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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

NORMAN NORD
W88096

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **June 6, 2023**

DATE OF DECISION: **September 14, 2023**

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Tina Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, James Kelcourse

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On August 1, 2006, following a jury trial in Suffolk Superior Court, Norman Nord was found guilty of murder in the second degree for the shooting death of his 29-year-old girlfriend, Deshanta Bailey. He was sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole. On that same date, Mr. Nord received a concurrent sentence of 15-20 years for possession of a firearm as an armed career criminal.

Mr. Nord appeared before the Board on June 6, 2023, for a review hearing. He was not represented by counsel. Mr. Nord was previously denied parole following his initial hearing in 2019. The entire video recording of Mr. Nord's June 6, 2023 hearing is fully incorporated by reference into 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 that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.

Reserve to LTRP, but not before 1-year step-down. [Mr. Nord has] good support from [his] wife. [The Victim's] daughter offers forgiveness, but doesn't support release. Inmate has done over

50 [programs], extensive programming addressing traumatic history through counseling. LS/CMI medium. Addressing substance use history and sober 17 years now. Has complied with Board's prior recommendations. Serves as leader inside institutions. Prior d-report for fight in 2019. History of firearm-related crimes. Still demonstrates lack of insight into crime. Despite reported sobriety, has d-reports reflecting banned substances. Has work history which is positive. History of violence and firearms concerning, given lack of insight into offense. Purpose of long (1 year) step-down is to create a lengthy positive adjustment period. [The Board] prefers pre-release, but requires 1-year step-down, LTRP. Participate in any remaining programs and remain d-report free.

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. Nord'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. Nord's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Nord's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Nord is rehabilitated and, therefore, merits parole at this time, subject to special conditions.

Special Conditions: Reserve to LTRP, but not before 1-year step-down; Waive work for LTRP; Curfew at Parole Officer's discretion; Electronic monitoring at Parole Officer's discretion; 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 evaluation, must comply with recommended treatment plan; Must have substance abuse evaluation, must comply with recommended treatment plan.

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.


Tina M. Hurley, Chair

09/14/2023

Date