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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

JACKIE NORWOOD
W59690

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: February 9, 2021

DATE OF DECISION: May 6, 2021

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On November 30, 1995, in Essex County Superior Court, Mr. Norwood was found guilty of the second-degree murder of 31-year-old Jesus Vallasmil. He was sentenced to Life imprisonment with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Norwood appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on February 9, 2021 and was not represented by counsel. This was Mr. Norwood's first appearance before the Board since his revocation hearing in 2020. Mr. Norwood was previously released on parole in 2009 and 2014, but was revoked due to parole violations. The entire video recording of Mr. Norwood's February 9, 2021 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 that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.¹ Reserve to approved home plan after completion of six months in minimum security and completion of programming to address criminal thinking. Mr. Norwood was convicted of the murder of Jesus Vallasmil in June of 1994. Mr. Norwood has been back in custody for approximately three years. Since his return to custody he has remained disciplinary report free and maintained employment. Re-incarceration has served its purpose. A period of

¹ Four Board Members voted to grant parole, and two Board Members voted to deny parole with a review in two years.

transition in a lesser security environment will increase his likelihood of success upon reentry into the community.

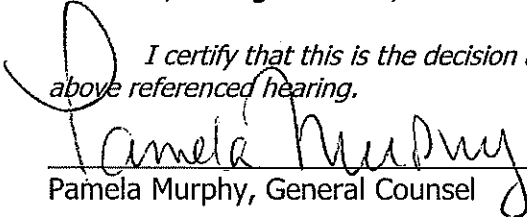
The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the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

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to approved home plan after six months in minimum security and completion of programming to address criminal thinking; 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; Polygraph at PO's discretion; Report to assigned MA Parole Office on day of release; No contact with victim(s) family; Must have mental health counseling for manipulation and character issues; AA/NA at least 3 times/week.

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. Norwood, 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

5/6/2021
Date