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**DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**LORENZO JONES**

**W57520**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Initial Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** March 5, 2013

**DATE OF DECISION:** February 7, 2014

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS:** Cesar Archilla, Charlene Bonner, Sheila Dupre, Ina Howard-Hogan, Lucy Soto-Abbe, Josh Wall

**DECISION OF THE BOARD:** After careful consideration of all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offenses, the testimony of the inmate, the views of the public as expressed at the hearing or in written submissions to the Board, the inmate's criminal history, institutional record and program involvement while incarcerated, we conclude that the inmate is not a suitable candidate for parole. Parole is denied with a review in five years. The decision is unanimous.

**I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

This is Lorenzo Jones' first appearance before the Massachusetts Parole Board after waiving an initial hearing in 2008. On November 21, 1994, in Suffolk Superior Court, Jones was convicted on charges of Rape of a Child with Force (two counts), Indecent Assault and Battery on a Child under 14 (three counts), Aggravated Rape (three counts), Assault and Battery, and Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (five counts). The victims of his crimes were his girlfriend, her three children (ages 3, 6, and 8), and his 14-year-old son.

In March of 1992, 26-year-old "Sally"<sup>1</sup> and her three children moved in with Jones and his 14-year-old son in his Roxbury apartment. From the time they moved in with Jones, he restricted their movements, and did so under threat of physical and psychological abuse. Jones did not allow Sally to leave the apartment unless accompanied by Jones, forcing her to leave her children behind while accompanying him to work. Meanwhile, Jones' 14-year-old son would stay home with Sally's children, with instructions to keep Sally's children in the apartment the entire day, and have them sit on crates and paint cans that lay about his apartment. Jones' 14-year-old son was instructed to report whether the children were compliant when Jones returned from work. Jones enforced his edicts on Sally's children with physical abuse, forcing the children to strip, binding their hands, and whipping them with a belt on their buttocks, backs, and legs.

Jones would demand sex daily from Sally, and would rape her if she were unwilling. Also, if Sally did not satisfy Jones, he would beat her. In July of 1992, Jones escalated his violence. At this point, when he was not satisfied by Sally, Jones would tie her up with her arms and legs spread, and then beat her with a pipe across her body, including in her genital area. There were occasions when Jones would call Sally's children into the room while he beat her in this fashion.

One evening in July 1992, following an argument with Sally, Jones brought her-six-year old daughter into the bedroom, and raped her in Sally's presence. On another occasion in late July, Jones, suspecting his 14-year-old son was having an affair with Sally, beat him with a pipe, including in his genital area. Jones then forced his son to strip and perform a sexual act on Sally. While forcing him to perform this sexual act, Jones raped his own son.

## **II. CRIMINAL HISTORY & INSTITUTIONAL CONDUCT**

Lorenzo Jones has been arraigned on 103 charges since 1968, 37 of which are related to the governing offenses. He had four prior House of Correction incarcerations. In 1984, he had been arraigned on multiple charges for Rape of Child and Indecent Assault and Battery, but those charges were dismissed.

Jones has a history of mental illness and psychiatric hospitalizations prior to and since his conviction on the governing offenses. Jones apparently was seen at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center in 1968 for ten days' observation. Since that time he has been hospitalized at Bridgewater State Hospital in 1976 and in 1981. He also received psychiatric treatment at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C. in 1979. Medical records from the Suffolk County Jail also chronicle Jones' mental illness in 1981, and while awaiting trial on the governing offenses in 1992.

Following his arrest on the governing offenses, Jones was evaluated and determined to be competent to stand trial. Since his conviction, Jones was returned to Bridgewater State in 1999 and 2000. In 2002, he was returned to MCI-Norfolk, only to be returned to Bridgewater State in 2003, and again in 2005, where he is currently held.

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<sup>1</sup> The actual names of all sexual assault victims are withheld. See G.L. c. 265, § 24C.

**III. PAROLE HEARING ON MARCH 5, 2013**

Lorenzo Jones waived appearance at his initial parole hearing in 2008 and received a denial with a five year review. Jones appeared for this hearing. He has a long history of mental illness and has spent most of his incarceration at Bridgewater State Hospital being treated for his mental illness which features paranoid delusions, bizarre ideas and conduct, hearing voices, and a belief that he has special powers. A court order authorizes forced medication to treat the symptoms. He continues to be treated at Bridgewater State Hospital and he presented at the hearing as a person who is acutely mentally ill.

Jones denied all the crimes for which he is convicted and alleged that the victims lied. Board Members asked him about his current mental status. He reported the following: "I take my meds but they aren't really helping; they make me very uncomfortable; my last delusions were five years ago; I am not having delusions today; I don't hear voices but I do talk to myself; my thoughts used to tell me to harm someone; two years ago was the last time I had those thoughts when they told me to hit my sister who comes to visit me; six months ago I did have thoughts in my head to hit a staff member and I told them about it; I trust the Bridgewater staff; they are all right; I feel good today."

Several people attended the hearing to oppose parole, and one of Jones' victims spoke in opposition. She said she is a stronger person today but that she still has nightmares about the crimes. Suffolk Assistant District Attorney Charles Bartoloni submitted a letter opposing parole.

**IV. DECISION**

Lorenzo Jones committed a long series of sexual assaults but has not participated in sex offender treatment during his twenty years of incarceration. He remains acutely and seriously mentally ill which renders him unable to participate in the sex offender treatment. Jones is not rehabilitated. He presents an unacceptable risk to re-offend and his parole is denied with a review in five years. During that time, Mr. Jones should continue to cooperate with the staff at Bridgewater State Hospital and engage in the mental health treatment offered to him.

*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.*

  
Janis DiLoreto Noble, General Counsel

2/7/14  
Date