal record, the institutional record, the inmate'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: Mr. Moniz, age 76, is before the Board again after multiple postponements. He was last seen in 2009. Mr. Moniz was previously furloughed in the 1970s, during which time he escaped and lived in Florida under an alias before being arrested on federal charges. He faces a federal sentence. Mr. Moniz has been back in custody for 39 years. The Board considered the current medical conditions of Mr. Moniz, including his mobility issues. Mr. Moniz has participated in various programs since his last hearing; most recently, the Restorative Justice Retreat. Due to his health, he has not been recently employed. The Board considered the evaluation of Dr. Tina Adams and her findings that Mr. Moniz is low risk to re-offend. The Board further encourages Mr. Moniz to follow the re-reentry suggestions noted by Dr. Adams. Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney Sarah Lewis testified in opposition to parole. The Board concludes that Glenn Moniz has demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Release to 18 month federal sentence - upon release from federal detention, release to Interstate Compact Florida; Waive work for medical issues; Supervise for drugs; Testing in accordance with Agency policy; Supervise for liquor; Testing in accordance with Agency policy; Report to assigned MA Parole Office on day of release; No contact with victim(s)' family; Counseling for childhood trauma, transition, and substance abuse issues.

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