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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

LARRY ROBINSON
W50442

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: December 17, 2020

DATE OF DECISION: April 29, 2021

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Colette Santa

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On April 26, 1991, in Suffolk Superior Court, Larry Robinson pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of 19-year-old Mark Peter Belmore. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On the same day, Mr. Robinson pleaded guilty to armed robbery and was sentenced to a concurrent term of 25-35 years.

Mr. Robinson appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on December 17, 2020 and was represented by Attorney Peter Elikann. This was Mr. Robinson's fifth appearance before the Board, having been denied in 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2017. The entire video recording of Mr. Robinson's December 17, 2020 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 decision that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to Long Term Residential Program after 12 months in lower security. Mr. Robinson has served 30 years for his involvement in the murder of Mark Belmore a Northeastern University student in January of 1990. Mr. Robinson was 20 years old at the time of offense. Since his last hearing, he has completed Path to Freedom, Emotional Awareness, and the Restorative Justice Reentry Group and Retreat. He remains compliant with his weekly counseling and works in the Assisted Daily Living Unit at MCI-Norfolk. In addition, he is still the chairman for the AA meeting and vice

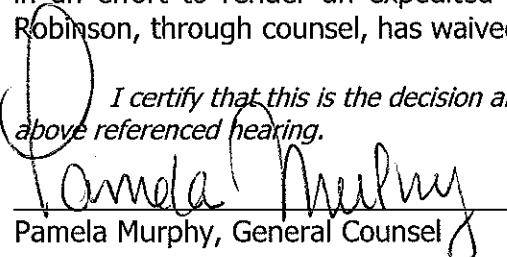
chair of the crochet group. A period of transition in a lesser security environment will increase his likelihood of success upon reentry into the community. Mr. Robinson has addressed his risk factors through his involvement in meaningful treatment/programming thus meets the legal standard for parole supervision. A period of transition in a lesser security environment will increase his likelihood of success upon reentry into the community.

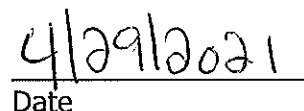
The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society." In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Robinson'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. Robinson's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Robinson's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Robinson is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

Special Conditions: Reserve to Long Term Residential Program (LTRP) after 12 months in lower security; Waive work for LTRP; Curfew at must be home between 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.; ELMO-electronic monitoring; 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/transition; AA/NA at least 3 times/week.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The above decision is an abbreviated administrative decision issued in an effort to render an expedited resolution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Robinson, through counsel, has waived his right to a full administrative decision.

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


Pamela Murphy, General Counsel


Date