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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**SAMUEL QUINONES**

**W69812**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** November 22, 2022

**DATE OF DECISION:** January 18, 2023

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS:** Tina Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Dr. Maryanne Galvin, James Kelcourse, Colette Santa

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On August 7, 2001, in Worcester County Superior Court, Samuel Quinones pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of his wife, 34-year-old Maria Perez. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, Mr. Quinones also pleaded guilty to the violation of a restraining order that Ms. Perez had obtained against him, for which he received a concurrent term of 2 and 1/2 years in a House of Correction.

Mr. Quinones appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on November 22, 2022. He was represented by student attorneys from Northeastern University School of Law. Mr. Quinones was denied parole at his 2015 initial hearing and 2020 review hearing. The entire video recording of Mr. Quinones' November 22, 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 unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.

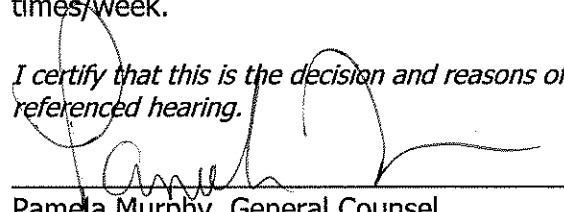
Reserve to LTRP after nine months in lower security. On April 27, 2000, 39-year-old Mr. Quinones murdered his wife, 34-year-old Maria Perez. He accepts responsibility for the murder. He has had a positive institutional adjustment. He has completed significant rehabilitative programming, to include Jericho Circle, Violence Reduction, Restorative Justice, and Alternatives

to Violence. He has committed to counseling and has demonstrated insight into the domestic violence aspects of his crime. The Board notes he completed an ACCI domestic violence course. He presented a thoughtful parole plan and will benefit from the structure of an LTRP.

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. Quinones' 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. Quinones' risk of recidivism. Applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Quinones' case, the Board is of the opinion that Samuel Quinones is rehabilitated and, therefore, merits parole at this time.

**Special Conditions:** Reserve to LTRP; Waive work for program; Curfew – Must be at home between 10pm and 6am; 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 victim's family; Must have mental health evaluation and follow recommendations; 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.*

  
Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

1/18/23  
Date