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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**JITU'OLA ANDERSON<sup>1</sup>**

**W44763**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** July 26, 2022

**DATE OF DECISION:** December 1, 2022

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS<sup>2</sup>:** Tina Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, James Kelcourse, Colette Santa

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On April 15, 1988, after a jury trial in Plymouth Superior Court, Jitu'ola Anderson was convicted of the second-degree murder and rape of his 23-year-old girlfriend, Belinda Williams. For the murder conviction, Mr. Anderson was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after serving 15 years. He received an eight to ten-year concurrent sentence on the rape conviction.

Mr. Anderson appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on July 26, 2022 and was represented by Attorney Benjamin Brooks. This was Mr. Anderson's sixth appearance before the Board having been denied after his initial hearing in 2001 and after his review hearings in 2006, 2011, 2015, and 2020. The entire video recording of Mr. Anderson's July 26, 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 unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.

Reserve to CRJ for six months but not before DA clearance. On August 18, 1986, 24-year-old Mr. Anderson strangled 23-year-old Belinda Williams to death. He has been incarcerated for

<sup>1</sup> In 2001, Anthony Anderson legally changed his first name from Anthony to Jitu'ola.

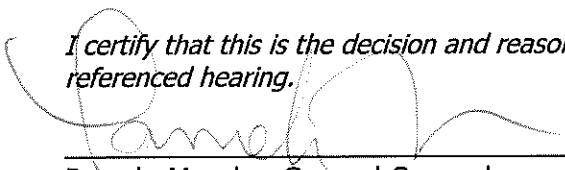
<sup>2</sup> Former Chair Gloriann Moroney was no longer a Board Member at the time of the vote.

thirty-six years and has maintained sobriety throughout his incarceration. He has incurred one disciplinary report in the last ten years. He completed the SOTP in 2012 and has been in maintenance since 2015. He has engaged in other rehabilitative programming and has maintained employment. He completed a correspondence course for domestic violence. During the hearing, he presented well and demonstrated insight into his offense. He has family support. He will benefit from the gradual transition back into the community through CRJ.

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. Anderson'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. Anderson's risk of recidivism. Applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Anderson's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Jitu'ola Anderson is rehabilitated and, therefore, merits parole at this time.

**Special Conditions:** Reserve to CRJ; Waive work for program; Curfew – must be at home between 10pm and 6am; 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; Must have substance abuse evaluation and follow recommendations; Counseling for adjustment/transition; Sex A conditions.

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

  
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Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

12/1/22  
Date