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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**JAMIE SPILLANE**  
**W62352**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** August 22, 2023

**DATE OF DECISION:** January 4, 2024

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS:** Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Tina M. Hurley, James Kelcourse

**VOTE:** Parole granted on or after two weeks from the date of this decision to long-term residential program.

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On March 20, 1997, following a jury trial in Essex Superior Court, Jamie Spillane was convicted of the second-degree murder of Alfredo Reynoso and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. Parole was denied following his initial hearing in 2016 and granted following a review hearing in 2021. Since his initial release on February 2, 2022, Mr. Spillane has been returned to custody twice for parole violations. Mr. Spillane, 47 years old, appeared before the Board for a review hearing on August 22, 2023. He was represented by Attorney Ryan Schiff. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Mr. Spillane's August 22, 2023 hearing.

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On February 6, 1996, Mr. Reynoso was shot in the chest while sitting inside his automobile outside a house in Lynn. After being shot, Mr. Reynoso drove his vehicle away from the scene and then crashed it into a parked automobile located down the street. A subsequent autopsy indicated that Mr. Reynoso bled to death.

One to two days before Mr. Reynoso's murder, Alfonso Prater had learned that Mr. Reynoso was in possession of two to three thousand dollars cash. Mr. Prater received this information from his girlfriend, Ethel Jones, as Mr. Reynoso had given Ms. Jones a ride home the previous day. Mr. Prater then devised a plan to rob Mr. Reynoso. As part of Mr. Prater's plan to rob him, Ms. Jones asked Mr. Reynoso for a ride to a friend's home on the afternoon of February 5,

1996. In the meantime, Mr. Prater, Mr. Spillane, Stanley Pierrecanel, and Amaury Soriano laid in wait for Mr. Reynoso at the home of Ms. Jones' friend. All four men had planned to participate in the robbery of Mr. Reynoso and split the proceeds evenly amongst themselves.

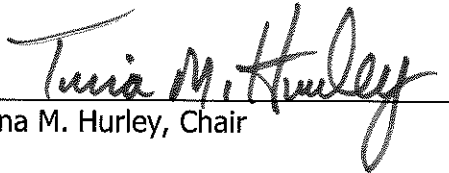
When Mr. Reynoso arrived at the destination, Ms. Jones exited his car. Mr. Prater, Mr. Spillane, Mr. Pierrecanel, and Mr. Soriano then surrounded Mr. Reynoso's vehicle. Mr. Prater, who was armed with a gun, ordered Mr. Reynoso to exit his vehicle. Mr. Prater was pointing his gun at Mr. Reynoso in such a way that it was touching Mr. Reynoso's shoulder. Mr. Reynoso refused Mr. Prater's orders to exit his vehicle. At some point, Mr. Reynoso's vehicle jerked forward and Mr. Prater's gun discharged. Mr. Reynoso then sped away and crashed into a nearby parked car. Mr. Spillane, Mr. Pierrecanel, and Mr. Soriano ran to Mr. Pierrecanel's house, where Mr. Spillane flushed the spent shell casing from Mr. Prater's gun down the toilet. Mr. Prater and Ms. Jones went inside the apartment of Ms. Jones' friend. The following morning, Ms. Jones, Mr. Prater, Mr. Spillane, Mr. Pierrecanel, and Mr. Soriano learned of Mr. Reynoso's death through a newspaper article.

**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:** This was Mr. Spillane's third appearance before the Board, after his second return to custody due to substance use issues. The Board again considered the subject's age (19) at the time of the offense and the length of his time incarcerated. The Board discussed that Mr. Spillane's adjustment to his return to the community has been challenging. Since his most recent return to custody, he has been addressing his substance abuse issues. While Mr. Spillane requested a release to a home plan, the Board has concerns regarding his ability to maintain his sobriety under those circumstances. The Board recommends that he engage in counseling to assist him with this adjustment into the community. The Board acknowledges opposition from Assistant District Attorney Catherine Semel and support from Mr. Spillane's girlfriend and niece.

**Special Conditions:** Waive work for LTRP; Curfew: must be at home between 10PM and 6AM or at parole officer's discretion; Electronic monitoring at parole officer's discretion; Must take prescribed medication; 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; Counseling for substance abuse and adjustment/transition issues; Long-term residential program; AA/NA at least 3 times per week; Mandatory: sponsor.

*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

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