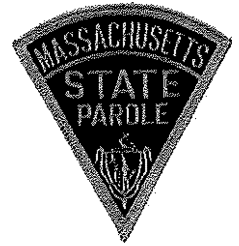




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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

PHILLIP PIZZO
W41132

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: August 12, 2025

DATE OF DECISION: January 13, 2026

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

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

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On November 6, 1984, in Middlesex Superior Court, Phillip Pizzo pleaded guilty to the crimes of aggravated rape (seven counts), armed robbery while masked (three counts), and armed robbery (two counts), and received 8 concurrent life sentences. Mr. Pizzo also pleaded guilty to kidnapping (five counts), and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (two counts). He received sentences of 9 to 10 years each, to run concurrently with his life sentences. On that same date, Mr. Pizzo pleaded guilty in Essex Superior Court to aggravated rape (three counts) and armed robbery while masked and received 3 concurrent life sentences. Mr. Pizzo also pleaded guilty to kidnapping (three counts) and received sentences of 9 to 10 years each, to run concurrently with his life sentences.

In 1985, the Court declared Phillip Pizzo to be a Sexually Dangerous Person. As a result, he was sentenced to one day to life at the Massachusetts Treatment Center. In 2009, Mr. Pizzo was discharged from his civil commitment and was deemed by the Court to no longer be a Sexually Dangerous Person. Parole was denied after an initial hearing in 2010, and after review hearings in 2015 and 2020.

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

² Board Member Coleman was present for the hearing, but departed the Board prior to the decision.

On August 12, 2025, Mr. Pizzo appeared before the Board for a review hearing. He was represented by Attorney Miriam Conrad. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Mr. Pizzo's August 12, 2025, hearing.

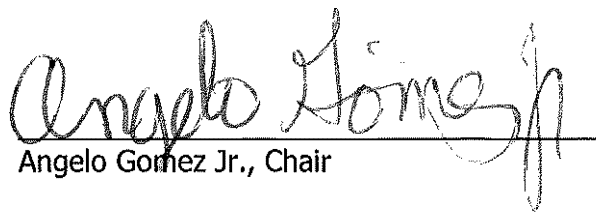
STATEMENT OF THE CASE: Between August 12, 1983, and January 19, 1984, Phillip Pizzo engaged in a series of sexually motivated offenses involving several women in Middlesex and Essex counties. Each incident occurred on a different date and involved a different victim, but all were similar in nature. A composite description of his offenses is as follows:

Phillip Pizzo, who was 33-years-old at the time of the first offense, would accost women (who were in their late teens or early twenties) in various shopping malls in the Boston area. As each victim got into her automobile, Mr. Pizzo (who was wearing a ski mask) would open the car door and, while holding a knife to the victim's throat, push the victim over to the passenger's seat. He would put the ski mask over the victim's face and tie her hands behind her back. Mr. Pizzo would reassure each woman that he was not going to harm her, and that he just wanted their money. He would, in fact, take any money they had. Mr. Pizzo would then drive the victim's car to his vehicle, which was parked some distance away. He would then drive his car to his Westford home. During the ride to his home, Mr. Pizzo would talk to his victims and ask about their personal life, including questions about employment and relationship status. Several of the victims were pinched in the breast and genital areas during the ride to Mr. Pizzo's home. After entering the house from the attached garage, Mr. Pizzo would generally force the women to drink liquor and then take them upstairs to the bedroom. Mr. Pizzo would then remove the ski mask from the victim's face and then rape and sodomize his victims. After raping the women, he would have them take a shower. Mr. Pizzo would then return the women to the shopping malls from where he had abducted them.

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. Pizzo is 75-years-old and before the Board for the fourth time. He has received multiple disciplinary reports, including one in September 2025. Mr. Pizzo's underlying criminal activity involved multiple sex offenses committed on multiple victims. He has continued to engage in inappropriate sex acts while incarcerated. The Board considered the evaluation of Dr. Bard and his testimony at the hearing. The Board also considered the opposition testimony of both the Middlesex County and Essex County DA's Office. The Board concludes by unanimous decision that Phillip Pizzo has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society.

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

January 13, 2026
Date