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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**TERRANCE WADE**  
**W52728**

**TYPE OF HEARING:**            **Review Hearing**

**DATE OF HEARING:**        **November 5, 2019**

**DATE OF DECISION:**       **March 24, 2020**

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

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On June 12, 1992, in Suffolk Superior Court, Terrance Wade pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of Kimberly Rae Harbour. That same day, he also pleaded guilty to aggravated rape and armed robbery. Mr. Wade was sentenced to three concurrent terms of life imprisonment with the possibility of parole.

Mr. Wade appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on November 5, 2019 and was represented by Attorney Amy Belger. This was Mr. Wade's fourth appearance before the Board, having been denied parole in 2005, 2010 and 2017. The entire video recording of Mr. Wade's November 5, 2019 hearing is fully incorporated by reference to the Board's decision.

**DECISION OF THE BOARD:** Upon DA (District Attorney) clearance, reserve to CRJ-TH (Transitional Housing). Mr. Wade has been incarcerated for his participation in the brutal beating, rape and murder of Kimberly Harbour for [approximately] 30 years. It is of the opinion of the Board that he has demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. He has gained insight into his behaviors through his involvement in treatment and programming.<sup>1</sup>

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.

<sup>1</sup> One board member voted to deny parole with a review in two years from the date of the hearing and five board members voted to reserve to CRJ-TH after District Attorney clearance.

300.04. In the context of an offender convicted of first or second degree murder, who was a juvenile at the time 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 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 pressures, 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.*

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

**Special Conditions:** Reserve to CRJ-TH, but not before District Attorney Clearance; Waive work for TTP or 2 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 victim's family; Must have substance abuse evaluation and adhere to plan; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition; Adhere to Sex A conditions.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The above decision is an abbreviated administrative decision issued in an effort to render an expedited resolution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Wade, through counsel, has waived his right to a full administrative decision.

*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

  
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