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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

KENNETH BARTLETT

W52822

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: May 19, 2022

DATE OF DECISION: August 11, 2022

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Tina Hurley, Colette Santa¹

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On January 31, 1991, in Suffolk Superior Court, Kenneth Bartlett pleaded guilty to the second-degree murders of Clinton Moody (on May 30, 1988) and Edward Jones (on June 30, 1988) and was sentenced to two concurrent terms of life imprisonment with the possibility of parole. Mr. Bartlett had previously pleaded guilty to a federal indictment of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and was sentenced to 384 months imprisonment concurrent with his state sentence.

Mr. Bartlett appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on May 19, 2022. He was represented by student attorneys from Boston College Law School. This was Mr. Bartlett's fourth appearance before the Board, having been denied at his initial hearing in 2007 and at his review hearings in 2012 and 2017. The entire video recording of Mr. Bartlett's May 19, 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 Interstate Compact New York but not before six months in lower custody. On May 30, 1988, Mr. Bartlett shot and killed Clinton Moody. On June 30, 1988, he also shot and killed 37-year-old Edward Jones. This is Mr. Bartlett's fourth appearance before the Board, and he has

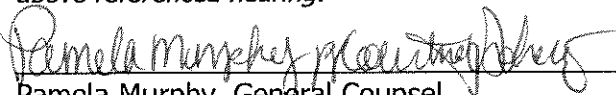
¹ Chair Moroney was recused.

spent over thirty years incarcerated. He presented as appropriately remorseful. Since his last hearing, he has significantly increased his engagement in programming and appears to have benefited from it. He presents with a deeper insight and empathy. During his incarceration, Mr. Bartlett has learned to read and write. He has also maintained strong family support with his family and his wife, which will help him with his reentry.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to approved home plan before release; Interstate Compact – New York; 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; Report to assigned MA parole office on day of release; Report to federal probation – 60 months; No contact with victim's family; Must have substance abuse evaluation and must comply with recommended treatment plan; Counseling for transition/adjustment.

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


Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

8/11/22
Date