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RECORD OF DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF
HUNG TRUONG
W52523**

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: November 5, 2020

DATE OF DECISION: March 22, 2021

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Gloriann Moroney, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Karen McCarthy

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On May 13, 1992, in Middlesex County Superior Court, Hung Truong pleaded guilty to both the second-degree murders of Ngoc Le and Dixie Poulin and two armed robberies. For the second-degree murders, Mr. Truong was sentenced to two concurrent life sentences with the possibility of parole. For the armed robberies, he was given two concurrent 9 to 10-year sentences, which were to run concurrent with the life sentences.¹

Mr. Truong appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on November 5, 2020 and was represented Northeastern University Law student Christine Farolan. This was Mr. Truong's third appearance before the Board since his revocation hearing in 2012. Mr. Truong was previously released on parole in 2010 but was revoked due to parole violations. The entire video recording of Mr. Truong's November 5, 2020 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 his United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer. Mr. Truong has served over 30 years for his involvement in the stabbing death of 34-year-old Ngoc Lee and the stabbing and beating of her 15-year-old daughter Dixie Poulin that resulted in her death. Mr. Truong has served approximately nine years since his return to custody. Since his last hearing he has completed

¹ Mr. Truong's armed robbery sentences have now been deemed served.

numerous programs and continues to remain active in religious services and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). In addition, he has maintained employment and a positive adjustment. Release meets the legal standard.

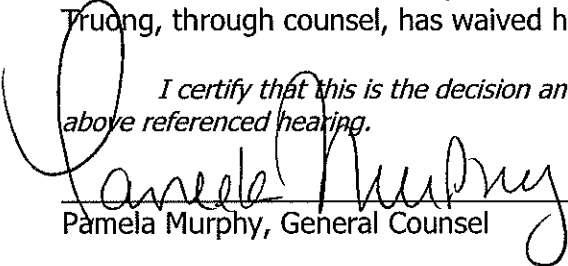
The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society."

In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Truong'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. Truong's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Truong's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Truong is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

Special Conditions: Reserve to his United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer; Approved home plan before release (in the event Mr. Truong is released from ICE custody); Waive work for two weeks; Must be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; 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; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition; AA/NA at least 3 times/week; Mandatory – Mr. Truong may have contact with [named individuals].

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The above decision is an abbreviated administrative decision issued in an effort to render an expedited resolution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Truong, through counsel, has waived his right to a full administrative decision.

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



Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

3/22/2021
Date