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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

JOSE RAPOSO
W93159

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: June 7, 2022

DATE OF DECISION: August 16, 2022

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On October 24, 2008, after a jury trial in Bristol County Superior Court, Jose Raposo was convicted of second-degree murder in the stabbing death of Jonathan Bor. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. In 2015, Mr. Raposo filed an appeal based on insufficient evidence and ineffective assistance of counsel. The appeal was denied, and the conviction was affirmed.¹

Mr. Raposo appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on June 7, 2022. He was represented by student attorneys from the Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project. This was Mr. Raposo's second appearance before the Board, having been denied at his initial hearing in 2020. The entire video recording of Mr. Raposo's June 7, 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 ICE after DA clearance. Mr. Raposo has been ordered deported to Canada. On June 11, 2005, Mr. Raposo stabbed and killed Jonathan Bor. Mr. Raposo presented well at his hearing. During his incarceration he participated in numerous programs to include Restorative Justice, Alternatives to Violence, positive psychology groups, and earned his Hi-Set. Mr. Raposo

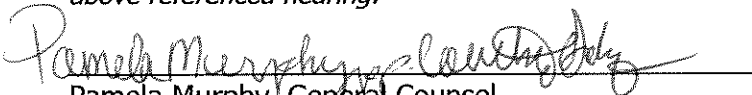
¹ Commonwealth v. Jose Raposo, 87 Mass.App.Ct. 1103, No. 10-P-1880 (2015).

presented a well-structured reentry plan including work opportunities, and he has strong family support. The Board is encouraged that he plans to continue with his involvement in Restorative Justice.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to ICE – if not deported, reserve to approved home plan; Waive work for two weeks; Curfew at PO's discretion; Supervise for drugs; testing in accordance with agency policy; Supervise for liquor abstinence; testing in accordance with agency policy; No contact with victim(s) family; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment; AA/NA 3 times/week; Mandatory – DA Clearance.

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


Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

8/16/22
Date