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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**JAMIE SPILLANE  
W62352**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** February 4, 2021

**DATE OF DECISION:** July 28, 2021

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

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On March 20, 1997, after 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.

Mr. Spillane appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on February 4, 2021 and was represented by Harvard Prisoner's Legal Assistance Program student Mikayla Harvey. This was Mr. Spillane's second appearance before the Board, having been denied in 2016. The entire video recording of Mr. Spillane's February 4, 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 by a unanimous decision that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to Long Term Residential Program after 12 months in lower security.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Spillane has served approximately 25 years for his involvement in the murder of Mr. Reynoso. Mr. Spillane was 19-years-old when he committed the governing offense with his co-defendants. Since his last hearing, he has completed numerous programs to include Cognitive Skills, Correctional Recovery Academy, Alternatives to Violence and Criminal Thinking. Mr. Spillane appears to have gained insight as to his causative factors and accepts responsibility for his criminal culpability. A period of

<sup>1</sup> In addition, [the Board] withdraw[s] [the] warrant on [commitment number] MID9404423 and supervision [on that commitment will resume].

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. Spillane'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. Spillane's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Spillane's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Spillane is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

**Special Conditions:** Reserve to Long Term Residential Program (LTRP) after 12 months in lower security; Waive work for LTRP; must be home between 10 p.m. to 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 or association with a security threat group; No contact with victim's family; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition; AA/NA at least 3 times/week; Mandatory – obtain a sponsor.

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

Pamela Murphy (SMB)  
Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

7/28/21  
Date