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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

JOHN MAILLET
W41357

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: August 13, 2020

DATE OF DECISION: January 12, 2021

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On April 25, 1985, after a jury trial in Hampshire Superior Court, John Maillet was found guilty of the second-degree murder of 26-year-old Susan Tyrell. He was sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Maillet appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on August 14, 2020 and was represented by Attorney John Rull. This was Mr. Maillet's eighth appearance before the Board, having been denied in 1999, 2002, 2005, 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2018. The entire video recording of Mr. Maillet's August 14, 2020 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 a Long Term Residential Program, but not before six months in lower security. Mr. Maillet has served approximately 36 years for the murder of Susan Tyrell. Mr. Maillet has completed over sixty programs during this incarceration. He accepted the recommendation of the Board and completed a correspondence course through the American Community Corrections Institute entitled "Domestic Violence Cognitive Life Skills" in January of 2020. He appears to have benefitted from the course as he presented with greater insight as to his issues surrounding domestic violence. He has also maintained a positive adjustment and appears to have a solid support network.

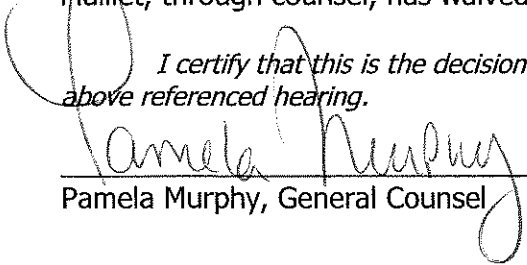
The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society."

In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Maillet'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. Maillet's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Maillet's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Maillet is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

Special Conditions: Reserve to a Long Term Residential Program; Waive work for LTRP; Curfew, must be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. ; ELMO-electronic; 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; AA/NA at least 3 times per week.

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

1/12/2021
Date