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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

PATRICK KELLEY
W58472

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **September 9, 2025**

DATE OF DECISION: **February 17, 2026**

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Edith J. Alexander, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Sarah B. Coughlin, Angelo Gomez Jr., James Kelcourse, Rafael Ortiz¹

VOTE: Parole is granted on/after 30 days from issuance of decision to an LTRP or CRJ for at least 90 days, but not before DA clearance.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On April 25, 1995, in Suffolk Superior Court, Patrick Kelley pleaded guilty to three counts of aggravated rape as a habitual criminal and was sentenced to three concurrent life sentences. He pleaded guilty to several additional charges stemming from the same incident and received the corresponding sentences: armed robbery (life), armed assault in a dwelling (life), two counts of kidnapping (9 ½ to 10 years), assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon on a person age 65 or older (9 ½ to 10 years) and assault by means of a dangerous weapon (4 ½ to 5 years). The non-life sentences were originally ordered to run from and after the life sentences with 10 years of probation, but on May 23, 1995, the sentences were ordered to run concurrent to one another following a motion to revise and revoke Mr. Kelley's sentence. Parole was denied following an initial hearing in 2009 and review hearings in 2014, 2019, and 2024.

On September 9, 2025, Mr. Kelley appeared before the Board for a review hearing. He did not have legal representation. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Mr. Kelley's September 9, 2025 hearing.

¹ Board member Coughlin was not present for the hearing but reviewed the video recording of the hearing and the entirety of the file prior to vote. Board member Coleman was present at the hearing but departed the Board prior to vote.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On September 16, 1994, Patrick Kelley (age 30) raped Victim #1² (age 76) and Victim #2 (age 31), at knife point, in Victim #1's Dorchester home. Victim #1 was home with her ill husband, expecting Victim #2 (a visiting nurse) to come and care for him. Shortly after 6:00 p.m., the doorbell rang. Victim #1 looked through her blinds to determine if she knew the visitor. Upon recognizing the person as a man who had been doing repair work on her home, she opened the door to speak with him. Mr. Kelley, who had been there approximately five to six times before, stated that he had material for the contractor, who was meeting him there to do work.

Once inside, Mr. Kelley grabbed Victim #1 from behind when she turned her back. Mr. Kelley put his arm around her neck. After telling her that he had a gun and knife, Mr. Kelley forced Victim #1 to the kitchen area. He took objects from the kitchen table and struck her with a bottle and a black cast iron frying pan. Mr. Kelley slapped the victim and threatened to kill her, telling her to "keep quiet and shut [her mouth]." He then followed her, after demanding that she get her jewelry box and money. Mr. Kelley forced Victim #1 to the second floor, where he raped her vaginally and anally. He also attempted to force her to perform oral sex. Mr. Kelley took approximately \$75, stating that he was a drug addict who needed a fix, and that he would kill her because he did not mind dying.

Sometime between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m., the doorbell rang, and Victim #2 (the visiting nurse) entered the home. While holding a knife, Mr. Kelley forced Victim #2 upstairs and told her to remove her clothing because he was going to rape her. Mr. Kelley told Victim #2 that "he could kill her," and that he "had killed a police officer before." He forced Victim #1 to lie face down on the floor and then threw the nurse on the bed and raped her. Mr. Kelley then took both women downstairs, where he went through their pocketbooks, looking for money. He locked them both in the bathroom and barricaded the door. He ripped the phones out of the walls and fled the scene.

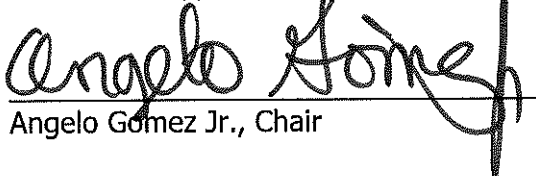
APPLICABLE STANDARD: Parole "[p]ermits shall be granted only if the Board is of the opinion, after consideration of a risk and needs assessment, that there is a reasonable probability that, if the prisoner is released with appropriate conditions and community supervision, the prisoner will live and remain 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.

² The names of sexual assault victims are withheld pursuant to G. L. c. 265, S 24C.

DECISION OF THE BOARD: Mr. Kelley was before the Board for the fifth time. His last hearing was one year ago. Mr. Kelley has been incarcerated for 31 years. He is 61 years old. The Board emphasized in his last hearing that he should focus on establishing a supportive re-entry plan that will meet his needs. Mr. Kelley completed the Sex Offender Treatment Program and has remained in maintenance and lifer group. Mr. Kelley's offense was directly related to addiction. He has been sober for 30 years. Mr. Kelley demonstrated further insight into his pattern of offending and invested in Restorative Justice practices. Mr. Kelley reports he has maintained family support in Georgia. He has remained disciplinary report free for over 11 years. He has been employed in the kitchen for over a year. Mr. Kelley explored re-entry plans that would meet his needs. Mr. Kelley agrees residential treatment would be beneficial as he re-enters the community, with additional supportive services. The Board considered the testimony of Suffolk County ADA Montez Haywood in opposition to parole. The Board concludes by unanimous decision that Patrick Kelley has demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Waive work for 2 weeks or program; Must be home between 10 PM and 6 AM; Electronic monitoring for 6 months; 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; Mental health counseling for adjustment, depression and anger management; Long Term Residential Program; Other: Preferably Dimock John Flower House or Askia Academy; Mandatory Sex Offender conditions pursuant to Attachment A, waiving polygraph and journaling requirements.

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.


Angelo Gomez Jr., Chair

2-17-26
Date