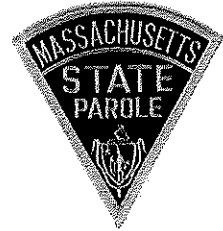


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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

RYAN CONWAY

W81817

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Initial Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** March 17, 2022

**DATE OF DECISION:** July 6, 2022

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

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On April 28, 2003, in Suffolk Superior Court, Mr. Conway pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Joel Turner. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On the same date, Mr. Conway pleaded guilty to four counts of home invasion, six counts of armed assault in a dwelling, and one count of armed and masked robbery. On all but two of the home invasion convictions, he received sentences of ten to ten-years and a day to run concurrent with the life sentence. On the remaining two home invasion convictions, he was sentenced to ten to twelve years in prison, to run from and after two of the ten year-sentences but concurrent with the life sentence.

Mr. Conway appeared before the Parole Board for an initial hearing on March 17, 2022. He was represented by Attorney John Rull. This was Mr. Conway's first appearance before the Board. The entire video recording of Mr. Conway's March 17, 2022, 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 vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.

Reserve an approved home plan but not before nine months in lower security. On January 31, 2001, Mr. Conway participated in the stabbing death of Joel Turner. He was charged with

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

murder as a joint venturer and was on bail for 14 months without incident. He has completed several programs to include the Correctional Recovery Academy, Alternatives to Violence, Restorative Justice, and other meaningful programs to further address his rehabilitation. He is engaged in the National Education for Assistance Dog Services program and is employed in the recreational department. The victim's mother presented testimony that Mr. Conway apologized to her. He has strong community support that will benefit him in his transition.

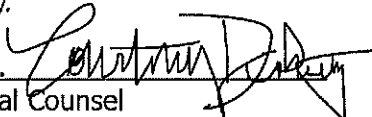
The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society."

In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Conway'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. Conway's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Conway's case, the Board is of the opinion that Mr. Conway is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

**Special Conditions:** Reserve to an approved home plan; Waive work – two weeks; Curfew must be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; ELMO-electronic monitoring; 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 or association with co-defendants; No contact with victim(s) family; Must have substance abuse evaluation – adhere to plan; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition.

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

/s/ Pamela Murphy p.p.  
Pamela Murphy, General Counsel



7/6/22  
Date