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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

RASHAN DABREO  
W51672

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** March 25, 2021

**DATE OF DECISION:** August 2, 2021

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS:** Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Colette Santa<sup>1</sup>

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On December 18, 1991, in Suffolk Superior Court, 16-year-old Rashan Dabreo pleaded guilty to second degree murder of 19-year-old Charles King. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On the same date, Mr. Dabreo received a 10-to-15-year concurrent sentence for unlawful possession of a sawed-off shotgun.

Mr. Dabreo appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on March 25, 2021 and was represented by Attorney Courtney Kenyon. This was Mr. Dabreo's first appearance before the Board since his final revocation hearing in 2020. Mr. Dabreo was previously released on parole in 2007 but was revoked due to parole violations. The entire video recording of Mr. Dabreo's March 25, 2021, hearing is fully incorporated by reference to the Board's decision.

**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 by a unanimous decision that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to an approved home plan. Mr. Dabreo has been reincarcerated for 14 months. He has reinvested in treatment [and] was in the community for 13 years without incident prior to his return to custody. He [also] has a good reentry plan and support network for his needs.

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

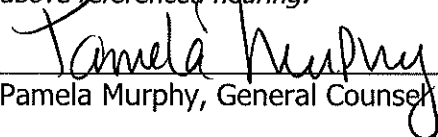
<sup>1</sup> Chair Moroney recused.

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 the context of an offender convicted of first or second-degree murder, who was a juvenile at the time of the offense was committed, the Board takes into consideration the attributes of youth that distinguish juvenile homicide offenders from similarly situated adult offenders. Consideration of these factors ensures that the parole candidate, who was a juvenile at the time they committed the murder, has "A real chance to demonstrate maturity and rehabilitation." *Diatchenko v. District Attorney for the Suffolk District*, 471 Mass. 12, 30 (2015); See also *Commonwealth v. Okoro*, 471 Mass. 51 (2015). The factors considered by the Board include the offender's "lack of maturity and an underdeveloped sense of responsibility, leading to recklessness, impulsivity, and heedless risk-taking; vulnerability to negative influences and outside pressure, including from their family and peers; limited control over their own environment; lack of the ability to extricate themselves from horrific, crime-producing settings; and unique capacity to change as they grow older." *Id.*

The Board considered Mr. Dabreo's institutional behavior, as well as his participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of incarceration. The Board also considered a risk and needs assessment, and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize Mr. Dabreo's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Dabreo's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Dabreo is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

**Special Conditions:** Reserve to an approved home plan; Waive work for two weeks; must be at home between 10 p.m and 6 a.m.; ELMO-electronic monitoring at P.O. discretion; 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 evaluation, follow recommendations; Must have counseling for relationship and mood disorder; AA/NA at least 3 times/week.

I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above referenced hearing.

  
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Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

8/21/2021  
Date