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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

WILLIE ROBINSON
W38085

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: January 6, 2022

DATE OF DECISION: July 19, 2022

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On February 27, 1981, after a jury trial in Hampden Superior Court, Willie Robinson was convicted of second-degree murder in the death of 5-year-old Anthony Lombardi and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On the same date, he was convicted of five counts of assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to five concurrent terms of eight to ten years on each.

Mr. Robinson appeared before the Parole Board for a review hearing on January 6, 2022. He was represented by Attorney Laurence Cohen. This was Mr. Robinson's sixth appearance before the Board having been denied in 1995, 1998, 2003, 2008, and 2013. He postponed his 2018 hearing. The entire video recording of Mr. Robinson's January 6, 2022, 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 secure residential facility that will address his medical and mental health needs. This may include placement through the DMH. Mr. Robinson is 83 years old. He has been incarcerated for approximately 42 years. He currently resides in the RTU where he remains compliant with treatment and programming and his case plan to include his medication

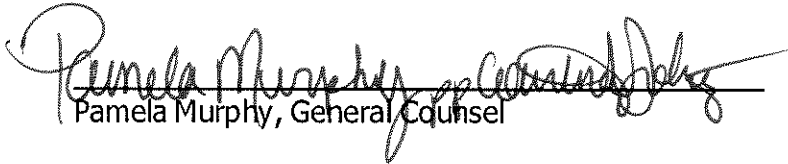
regimen. He has resided in the RTU for over 31 years. He indicates he understands the importance of complying with his medication.

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. Robinson'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. Robinson's risk of recidivism. After applying this appropriately high standard to the circumstances of Mr. Robinson's case, the Board is of the opinion that Mr. Robinson is rehabilitated and merits parole at this time.

Special Conditions: Reserve to secure residential facility to include DMH; Waive work for health/age; Curfew must be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; ELMO-electronic monitoring at PO's discretion; Must take prescribed medication; 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; Mandatory – sign consent to release medical and mental health records and adhere to the recommendations of all service providers.

I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above referenced hearing.


Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

7/19/22
Date