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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**WILLIAM MURPHY  
W84163**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** June 29, 2021

**DATE OF DECISION:** December 9, 2021

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

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On September 9, 2004, in Springfield Superior Court, Mr. Murphy pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of Amy Levesque and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

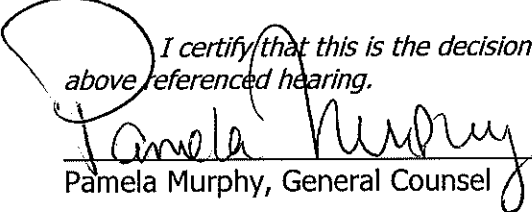
Mr. Murphy appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on June 29, 2021 and was represented by Boston College Law students Julia Varoutsos and Alexander Turchetta. This was Mr. Murphy's second appearance before the Board having been denied parole after his 2018 hearing. The entire video recording of Mr. Murphy's June 29, 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 a unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole. Reserve to Long Term Residential Program (LTRP) or sober housing after 12 months in lower security. Mr. Murphy has been incarcerated for 18 years for the murder of Amy Levesque. He has had an overall positive adjustment during which time he has maintained his sobriety. During this incarceration he has completed programming to address his causative factors including addiction and domestic violence. He has completed the Victim Offender Education Group and has a greater understanding of the impact on victims, their families, and the community. He appears to have a solid support network and has accepted full responsibility for his crime.

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." In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Murphy'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. Murphy's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Murphy's case, the Board is of the opinion that Mr. Murphy is rehabilitated and merits parole after 12 months in lower security, and subject to special conditions.

**Special Conditions:** Reserve to Long Term Residential Program (LTRP) or sober housing after 12 months in lower security (must complete); Waive work for two weeks or program; 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; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment/transition and healthy relations; AA/NA at least 3 times/week; Mandatory – obtain a sponsor; Mandatory – complete a certified Batterer's program.

*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

12/9/2021  
Date