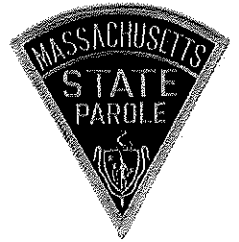


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DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

RABORN ALLAH

(F/K/A DAVID WARRICK)

W58709

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: October 1, 2019

DATE OF DECISION: May 18, 2020

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Gloriann Moroney, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Karen McCarthy, Colette Santa

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 not a suitable candidate for parole. Parole is denied with a review scheduled in three years from the date of the hearing.¹

I.STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On May 23, 1995, in Hampden Superior Court, Raborn Allah, formerly known as David Warrick, pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of George Greer and was sentenced to serve life in prison with the possibility of parole. That same day, a charge of accessory after was nolle prossed. Mr. Allah pleaded guilty to second-degree murder as a joint venturer.

On March 5, 1994, 18-year-old Raborn Allah, formerly known as David Warrick, was involved in the murder of 22-year-old George Greer in Springfield. It was reported that a car containing three individuals pulled onto Greene Street in Springfield, shortly before 2:00 a.m.

¹ Five Board Members voted to deny parole with a three year review. Two Board Members voted to deny parole with a two year review.

Mr. Allah and his co-defendants followed Mr. Greer (who had been driving in that area) at a high rate of speed. Once stopped, Mr. Allah's co-defendant, Orlando Loman, got out of the car and shot Mr. Greer multiple times. Mr. Allah was armed with a gun at the scene, but did not fire his weapon. Mr. Greer died of multiple gunshot wounds. Soon after, Mr. Allah was arrested.

II. PAROLE HEARING ON OCTOBER 1, 2019

Raborn Allah, now 44-years-old, appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on October 1, 2019. He was not represented by counsel. Mr. Allah was first paroled after his initial hearing in 2009. His parole was revoked, however, on April 25, 2011, after he associated with his co-defendant. Following his review hearing on December 6, 2011, Mr. Allah was released on parole a second time. He was returned to custody on January 30, 2013, after his estranged wife alleged to police that he committed assault and battery. A criminal complaint did not issue. After his review hearing on August 27, 2013, he was paroled a third time. Mr. Allah was returned to custody on April 25, 2016, and his parole was again revoked for associating with persons with criminal records. He was denied parole after his 2017 review hearing.

In his opening statement to the Board, Mr. Allah said that taking a life is something that cannot be replaced, acknowledging the many lives that have been affected by his actions. The Board questioned him as to Mr. Greer's involvement in the murder of his (Mr. Allah's) father. Mr. Allah responded that he now understands that Mr. Greer was present, but was not involved in the killing of his father. Mr. Allah added, however, that he did not know that at the time. When Board Members questioned him as to whether he was involved in any illicit activities on parole, Mr. Allah responded no and claimed that he had been working. Regarding a motor vehicle traffic stop in Springfield, Mr. Allah denied operating a vehicle that was stopped by police. He acknowledged, however, that the car was registered to him. As well, he denied engaging in the business of selling counterfeit merchandise. Mr. Allah also denied that the drugs found in his home were his. Rather, he claims to have been set up by a woman who placed the drugs in his home.

When questioned as to why he believes that he is now before the Board, Mr. Allah responded that there are "other factors that come into play," and that he was "setup." Mr. Allah denied "hanging around individuals who are engaged in criminal activity" because he was "not tolerant of that." When Board Members asked whether he blamed his parole officer for his return to custody, Mr. Allah responded no, but stated, "I don't think that I received the assistance that I could have received during the four month period that I was on parole." The Board questioned Mr. Allah as to whether he takes responsibility for any of the incidents that brought him back to custody. He responded, "Absolutely." He explained that he shouldn't have been involved in a certain female relationship because it was against his spiritual principles. Mr. Allah also mentioned that he needs to be wiser about his associations and Facebook. He indicated however, that he will not take responsibility for the drugs and the traffic stop incidents, claiming that he was not involved.

The Board noted that Mr. Allah has been paroled three times. Mr. Allah acknowledged that his time on parole could have been better spent, especially where it involved his decisions regarding "females." He also acknowledged that his longest period of parole supervision was 21 months. Board Members expressed concern that Mr. Allah was being manipulative in his explanations to the Board. Mr. Allah acknowledged his belief that his parole officer and another woman conspired to set him up, resulting in the drug incident at his apartment. Additionally,

when the Board questioned him as to a false statement involving this murder in the past, Mr. Allah admitted that he had someone else write out the statement, so that he would not be associated with it. Mr. Allah claimed that such an act occurred at a time when ignorance was his mind set. As to Mr. Allah's programming efforts, the Board noted his enrollment in the Criminal Thinking program. Mr. Allah acknowledged to the Board that he accepts his second-degree life sentence. He spoke about his future plans; specifically, his interest in the ministry, attending school, residing in Worcester, and obtaining employment.

The Board considered testimony in support of parole from Mr. Allah's friends and mother. Hampden County Assistant District Attorney Howard Safford testified in opposition to parole.

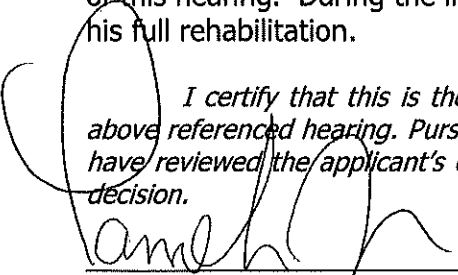
III. DECISION

The Board is of the opinion that Raborn Allah has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. It is the opinion of the Board that he accepts limited responsibility for squandering three prior paroles. He continues to engage in deceptive behavior. He has not demonstrated that, if paroled, he would adhere by conditions of parole and be honest and forthright with the Massachusetts Parole Board.

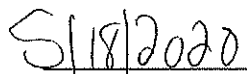
The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the 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. Allah'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. Allah's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Allah's case, the Board is of the opinion that Raborn Allah is not yet rehabilitated and, therefore, does not merit parole at this time.

Mr. Allah's next appearance before the Board will take place in three years from the date of this hearing. During the interim, the Board encourages Mr. Allah to continue working towards his full rehabilitation.

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.



Pamela Murphy, General Counsel



Date