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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**KIMBERLY SAVINI**  
**F81128**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Initial Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** February 13, 2025

**DATE OF DECISION:** June 5, 2025

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

**VOTE:** Parole is granted on/after 2 weeks from issuance of decision to a program that meets Ms. Savini's mental health and medical needs.

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On October 4, 2011, in Middlesex Superior Court, Kimberly Savini was convicted of murder in the second degree for the death of Arnaldo Amado. She was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, she received a concurrent 15 year probation for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon causing serious bodily injury. On February 13, 2025, Kimberly Savini appeared before the Board for an initial hearing. She was represented by Attorney Mary Rogers. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Kimberly Savini's February 13, 2025, hearing.

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On December 27, 2008, 33-year-old Kimberly Savini stabbed her 42-year-old boyfriend Arnaldo Amado in their Somerville residence. At approximately 2:30 p.m., Somerville police received a call from the Massachusetts State Police regarding a 911 cell phone call relative to a stabbing. When officers arrived, they found the victim's girlfriend, Kimberly Savini, on scene along with their 1-year-old son. According to Ms. Savini, her boyfriend stumbled into their apartment and collapsed on the floor from a stab wound to the chest. The victim sustained a single stab wound to his upper chest near his heart. The victim was unresponsive on scene and was brought to Somerville Hospital, where he later died.

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

Ms. Savini was asked by detectives if she had an argument and then stabbed the victim. She placed her hands on her head and began to hyperventilate and said, "Yes, I stabbed him, but he attacked me first." Ms. Savini stated that Mr. Amado was a heavy drinker and had arrived home intoxicated. The two began to argue. She asked him to leave, but he refused. Ms. Savini stated that when Mr. Amado rushed at her in an aggressive manner, she grabbed a kitchen knife and began to wave it at him and ordered him to leave. When he refused, Ms. Savini plunged the knife into Mr. Amado's chest one time and watched him collapse. She then called 911 and proceeded to wash the blood off the knife in the kitchen sink.

Ms. Savini retrieved the knife she used in the assault and handed it over to the officer. She was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters

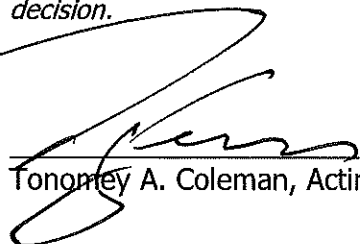
**APPLICABLE STANDARD:** Parole "[p]ermits shall be granted only if the Board is of the opinion, after consideration of a risk and needs assessment, that there is a reasonable probability that, if the prisoner is released with appropriate conditions and community supervision, the prisoner will live and 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 Ms. Savini's first appearance before the Board. Ms. Savini was 30-years-old at the time of the offense. She is currently 46-years-old. Ms. Savini presents with significant mental health and medical issues. At the time of the offense, Ms. Savini had an active substance use disorder and had been diagnosed with Battered Women's Syndrome on January 10, 2010, by Dr. Carol J. Ball, Ph.D. She was also struggling with parenting issues. Following her incarceration, she began to engage in intensive treatment and was subsequently diagnosed with major mental illness. She has remained invested in treatment, compliant with medications, and has maintained sobriety. Ms. Savini was medically paroled in December 2022, but returned in March 2023, as she no longer met the criteria for medical release. The Board considered the expert evaluation from Dr. Lockwood and neuropsychologist Dr. Montgomery. Dr. Montgomery noted that Ms. Savini has some cognitive impairments and recommended she apply for DDS. The Board notes that she was approved for DMH services. Prior to her medical issues, Ms. Savini completed a significant amount of programming that addressed her treatment needs. The Board considered 4 individuals who spoke in support of parole. The Board considered testimony from Middlesex County Assistant District Attorney Walsh, who spoke in opposition. The Board concludes by unanimous decision that Kimberly Savini has demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make her release compatible with the welfare of society.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** Long Term Residential Treatment or program that meets her medical needs; Waive work for disability; Must take prescribed medication; 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 Probation Office; No contact with victim(s)' family; Counseling for anger management; Must have mental health counseling for PTSD, anxiety, depression, anger management, and mood disorder; Mandatory abide by DMH services plan.

*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.*

  
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Tonomey A. Coleman, Acting Chair  
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