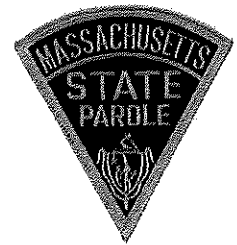




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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

KEVIN COE
W38150

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **July 8, 2025**

DATE OF DECISION: **November 20, 2025**

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Edith J. Alexander, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Sarah B. Coughlin, Angelo Gomez, Jr., James Kelcourse, Rafael Ortiz¹

VOTE: Parole is denied with a review in 2 years from the date of the hearing.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On April 6, 1981, in Bristol Superior Court, Kevin Coe pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for the beating death of Frank Sikorski. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. Mr. Coe was also convicted of the unarmed robbery of Thomas Lordan and sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole, to run concurrently with the murder sentence. Parole was denied following an initial hearing in 1995, and after his review hearings in 1998, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2021.

On July 8, 2025, Kevin Coe appeared before the Board for a review hearing. He was not represented by an attorney. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Kevin Coe's July 8, 2025, hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On July 30, 1980, shortly after midnight, Kevin Coe (age 30) and his co-defendants, Shawn Dickinson and Derrick Dickinson, met Frank Sikorski outside a Taunton bar and requested a ride home. Mr. Coe had been using drugs and consuming alcohol prior to his encounter with Mr. Sikorski. Mr. Sikorski agreed to drive them. Mr. Coe and Shawn Dickinson

¹ Former Acting Chair Tonomey Coleman was present for the hearing, but not on the Board at the time of vote. Chair Angelo Gomez, Jr., was not present for the hearing, but fully reviewed the video recording of the hearing and file prior to vote.

beat Mr. Sikorski to death, ostensibly to steal his money and car. After killing Mr. Sikorski, the men disposed of his body in Oakland Pond in Taunton. Subsequently, the men robbed a West Bridgewater gas station at 2:50 a.m., leading police on a high-speed chase at approximately 4:00 a.m. The men were eventually apprehended and arrested at a roadblock in Raynham that same day.

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: Mr. Coe was before the Board for the 8th time. Mr. Coe has been incarcerated for approximately 44 years. He continues to accumulate Disciplinary Reports. He noted that he feels he has completed enough rehabilitative programming. Despite not being an open mental health case at the DOC, the Board has concerns regarding Mr. Coe’s cognitive status based on his presentation at the hearing. Given Mr. Coe’s advancing age (currently age 76) the Board recommends that he would benefit from consulting with counsel and engaging in a neuropsychological evaluation. The Board considered testimony in opposition to parole from both Mr. Sikorski’s nephew and Bristol County Assistant District Attorney Canan Yesilcimen. The Board concludes by unanimous decision that Kevin Coe has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society.

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.


Angelo Gomez, Jr., Chair

November 20, 2025
Date