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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

PATRICIA LABOSSIERE
F80181

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: May 15, 2025

DATE OF DECISION: October 7, 2025

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Edith J. Alexander, Dr. Charlene Bonner,¹ Tonomey Coleman, Sarah B. Coughlin, James Kelcourse, Rafael Ortiz

VOTE: Parole is denied with a review in 1 year from the date of the hearing.²

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On September 9, 2002, in Bristol County Superior Court, Patricia Labossiere pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of Julia Bradshaw. She was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, Ms. Labossiere pleaded guilty to assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon (knife) and received a from and after sentence of 5 years to 5 years and a day. Ms. Labossiere postponed her initial hearing in 2015. Parole was denied following her initial hearing in 2020.

On May 15, 2025, Patricia Labossiere appeared before the Board for a review hearing. She was represented by Attorney Matthew Koes. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Ms. Labossiere's May 15, 2025, hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On the night of October 27, 2000, 38-year-old Patricia Labossiere called the Attleboro police to report that she had just stabbed her 67-year-old mother Julia Bradshaw. Ms. Labossiere remained on the phone with the police dispatcher until an officer

¹ Board Member Bonner was not present for the hearing, but she reviewed the video recording of the hearing and the entirety of the file prior to vote.

² Three Board Members voted to deny parole with a review in 2 years from the date of the hearing, and three Board Members voted to grant parole. Due to a split vote, parole is denied with a review in 1 year from the date of the hearing.

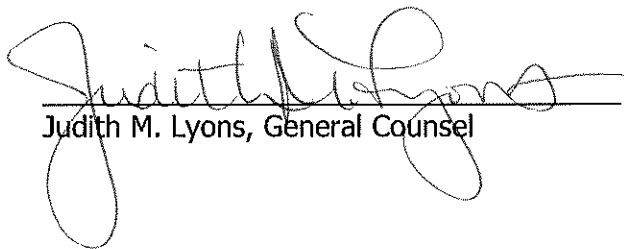
arrived at the Bradshaw residence. According to the officer, Ms. Labossiere appeared calm, smoking a cigarette. When questioned as to the whereabouts of her mother, Ms. Labossiere responded that she was in the bedroom. When the officer asked why she had stabbed her, Ms. Labossiere stated, "I'm sick of her bullshit, so I stabbed her."

The officer discovered Julia Bradshaw in the master bedroom, lying on her back without a pulse. She had a large amount of blood inside her mouth and on the right side of her chest. According to the officer, there did not appear to be any signs of a struggle. Ms. Labossiere was arrested for murder. A subsequent search of the home revealed a wet knife on the kitchen counter and a wet paper towel with blood on the kitchen floor.

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 if applicable.

DECISION OF THE BOARD: This is Ms. Labossiere's 2nd appearance before the Board. The Board considered Dr. Nelligan's evaluation and notes that Dr. Nelligan noted she was the first clinician to whom Ms. Labossiere was willing to disclose her in-depth psychiatric history. The Board has concerns regarding Ms. Labossiere's ability to manage her anxiety and distress while in the community. Her history of crystallized delusions and history of violence creates concerns as to how Ms. Labossiere will safely manage in the community. The Board considered the testimony of Dr. Kerry Nelligan and Department of Mental Health Re-entry Liaison, Heather Hovley in support of parole. The Board considered testimony in opposition to parole from Bristol County Assistant District Attorney Gillian Kirsch.

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

10/7/25
Date