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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF
JEREMIAH TORRES
W54666

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **January 27, 2022**

DATE OF DECISION: **June 14, 2022**

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On June 18, 1993, in Hampden Superior Court, Mr. Torres pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Lisa Lee Dolley. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Torres appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on January 27, 2022, and was represented by student attorneys from Harvard Law's Prison Legal Assistance Project. This was Mr. Torres' second appearance before the Board since his final revocation hearing in 2018. Mr. Torres was previously released on parole in 2008 and 2017, but was revoked due to parole violations. The entire video recording of Mr. Torres' January 27, 2022, 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 vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.

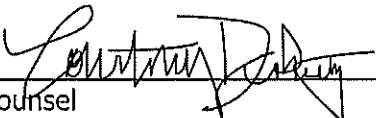
Reserve to an approved home plan. Mr. Torres was previously returned on a parole revocation for which he was given a two-year set back. The Board informed him of programs that would be helpful to his rehabilitation. He satisfied all suggested areas of treatment and recently completed the Correctional Recovery Academy for the second time. He also reengaged in Alcoholics Anonymous. He will benefit from wrap around services provided through All-Inclusive Support Services (AISS).

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to an approved home plan; Waive work for two weeks; Curfew 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; Mandatory – sponsor; Mandatory – full intake at AISS and adhere to plan.

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

/s/ Pamela Murphy p.p. 
Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

6/13/22
Date