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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

JOSE BUENO
W92919

TYPE OF HEARING: Initial Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: March 4, 2021

DATE OF DECISION: August 26, 2021

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On September 12, 2008, in Essex County Superior Court, Jose Bueno pleaded guilty to second-degree murder of 25-year-old William Suarez. He was sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole.

On April 25, 2006, William Suarez became upset because someone had been calling his girlfriend's phone. Suarez then called the person that had been calling his girlfriend. That person was later identified as Brian Sanchez. Mr. Sanchez eventually had turned the phone over to Jose Bueno and Mr. Suarez and Mr. Bueno began to argue. Mr. Suarez issued a challenge to Bueno to come over and fight. In response, Mr. Bueno agreed to meet and threatened to shoot William. Bueno went to 435 Essex Street in Lynn, MA, where he was met by William Suarez and his brother Miguel. Mr. Suarez asked, "Are you Jose?" and Mr. Bueno responded, "Yeah, are you William?" When Mr. Suarez responded, "Yeah," Mr. Bueno reached into the waistband of his pants and pulled out a small handgun and fired one shot into Mr. Suarez's abdomen. Mr. Bueno immediately fled the scene. Mr. Suarez died in the operating room at the Massachusetts General Hospital as the bullet had penetrated his stomach.

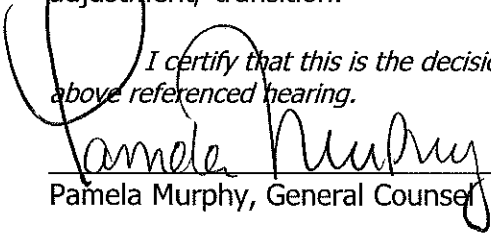
Mr. Bueno appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on March 4, 2021 and was not represented by counsel. This was Mr. Bueno's first appearance before the Board. The entire video recording of Mr. Bueno's March 4, 2021, hearing is fully incorporated by reference to the Board's decision.

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 twelve months in lower security. Mr. Bueno was 19-years-old at the time of the offense. He has had an exceptional adjustment, having completed many programs to prepare him for reentry and address his needs. He has also completed vocational training and has earned his bachelor's degree. He has not incurred any disciplinary reports during his incarceration. He scores low on the LS/CMI. He has a good support network and strong reentry plan. Given his age and years of incarceration, he would benefit from a gradual transition through lower security. During the hearing he presented as being insightful and showed empathy and remorse.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to Long Term Residential Program (LTRP) after twelve months in lower security; Waive work for two weeks or LTRP; 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 substance abuse evaluation, follow recommendations; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/ transition.

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



Pamela Murphy, General Counsel



Date