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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

TREAS CARTER

W47624

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: April 13, 2023

DATE OF DECISION: June 8, 2023

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On December 20, 1989, in Suffolk Superior Court, Treas Carter pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of Willie Roy Evans and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, he pleaded guilty to armed assault with intent to murder and kidnapping and received concurrent sentences of 10 to 15 years in state prison.

Mr. Carter appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on April 13, 2023. He was represented by student attorneys from Harvard University Law School. Mr. Carter was denied parole after his initial hearing in 2004 and after his review hearings in 2009, 2014, and 2019. The entire video recording of Mr. Carter's April 13, 2023, 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.


The Board is of the opinion that Treas Carter has demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. Reserve to Interstate Compact New York after nine months in lower security. On December 16, 1988, Mr. Carter murdered Willie Roy Evans in Boston. Mr. Carter had a challenging institutional adjustment throughout his incarceration, but his disciplinary history has improved significantly in recent

years. He currently works in the kitchen and obtained his GED in 2004. He has pursued vocational training and obtained his welder and law clerk certificates. The Board notes he demonstrated insight into his underlying offense and expressed remorse. Mr. Carter has a strong support network. Mr. Carter requested a longer stepdown through lower security to aid in his gradual transition into society.

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. Carter'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. Carter's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Carter's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Treas Carter is rehabilitated and, therefore, merits parole at this time.

Special Conditions: Reserve to Interstate Compact New York after nine months in lower security; Waive work for two weeks; 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 or association with STG associates; No contact with victim's family; Counseling for adjustment/transition.

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.



Tina M. Hurley, Chair

6/8/23

Date