



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**INDETERMINATE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD**  
P.O. BOX 40907, OLYMPIA, WA 98504-0907

**DECISION AND REASONS**

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NAME:	MORGAN, Randall
NUMBER:	628635
INSTITUTION:	Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC)
TYPE OF HEARING:	.100 Hearing
DATE:	April 11, 2017
PANEL MEMBERS:	JP & KR
FINAL DECISION DATE:	April 21, 2017

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This matter came before Jeff Patnode and Kecia Rongen who are members of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB) on the above date for a release hearing in accordance with the provisions of RCW 9.95.100. Mr. Morgan appeared in person and was represented by attorney Don Miller. Additional testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Melody Troy.

**BOARD DECISION:**

This was a Deferred Decision. Based on the requirements of RCW 9.95.009(3) and RCW 9.95.100 and the totality of evidence and information considered by the Board, the Board finds that Mr. Morgan is not parolable and adds 60 months to his minimum term.

**NEXT ACTION:**

Schedule a .100 hearing 120 days prior to his next PERD.

**JURISDICTION:**

Randall Morgan is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a March 16, 1978 conviction in King

County Cause #83633 for Murder in the First Degree while armed with a Deadly Weapon. The time start is March 16, 1978. The minimum term was set at 315 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 235 to 315 months. The maximum term is Life. Mr. Morgan has served approximately 39 years, 1 month, and 5 days in prison, and 143 days of jail time.

**NATURE OF INDEX OFFENSE(S):**

File materials describe the underlying conviction as Mr. Morgan along with a co-defendant, smothering and then stabbing the victim fifteen times. The victim was an individual from a local bar who was the apparent target of a robbery. After being stabbed nine times and having \$6.00 taken, the victim was stabbed an additional six times through the heart. Mr. Morgan later confessed to a priest that he was a witness to the homicide. Reports indicate that Mr. Morgan had written a letter that expressed remorse for having taken a life. When questioned by the police, Mr. Morgan admitted his participation in the crime.

**PRIOR CRIMINAL CONDUCT:**

Mr. Morgan spent approximately two years at Echo Glen as a juvenile and those records are no longer available. Reports indicate that he could not conform to the rules of different foster homes that he had lived in since age 7.

**HISTORY/COMMENTS:**

Mr. Morgan last hearing with the Board was in October 2014 during which Mr. Morgan requested to have his MRP cancelled due to his medical issues.

On August 7, 2014, the Board was notified that Mr. Morgan was not participating in the CD group, which was part of his MRP. Due to this new information the Board made the administrative decision to schedule Mr. Morgan for a .100 hearing on the next available docket, noting that Mr. Morgan's refusal to program was specifically addressed at the December 10, 2013 hearing with the understanding that his MRP depended on his active participation in programming.

During his prison stay, Mr. Morgan had received approximately 18 serious infractions dating back to 1979. All of Mr. Morgan's infractions have been for failing to comply with various staff directives, except for one infraction for Strong Arming in 2003. In that incident he sexually harassed an educational instruction through remarks in a poem that he placed on her desk. Mr. Morgan received his last infraction on July 27, 2006 when he refused a general population cell assignment.

CC Troy provided testimony regarding programming, behavior and medical considerations for Mr. Morgan. CC Troy stated that Mr. Morgan has not been a management problem and has been consumed with medical considerations since his last hearing. She said his current medical situation has been a barrier to programming and employment. She stated Mr. Morgan is very good about communicating with her regarding the changes in his medical status or other needs he may have.

Mr. Morgan provided a version of his index offense in which he described himself as simply being an observer and that he had no idea his co-defendant had planned on killing the victim. When questioned regarding the letter found in his apartment which indicated he has some responsibility for the killing, he dismissed it as being an attempt to say he was sorry for his involvement though he could not explain how he has any responsibility. He stated he believes his sister in eastern Washington is a community support for him though he has not spoken to her since the mid-1980s. When Mr. Morgan was asked if he has changed his position regarding a MRP, he stated it depends on what the plan would be. The Board attempted to have Mr. Morgan understand that the Board will not find him conditionally parolable to an MRP unless he agrees to participate. He stated he understands though he is not willing to say yes unless he knows what the placement will be.

Mr. Miller encouraged the Board to consider transitioning Mr. Morgan again though he realizes this may be difficult considering the myriad of medical needs and considerations for Mr. Morgan.

**INFORMATION CONSIDERED:**

In preparation for Mr. Morgan's hearing and its decision in this case the Board completed a review of his ISRB file. The Board considered all information contained in those files, including but not limited to: the most recent DOC facility plan; information regarding institutional behavior and programming; any letters of support and/or concerns sent to the Board; the Pre-Sentence Investigation report; and psychological evaluations. The Board also considered the testimony of witnesses.

The original minimum term recommended by both the Judge and the Prosecutor was 20 years.

**REASONS:**

**This was a deferred decision following a full Board discussion using a structured decision-making framework that takes into consideration; the statistical estimate of risk, criminal history, parole/release history, ability to control behavior, responsivity to programming, demonstrated offender change, release planning, discordant information, and other case specific factors. Based on the requirements of RCW 9.95.009 (3) and RCW 9.95.100 the Board finds Mr. Morgan not parolable.**

Mr. Morgan participated in a psychological evaluation on December 13, 2016 with Dr. Deborah Wentworth. Dr. Wentworth notes that Mr. Morgan has had no changes in his mental health status since his last evaluation. She does express a concern that Mr. Morgan may have issues related to his constant concern regarding his medical conditions and concerns with how this corresponds with other mental health issues. She further notes that Mr. Morgan may be ready for lower levels of custody, but has a penchant for isolating.

The Board does not fully understand Mr. Morgan's hesitation to commit to participate in a MRP. The Board attempted to make clear that Mr. Morgan does not get to dictate the conditions of his MRP and that he must put some trust in the DOC in developing a plan that will address his needs.

Mr. Morgan should continue to have his medical conditions addressed and may be seen sooner by the Board if he determines he is ready to participate in a MRP as determined by the Board and the DOC.

JP: ffo

April 11, 2017

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May 8, 2017

CC: Randall Morgan  
Attorney Don Miller  
Institution  
File



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DATE: April 11, 2017

TO: Full Board

FROM: JP & KR (Fawn)

RE: MORGAN, Randall, #628635

Panel recommends: Find Mr. Morgan NOT Releasable and add 60 months to his minimum term.

Next action: Schedule a .100 hearing 120 days prior to PERD.

<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
Jeff Patnode 4-21-2017 Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 4-21-2017 Tana Wood 4-21-2017 Kecia Rongen 4-21-17	