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DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

SALAHUDDIN ALI

W66932

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **November 16, 2021**

DATE OF DECISION: **March 14, 2022**

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On August 17, 1994, in Barnstable Superior Court, Salahuddin Ali was found guilty by a jury of armed robbery while masked and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. The life sentence was ordered to be served from and after the balance of his 5 to 25-year sentence received for a bank robbery in 1983.

On September 25, 1993, Salahuddin Ali (age 35) and two co-defendants robbed a bank in Cotuit, while armed and masked. Mr. Ali was on parole supervision at the time of this offense. At approximately 10:30 a.m., a dirt bike bearing two riders approached the Plymouth Savings Bank. The driver, Anthony Rose, was dressed in black and wore a full-faced red motorcycle helmet. The passenger, Mr. Ali (also dressed in black), dismounted, rolled down a black ski mask, pulled out what appeared to be a gun, and entered the bank. Mr. Rose circled the dirt bike behind the bank.

Inside the bank, Mr. Ali brandished the "gun" (actually a lighter, but witnesses had described it as a weapon), ordered everyone to the floor, vaulted the counter, and told the bank's manager to empty the cash drawers into a bag. He then ordered the manager to the floor and went into her office, where he broke a window. Mr. Ali tossed the bag full of money through the broken window in order to avoid a dye-detection device that may have been operating at the front door. He left the bank through the front door, recovered the bag of money, and escaped on the dirt bike with Mr. Rose. The thieves got away with approximately

\$5,900. They later met with their third accomplice, Myles Miranda, who helped orchestrate the bank robbery, in order to split the proceeds.

Salahuddin Ali, now 63-years-old, appeared before the Parole Board on November 16, 2021, for a review hearing. He was represented by Attorney Eva Jellison. Mr. Ali was denied parole after his initial hearing in 2014 and review hearing in 2020. The entire video recording of Mr. Ali's November 16, 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 unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Parole is granted to a long-term residential treatment program or Community Resources for Justice, but not before successful completion of six months in lower security.

On September 25, 1993, Salahuddin Ali along with his two co-defendants robbed a bank while being armed and masked. Mr. Ali has been incarcerated for nearly 28 years. At the time of the hearing, the Board granted him a reconsideration based on continued investment in rehabilitation. He has been sober since 1998 and completed multiple programs to include Relapse Prevention and Violence Reduction. The Board considered the expert opinion and evaluation of Dr. DiCataldo in which he indicated Mr. Ali is low risk to reoffend as long as he maintains his sobriety and has a positive support network. Based on the years of incarceration, the Board is of the opinion that six months in lower security and transition to a residential treatment program will assist him with his successful reentry.

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. Ali'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. Ali's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Ali's case, the Board is of the opinion that Salahuddin Ali is rehabilitated and merits parole after successful completion of six months in lower security.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: After successful completion of six months in lower security, reserve to long term residential treatment program or Community Resources for Justice –must complete; Waive work for LTRP or two weeks; 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 with co-defendants; No contact with victim's family; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition; AA/NA at least three times per week.

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

3/14/2022
Date