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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

**MICHAEL LYONS
W69738**

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: February 25, 2021

DATE OF DECISION: August 12, 2021

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Gloriann Moroney, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Colette Santa¹

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On July 13, 2001, after a jury trial in Brockton Superior Court, Michael Lyons was convicted of the second-degree murder of his son, Jacob Lyons. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Lyons appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on February 25, 2021 and was represented by Attorney David Hirsch. This was Mr. Lyons' second appearance before the Board, having been denied in 2016. The entire video recording of Mr. Lyons' February 25, 2021, hearing is fully incorporated by reference to the Board's decision.

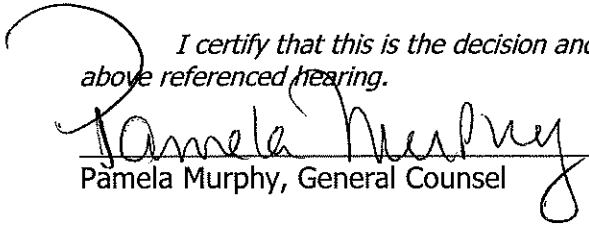
DECISION OF THE BOARD: After careful consideration of all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offense, the age of the inmate at the time of offense, criminal record, institutional record, the inmate's testimony at the hearing, and the views of the public as expressed at the hearing or in written submissions to the Board, we conclude by a unanimous decision that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to an approved home plan after six months in lower security. Mr. Lyons has had an overall exemplary adjustment. He has accepted the recommendation of the Board at his last hearing and has completed programming to include violence reduction and alternatives to violence. In addition, he has been employed in the print shop for the past 19 years. He scored low on the LS/CMI and has exhibited no violence during his entire incarceration. He has a strong support network and parole plan which includes continued mental health treatment.

¹ Board member Karen McCarthy was present at the hearing but was not a board member at the time of the vote.

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

Special Conditions: Reserve to an approved home plan after six months in lower security; Waive work for two weeks; Curfew 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; Report to assigned MA Parole Office on day of release; Must have mental health evaluation, abide by recommendations and screen for grief counseling; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition.

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


Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

8/12/2021
Date