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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

VERONICA RAYMOND  
(FKA ABDUL MATEEN; FKA WAYNE RAYMOND)<sup>1</sup>  
F82099

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** March 11, 2025

**DATE OF DECISION:** July 9, 2025

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS:** Edith J. Alexander, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sarah B. Coughlin, Tina M. Hurley, James Kelcourse, Rafael Ortiz

**VOTE:** Parole is denied with a review in 4 years from the date of the hearing.

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On July 18, 1977, Wayne Raymond (now known as Veronica Raymond) was convicted of rape of a child with use of force and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, Ms. Raymond received the following sentences: a 10 to 12 year concurrent sentence for armed robbery; a 10 to 12 year concurrent sentence for armed assault in a dwelling; an 8 to 10 year concurrent sentence for kidnapping; an 8 to 10 year from and after sentence for kidnapping; and an 8 to 10 year sentence for assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, ordered to run concurrent with the from and after sentence. Ms. Raymond's crimes involved two separate victims, on two separate occasions, occurring 11 days apart. Parole was denied after an initial hearing in 1990,<sup>2</sup> and after

<sup>1</sup> Wayne Raymond legally changed his name to Abdul Matten in 1999 and again to Veronica Julianne Raymond in 2014. Ms. Raymond's preferred pronouns are she/her/hers.

<sup>2</sup> Ms. Raymond's parole eligibility has been recalculated several times. Initially, the effective date of the sentence was May 18, 1975, prior to the date of offense. The correct effective date of his sentence is June 17, 1976, creating a parole eligibility date of June 16, 1991. As a result of the *Cantell* decision, the parole eligibility date should have been aggregated and recalculated to June 16, 1997. As a result of the *Dinkins* decision in 2021, the parole eligibility was recalculated to October 16, 1996. Ms. Raymond was provided a letter with this information dated May 21, 2021

review hearings in 1993, 2005, 2015, and 2020. Ms. Raymond postponed her hearings in 1996, 1999, 2002, and 2010.

On March 11, 2025, Veronica Raymond appeared before the Board for a review hearing. She was represented by student attorneys Ireen Ha and Supriya Mishra from Harvard PLAP under the supervision of Attorney Joel Thompson. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Veronica Raymond's March 11, 2025, hearing.

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE: Victim One<sup>3</sup>**

On June 5, 1976, Plymouth police officers responded to a phone call from 28-year-old Wayne Raymond, who was standing with a nine-year-old boy (Victim One). Victim One had a serious laceration to his right arm. Ms. Raymond claimed to have been walking down the street when the boy ran to him, stating he had been stabbed. Victim One told police that he had been playing behind his house, when he was grabbed by a man with a large knife. He said that he was taken down to the railroad tracks and stabbed. At the time, Victim One described someone other than Ms. Raymond as his assailant. Ten days later, on June 15, 1976, after two operations and recovery time, Victim One identified Ms. Raymond as his assailant. He said that he initially failed to tell police the truth because Ms. Raymond threatened to kill him, his parents, and his brothers and sisters, if he did. No other charges were brought against Ms. Raymond, as Victim One would not disclose what Raymond had done besides abducting and stabbing him.

Victim Two

On June 16, 1976, a 13-year-old boy (Victim Two) was kidnapped at knife point and sexually assaulted in Plymouth. Victim Two was home alone after school, when Ms. Raymond appeared at the door, claiming he had car trouble. After Victim Two let him in, Ms. Raymond immediately brandished a knife and demanded that Victim Two "get the money." Victim Two brought Ms. Raymond to his parent's room and gave him 10 dollars. Ms. Raymond then tied up Victim Two, but cut him loose when the victim's younger brothers returned home from school. Ms. Raymond ordered Victim Two to tell them he was a friend, and that Victim Two had agreed to help fix his car, which had broken down. Ms. Raymond then walked Victim Two down the street to a nearby golf course, where he ordered Victim Two to undress. Ms. Raymond forced fellatio on him and then proceeded to sodomize him. Ms. Raymond threatened Victim Two with a knife, informing him that he could not tell anyone what happened. Victim Two, however, went home and told his mother what Ms. Raymond did. She was arrested the following day for both assaults.

These were not Ms. Raymond's first sex offenses. In 1970, Ms. Raymond was civilly committed to the Massachusetts Treatment Center, in lieu of a sentence, for an assault to rape a minor child charge. Ms. Raymond was committed for five years and then released by the court pursuant to M.G.L. c. 123A, s. 9.<sup>4</sup> Ms. Raymond was out of custody for only nine months before re-offending with the crimes against Victims One and Two. After conviction, Ms.

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<sup>3</sup> The name of the victims has been withheld pursuant to G.L. c. 265, s. 24C.

<sup>4</sup> Under this law, any person committed to the Treatment Center shall be entitled to file a petition for examination and discharge at least once in every twelve months.

Raymond was screened for protective custody due to the nature of his offenses. In 1979, Ms. Raymond was found to be a sexually dangerous person (SDP) and was committed to the Massachusetts Treatment Center (MTC) at Bridgewater. Ms. Raymond remained at the MTC for 24 years, where he sporadically participated in mental health treatment and other programming. In 2003, Ms. Raymond was found by the courts to no longer be SDP and was transferred to MCI-Norfolk. Ms. Raymond stayed at MCI-Norfolk for several years and participated in the Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP). In 2005, Ms. Raymond was transferred back to MTC to continue core treatment. After one year at MTC, Ms. Raymond self-terminated from SOTP and requested a transfer back to MCI-Norfolk. In 2007, Ms. Raymond was transferred back to MCI-Norfolk and re-enrolled in SOTP pre-treatment. Ms. Raymond began working on her Gender Identity Disorder (GID). In 2014, Ms. Raymond changed her name to Veronica Raymond and moved into a unit that housed other inmates with GID.

**APPLICABLE STANDARD:** Parole “[p]ermits shall be granted only if the Board is of the opinion, after consideration of a risk and needs assessment, that there is a reasonable probability that, if the prisoner is released with appropriate conditions and community supervision, the prisoner will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society.” M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. In making this determination, the Board takes into consideration an inmate’s institutional behavior, their participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of incarceration, and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize the inmate’s risk of recidivism. M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. The Board also considers all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offense, the age of the inmate at the time of the offense, the criminal record, the institutional record, the inmate’s testimony at the hearing, and the views of the public as expressed at the hearing and/or in written submissions to the Board. (if applicable).

**DECISION OF THE BOARD:** This is Ms. Raymond’s 6<sup>th</sup> appearance before the Board. She is now 76-years-old. Ms. Raymond has had prior commitments as a sexually dangerous person. She admits to multiple rapes. Ms. Raymond’s program history is minimal, although she has completed SOTP. The Board has concerns that Ms. Raymond has not fully invested in her rehabilitation efforts. The Board notes Ms. Raymond’s multiple violent crimes and her own admissions that she has only been honest since 2018, and has only recently begun admitting to her earlier sexually abusive behaviors. The Board considered testimony in opposition to parole from Plymouth County ADA Arne Hanston. The Board concludes by unanimous decision that Veronica Raymond has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make her release compatible with the welfare of society.

*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.*

  
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Tonomey A. Coleman, Acting Chair

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Date

7/9/25