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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

HAROLD CALLIGAN

W81240

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: December 1, 2022

DATE OF DECISION: January 18, 2023

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On January 9, 2003, after a jury trial in Bristol Superior Court, Harold Calligan was convicted of Burglary (Assault on an Occupant) and Larceny in a Building. He was sentenced to life in prison as a Habitual Offender and a consecutive term of four and one half to five years, respectively.

Mr. Calligan appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on December 1, 2022. He was represented by student attorneys from Northeastern University School of Law. Mr. Calligan waived his 2016 initial hearing and postponed his 2021 review hearing. The entire video recording of Mr. Calligan's December 1, 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 not a suitable candidate for parole.

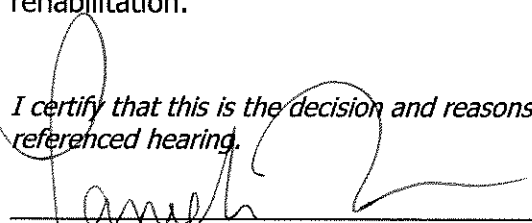
The Board is of the opinion that Harold Calligan has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. Mr. Calligan has a long-standing history of sexual deviancy to include voyeurism, pornography addiction, and multiple rape convictions. Mr. Calligan completed the SOTP recently in December 2021 and explained that his triggers and risk factors included social rejection, hostility toward women,

and isolation. Although he has engaged in programming, the Board would like Mr. Calligan to pursue rehabilitative programming to directly address victim empathy, including Restorative Justice and others. The Board would like to see Mr. Calligan do more work to understand his trauma history that he says directly contributed to his criminal behavior. The Board reviewed the recommendation and report of his treatment providers and agrees that he would benefit from continuing to address the need areas and risk factors identified by his treatment team.

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. Calligan'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. Calligan's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Calligan's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Harold Calligan is not yet rehabilitated and, therefore, does not merit parole at this time.

Mr. Calligan's next appearance before the Board will take place in three years from the date of this hearing. During the interim, the Board encourages him to continue working towards his full rehabilitation.

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



Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

1/18/23
Date