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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

WILROSE LAPIERRE
W35145B

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **February 5, 2026**

DATE OF DECISION: **July 8, 2026**

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 2 years from the date of the hearing.²

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On June 28, 1979, after a jury trial in Worcester Superior court, Wilrose LaPierre was convicted of rape of a child and sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On the same date, Mr. LaPierre received consecutive sentences of nine to ten years for two counts of kidnapping. On May 15, 1980, the Appellate Division of the Superior Court amended the consecutive sentences to be served concurrently. Mr. LaPierre was denied parole after his initial hearing in 1994, and after his review hearings in 1997, 2002, 2007, 2013 and 2023. He postponed his 2018 and 2022 review hearings.

On February 5, 2026, Mr. LaPierre appeared before the Board for a review hearing. He was represented by Attorney John Rull. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Mr. LaPierre's February 5, 2026, hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On March 13, 1979, two siblings, a girl, age 14, and her brother, age 9, were walking home from their friend's house. They were approached by LaPierre who concocted a story to draw the children closer to his car. He then physically forced the children to

¹ Board Member Ortiz was not present for the hearing but reviewed the video recording and the entirety of the file prior to vote.

² One Board Member voted to deny parole with a review in 4 years.

go into the woods with him. He bound the girl's hands behind her and gagged her. LaPierre raped her while her brother lay beside her. He made both children count to one hundred and fled. At the time of the offense LaPierre was on parole on a 3-to-5-year sentence for rape, and three concurrent sentences of 4 to 15 years for assault with intent to rape. LaPierre was on parole for only nine months before he committed this sexual assault of a child.

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.

DECISION OF THE BOARD: Mr. LaPierre committed the instant offense while on parole for another sex offense. He completed the Sex Offender Treatment Program in August 2022. The Board reviewed the evaluation of Dr. Keating but finds that Mr. LaPierre still has not achieved sufficient rehabilitation. The Board has continued concerns regarding Mr. LaPierre's statements from his 2022 hearing regarding his triggers and behaviors. Mr. LaPierre has been convicted of multiple rapes, and the Board finds he has not yet reached a level of rehabilitation such that he will not re-offend. The Board considered testimony in support of parole from Mr. LaPierre's son. The considered testimony in opposition to parole from his victim's spouse, Sgt. Daniel Goulding of the Berlin Police Department, and Worcester County Assistant District Attorney Anne Kennedy. The Board concludes that Wilrose LaPierre 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

July 8, 2026
Date