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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

PABLO CARAMBOT
W91269

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: May 22, 2025

DATE OF DECISION: October 29, 2025

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Edith J. Alexander, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sarah B. Coughlin, James Kelcourse, Rafael Ortiz

VOTE: Parole is granted to a Long-Term Residential Program after 6 months in lower security.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On January 7, 2008, in Hampden Superior Court, Pablo Carambot pleaded guilty to murder in the second-degree for the death of Young Man Kim. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, Mr. Carambot also pleaded guilty to one count of armed robbery and one count of unlawful possession of a firearm. He received a concurrent sentence of 10-15 years in state prison for the armed robbery conviction, as well as a concurrent sentence of 3-5 years in state prison for unlawful possession of a firearm. Parole was denied following an initial hearing in 2021.

On May 22, 2025, Mr. Carambot appeared before the Board for a review hearing. He was represented by Attorney Rebecca Rose. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Mr. Carambot's May 22, 2025, hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On November 21, 2005, 20-year-old Pablo Carambot entered Hair Plus Beauty Supplies in Springfield with the intent to commit an armed robbery. Accompanied by his co-defendant Rudolfo Melendez,¹ the men began to speak with 64-year-old Young Man Kim, an employee of the store. During the conversation, Mr. Carambot pulled out a firearm and pointed it at Mr. Kim. Mr. Kim then threw an object at Mr. Carambot, and Mr. Carambot proceeded to fire

¹ In February 2008, Mr. Melendez also pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, armed robbery, and unlawful possession of a firearm for the murder of Mr. Kim.

one shot at Mr. Kim. The bullet struck Mr. Kim, and then Mr. Carambot and Mr. Melendez fled the store. Mr. Kim was transported to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

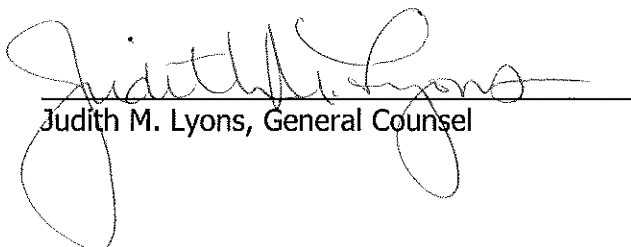
In addition, responding officers noted that a tray appeared to be missing from a jewelry case in the store. Palm prints belonging to Rodolfo Melendez were recovered at the scene. Officers also received information from a witness that Mr. Carambot confessed to shooting the victim.

APPLICABLE STANDARD: Parole “[p]ermits shall be granted only if the Board is of the opinion, after consideration of a risk and needs assessment, that there is a reasonable probability that, if the prisoner is released with appropriate conditions and community supervision, the prisoner will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society.” M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. In making this determination, the Board takes into consideration an inmate’s institutional behavior, their participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of incarceration, and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize the inmate’s risk of recidivism. M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. The Board also considers all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offense, the age of the inmate at the time of the offense, the criminal record, the institutional record, the inmate’s testimony at the hearing, and the views of the public as expressed at the hearing and/or in written submissions to the Board.

DECISION OF THE BOARD: Mr. Carambot appeared before the Board for the second time. He has significant history of substance misuse. He also had substance related crimes while incarcerated. However, since the last hearing, he has remained disciplinary report free. He completed the Security Threat Group disassociation process. Also since the last hearing, he has completed significant programming, including Jericho Circle, Criminal Thinking, Restorative Justice, and Alternatives to Violence. He appears committed to his sobriety. The Board concludes by unanimous decision that Pablo Carambot has demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. The Board considered public testimony in support of parole from Mr. Carambot’s family. The Board considered testimony from Hampden County Assistant District Attorney Lee Baker in opposition to parole.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Waive work for 2 weeks or program; Electronic monitoring for 6 months, then at PO’s request for extension; 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 Counseling for adjustment; Long Term Residential Program; AA, NA or Smart Recovery 3x per week.

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.


Judith M. Lyons, General Counsel

10/29/25
Date