

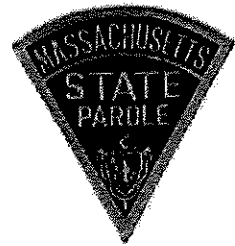
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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

**MATTHEW WORSTER
W106864**

TYPE OF HEARING: Initial Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: April 2, 2026

DATE OF DECISION: October 19, 2026

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Edith J. Alexander, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Sarah B. Coughlin, Angelo Gomez Jr., James Kelcourse, Rafael Ortiz¹

VOTE: Parole is denied with a review in 2 years from the date of the hearing.²

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On August 14, 2015, in Bristol County Superior Court, Matthew Worster pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree for the death of Beth Spartichino, unlawful possession of a firearm, and unlawful possession of ammunition. On August 21, 2015, he was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole for murder and concurrent terms of 2 years for each of the firearm offenses.

On April 2, 2026, Mr. Worster appeared before the Board for an initial hearing. He was represented by Attorney Kelly Auer. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Mr. Mr. Worster's April 2, 2026, hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On May 4, 2011, 17-year-old Matthew Worster murdered his mother, Beth Spartichino, at their home in Easton by shooting her. That morning, Mr. Worster called his father with his mother's phone and left a voicemail stating, "I did what I had to do but know that I will be alright." Mr.

¹ Board Member Alexander was not present for the hearing but reviewed the video recording of the hearing and the entirety of the file prior to vote.

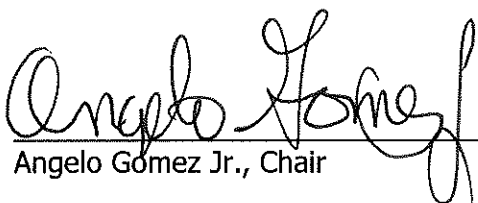
² Two Board Members voted to deny parole with a 5-year review.

Worster's father called the police in the late afternoon and told them that his son may have done something to his ex-wife. Police spoke with Mr. Worster's younger brother, who told them that Mr. Worster had admitted to shooting their mother. Police responded to the house and found a large patch of disturbed earth in the backyard of the home. The next day, police unearthed Ms. Spartichino's body.

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.

DECISION OF THE BOARD: Mr. Worster had an initial hearing before the Board. The Board reviewed the facts and circumstances of the underlying crime. The Board also reviewed Dr. Guidry's evaluation. The Board considered Mr. Worster's age at the time of offense. The Board reviewed the facts and circumstances of the underlying crime in light of the Diatchenko factors. He only recently started processing the full extent of his trauma history. He would benefit from further rehabilitation and insight into his trauma history. Mr. Worster engaged in programming and educational programming and has been disciplinary report free since 2017. The Board encourages Mr. Worster to continue his rehabilitation efforts. The Board considered testimony in support of parole from two of Mr. Worster's family members, as well as a friend. The Board considered testimony in opposition to parole from three of Ms. Spartichino's family members. The Board also considered testimony in opposition to parole from Bristol County Assistant District Attorney Jason Mohan. The Board concludes that Matthew Worster has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his 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.


Angelo Gomez Jr., Chair

October 19, 2026
Date