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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

LORENZO PERDOMO

W40652

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **January 31, 2023**

DATE OF DECISION: **April 11, 2023**

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Tina Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Dr. Maryanne Galvin, James Kelcourse, Colette Santa

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On July 31, 1984, after a jury trial in Suffolk Superior Court, Lorenzo Perdomo was convicted of second-degree murder in the death of 15-year-old Marielos Hernandez. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, he was convicted of unlawful possession of a sawed-off shotgun and received a concurrent life sentence. On November 27, 1985, the sentence on the shotgun conviction was revoked and revised to a 10 to 15-year concurrent sentence.

Mr. Perdomo appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on January 31, 2023. He was represented by Attorney Brian Kelly. Mr. Perdomo was denied parole after his initial hearing in 2005 and after his review hearings in 2010, 2015, and 2020. The entire video recording of Mr. Perdomo's January 31, 2023, 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 unanimous vote that the inmate is not a suitable candidate for parole.

The Board is of the opinion that Lorenzo Perdomo has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. On August 23, 1982, 24-year-old Lorenzo Perdomo shot his 15-year-old girlfriend in the stomach with a sawed-

off shotgun. She died 2 days later from her injuries. The Board noted the 1994 manslaughter, while incarcerated, and the 2002 assault of another inmate with a brush for which he was still serving a DDU (Disciplinary Detention Unit) sentence. [Mr. Perdomo] remains in the RTU (Residential Treatment Unit) as a result of serious mental illness and is restricted from institutional movement due to crimes, while incarcerated. [Mr. Perdomo] has a history of violence and non-compliance with his mental health treatment. He has over 20 hospitalizations at Bridgewater State Hospital. The Board reviewed the DMH intake dated 10/18/2022. He has a history of requiring a Rogers for treatment. It was evident in the hearing that [Mr. Perdomo] denies the severity of his mental illness. The Board continues to request an updated psychological assessment to address current needs and recommendations for placement. At this time, the Board remains concerned about [his] ability and motivation for treatment compliance and stability. Two years will allow adequate time for a comprehensive evaluation. Should the evaluation be furnished prior to the two-year period, [Mr. Perdomo] is encouraged to request a reconsideration of the decision.

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." 120 C.M.R. 300.04. In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Perdomo'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. Perdomo's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Perdomo's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Lorenzo Perdomo is not rehabilitated and, therefore, does not merit parole at this time.

Mr. Perdomo's next appearance before the Board will take place in two years from the date of this hearing. During the interim, the Board encourages Mr. Perdomo to continue working toward his full rehabilitation.

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


Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

April 11, 2023
Date