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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

JEAN BLEUS

W83679

TYPE OF HEARING: **Initial Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **July 16, 2019**

DATE OF DECISION: **March 24, 2020**

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On July 13, 2000, a grand jury returned an indictment against Jean Bleus, for the 1998 murder of Dennis Pientrantonio, Jr. Mr. Bleus' first trial in the Plymouth Superior Court resulted in a hung jury. At his second trial, the jury found Mr. Bleus guilty of murder in the second degree and on May 25, 2004, he was sentenced to life with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Bleus appeared before the Parole Board for an initial hearing on July 16, 2019 and was represented by Attorney Russell Sobelman. This was Mr. Bleus' first appearance before the Board. Mr. Bleus was first eligible for a parole hearing in 2015, but postponed his hearing in 2015 and again in 2016. The entire video recording of Mr. Bleus' July 16, 2019 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 decision that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to Interstate Compact via Florida, but not before 12 months in lower security. Subject has served 21 years for the murder of Dennis Pientrantonio. He has immersed himself in rehabilitative programming to address causative factors.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve Interstate Compact- Florida after 12 months in lower security; Waive work for 2 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The above decision is an abbreviated administrative decision issued in in an effort to render an expedited resolution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Bleus, 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

3/24/2020
Date