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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

WILLIAM NADWORNYY
W40533

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **July 27, 2023**

DATE OF DECISION: **November 30, 2023**

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Tina M. Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, James Kelcourse

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On June 12, 1984, following a jury trial in Essex Superior Court, William Nadwornyy was convicted of second-degree murder in the death of 17-year-old Lisa Belmonte. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

In 1981, Lisa Belmonte was a high school student, residing with her family in Lynn. She had been acquainted with members of the Nadwornyy family, including William Nadwornyy, for some time prior to her death. Ms. Belmonte and Mr. Nadwornyy became romantically involved in the summer of 1981, when she was 16 and he was 24. Mr. Nadwornyy allowed Ms. Belmonte to stay at his residence periodically throughout their relationship. In the fall of 1981, Ms. Belmonte ran away from home and was found hiding in a storage bin in Mr. Nadwornyy's basement.

In January 1982, Ms. Belmonte began to reconsider her relationship with Mr. Nadwornyy. A friend of Ms. Belmonte reported that Mr. Nadwornyy had spoken to her about his relationship with Ms. Belmonte, indicating that he would be devastated if it ended. When Mr. Nadwornyy and Ms. Belmonte exchanged letters in March 1982, Ms. Belmonte indicated that she intended to end their relationship. She visited Mr. Nadwornyy's residence on March 18, 1982, after expressing to a counselor that she intended to end the relationship. She did not return home that evening and was never again seen alive. On that same day, Mr. Nadwornyy's friend/coworker reached out to him at approximately 7:00 p.m., inquiring as to whether he could spend the night at his residence. Mr. Nadwornyy informed him that Ms. Belmonte was present at his residence and asked him to come over later that evening at around 9:00 p.m. When the friend/coworker arrived, he did not

receive an answer at the door, despite observing a light on in the apartment and Mr. Nadworny's car parked outside.

On July 20, 1982, police located Ms. Belmonte's badly decomposed body in the trunk of a vehicle registered to Mr. Nadworny. The body was wrapped in a bag and bound with electrical cord. Mr. Nadworny spoke with police and admitted placing Ms. Belmonte's body in a canvas bag and storing it in a storage bin in the basement of his apartment. He also admitted that he moved the body to the trunk of his vehicle and parked it at a work site. Mr. Nadworny maintains that he found Ms. Belmonte's deceased body in his apartment in early April 1982, and admits that he did not contact police.

PAROLE HEARING: William Nadworny appeared before the Board for a review hearing on July 27, 2023. He was represented by two student attorneys from Northeastern University Law School under the supervision of Attorney Patricia Garin. Mr. Nadworny was denied parole after his initial hearing in 2000, and after review hearings in 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2021. The entire video recording of Mr. Nadworny's July 27, 2023 hearing is fully incorporated by reference into the Board's decision.

DECISION OF THE BOARD: 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.

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 that the inmate is not a suitable candidate for parole.¹ Parole is denied with a review scheduled in one year from the date of the hearing.

In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Nadworny'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. Nadworny's risk of recidivism. After applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Nadworny's case, the Board is of the opinion that Mr. Nadworny is not yet rehabilitated and, therefore, does not merit parole at this time.

The Board is of the opinion that Mr. Nadworny has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. Mr. Nadworny appeared before the Board represented by student attorneys Danielle Wyman and Nicholas Hill of Northeastern University Law Clinic. Subject is 66-years-old and has been incarcerated for approximately 38 years.

¹ Two Board Members voted to grant parole, and two Board Members voted to deny parole. Due to a split vote, parole is denied with a review in one year from the date of the hearing.

Board Member 1: Concur with Board Member 2.


Board Member 2: Parole Reserve after 9 months in minimum security to LTRP. Subject's LS/CMI is low. He continued to pursue recommendations by the Board, including domestic violence programming, and enrolled in victim awareness program. Subject has support system, re-entry plan to meet his needs, and occupational skills. This Board Member's vote is based on low risk and continued compliance with recommendations. This Board Member, however, does not accept subject's version of offense.

Board Member 3: Deny, 2-year review. Did not present as honest and forthright in addressing governing offense and surrounding circumstances. This Board Member is concerned that subject may suffer from some type of personality disorder, based upon presentation at hearing, and would like to see an updated psychological evaluation.

Board Member 4: Deny, 2-year review. Subject introduced new information at the hearing in regards to a physical assault he endured at the hands of Ms. Belmonte's father. This is subject's sixth appearance before the Board. Subject's introduction of this allegation more than 40 years later is concerning. Recommend that he attend counseling to address reason for withholding this until now.

Mr. Nadworny's next appearance before the Board will take place in one year from the date of this hearing. During the interim, the Board encourages Mr. Nadworny to continue working toward his full rehabilitation.

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

11/30/2023

Date