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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

KADEEM FOREMAN
W101739

TYPE OF HEARING: Initial Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: March 27, 2025

DATE OF DECISION: August 5, 2025

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Edith J. Alexander, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sarah B. Coughlin, Tina M. Hurley,¹ James Kelcourse, Rafael Ortiz

VOTE: Parole is granted on/after 90 days in minimum security to a Long-Term Residential Program and must complete the Welding Program.²

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On November 27, 2012, following a jury trial in Suffolk Superior Court, Kadeem Foreman was convicted of murder in the second-degree for the death of Toneika Jones. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, he was also convicted of assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, for which he received a 5–7-year sentence, possession of a firearm without a license, for which he received a 4–5-year sentence, and a 1 year House of Correction sentence for possession of a loaded firearm to be served from and after his 4–5-year prison term and concurrently with his life sentence.

On March 27, 2025, Kadeem Foreman appeared before the Board for an initial hearing. He was not represented by an attorney. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Kadeem Foreman's March 27, 2025, hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On May 22, 2010, in Dorchester, 20-year-old Kadeem Foreman and his accomplice(s) participated in a shooting that injured a 19-year-old man and killed 24-year-old Toneika Jones. Kadeem Foreman and his accomplice(s) were among a group that fired

¹ Chair Hurley participated in the vote on this matter prior to her departure from the Board.

² Two Board Members voted to deny parole with a review in 2 years.

a number of gunshots from three firearms at four people standing inside of an apartment building vestibule at 183 Harvard Street in Dorchester. The group firing the shots stood outside of the closed door to the building. One bullet ricocheted off the metal door, while two shots went through the door. One of the bullets that went through the door lodged in the arm of a 19-year-old man. A second bullet struck the abdomen of 24-year-old Toneika Jones. Ms. Jones ran up a short flight of stairs, but died within minutes.

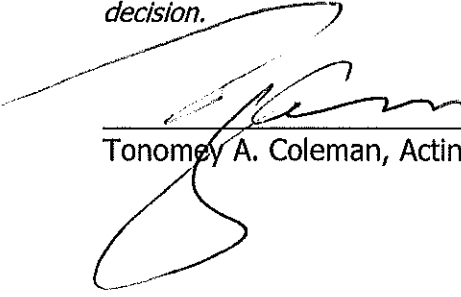
Mr. Foreman and his accomplice(s) fled on foot, but were captured by the police within minutes, hiding in an overgrown vacant residential lot. Along Mr. Foreman's flight path, the police found a revolver and a semi-automatic pistol, both of which were used to fire at the victims. Mr. Foreman had left a palm print on the magazine of the pistol and had gunshot residue on his hands. A third weapon, unrecovered, was used to fire the two shots that struck the victims.

APPLICABLE STANDARD: Parole "[p]ermits shall be granted only if the Board is of the opinion, after consideration of a risk and needs assessment, that there is a reasonable probability that, if the prisoner is released with appropriate conditions and community supervision, the prisoner will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society." M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. In making this determination, the Board takes into consideration an inmate's institutional behavior, their participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of incarceration, and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize the inmate's risk of recidivism. M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. The Board also considers all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offense, the age of the inmate at the time of the offense, the criminal record, the institutional record, the inmate's testimony at the hearing, and the views of the public as expressed at the hearing and/or in written submissions to the Board. (if applicable).

DECISION OF THE BOARD: This was Mr. Foreman's first hearing before the Board. He was 20-years-old at the time of the offense. He is currently 35-years-old. Mr. Foreman has invested in self-development and rehabilitation. He earned his BA from Boston University and is currently in the Welding Program, requesting to complete the certification. The Board considered his age and context of the offense. Mr. Foreman demonstrated positive adjustment and strong work history. Mr. Foreman has been approved for minimum security and has had a number of leadership positions. Mr. Foreman has a strong support system and re-entry plan. The Board considered public testimony in rendering its decision. Family and community members spoke in support of parole. The Board also heard testimony from friends and family of the victim, as well as Suffolk County ADA Montez Haywood, in opposition to parole. The Board concludes that Kadeem Foreman has demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Long-Term Residential Program; Waive work for program; Electronic monitoring for 6 months only; 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; Mandatory - complete Welding Program at MCI-Norfolk.

I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above-referenced hearing. Pursuant to G.L. c. 127, § 130, I further certify that all voting Board Members have reviewed the applicant's entire criminal record. This signature does not indicate authorship of the decision.



Tonomey A. Coleman, Acting Chair

Date

8/5/25