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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

LUIS COSME
W63428

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing
DATE OF HEARING: September 22, 2020
DATE OF DECISION: February 3, 2021

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On October 16, 1997, after a jury trial in Middlesex Superior Court, Luis Cosme was found guilty of murder in the second-degree murder of 28-year-old Anderson Caquias. He was sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Cosme appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on September 22, 2020 and was represented by Attorney John Rull. This was Mr. Cosme's first appearance before the Board since his final revocation hearing in 2019. Mr. Cosme was previously released on parole in 2014, but was revoked due to parole violations. The entire video recording of Mr. Cosme's September 22, 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 unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to approved home plan. On July 5, 1996, Mr. Luis Cosme stabbed and killed Anderson Caquais in Lowell, Massachusetts. Mr. Cosme was returned to custody in January of 2019 for an arrest by the Massachusetts State Police for operating under the influence. Since his return to custody he has completed numerous programs to include Gateway to Treatment, Houses of Healing, Graduate Maintenance and Cognitive Skills. Mr. Cosme has maintained a positive adjustment. Re-incarceration has served its purpose. Re-parole with added conditions meets the legal standard.

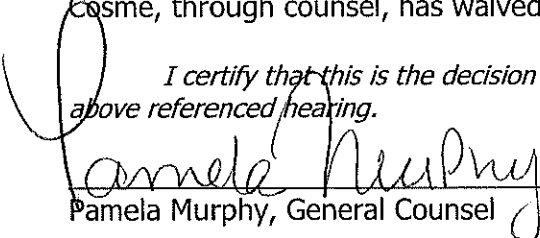
The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society."

In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Cosme'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. Cosme's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Cosme's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Cosme is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

Special Conditions: Reserve to approved home plan; Waive work for two weeks; Must be at home between 10 p.m. and 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; Polygraph testing at P.O. discretion; Report to assigned MA Parole Office on day of release; No contact with victim(s) family; AA/NA at least three times a week; Mandatory – obtain a sponsor; Mandatory – sobrieter.

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. Cosme, 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

2/3/2021
Date