



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

DECISION AND REASONS

NAME: Erickson, Michael
DOC #: 261347
FACILITY: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center
DATE OF HEARING: July 24, 2018
TYPE OF HEARING: .100
PANEL MEMBERS: Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey and Jeff Patnode
FINAL DECISION DATE: August 13, 2018

This matter came before the above named Board Members of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB or the Board) for a .100 hearing in accordance with RCW 9.95.100. In preparation for the hearing, the Board reviewed Mr. Erickson's ISRB file. Mr. Erickson appeared in person and was not represented by an attorney. An attorney had been appointed to Mr. Erickson and had met with him previously, however the attorney failed to show for the scheduled hearing. Mr. Erickson chose to proceed without the attorney. Classification Counselor (CC) Benjamin Boucher provided a summary of programming, behavior and other relevant activities. The original recommendation from the Judge and Prosecutor was Life. No new recommendation has been received.

LAST BOARD DECISION:

At the March 22, 2017 hearing, the Board found Mr. Erickson not parolable and added 24 months to his minimum term. The Board recommended he avail himself of mental health treatment and further reflect on the reasons for his new offense.

CURRENT BOARD 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. Erickson is parolable from Snohomish County Cause 80-1-01103-5 to consecutive Pierce County (OAA) Cause 15-1-03052-5 effective November 2, 2018. The Board understands the Pierce County cause carries a sentence of 36 months.

NEXT ACTION:

The Board will need to be notified at least 60 days prior to his release from consecutive Pierce County cause. This will give us time to impose appropriate conditions of release. Also, the Classification Counselor should submit any recommended conditions to the ISRB 60 days prior to release. A Community Corrections Officer (CCO) must be assigned prior to the OAA release date.

The Board notes that upon release from Pierce County Cause 15-1-03052-5 Mr. Erickson will be on active parole status under Snohomish County Cause 80-1-01103-5, which has a statutory Life maximum. Mr. Erickson will remain under the jurisdiction of the ISRB until he is granted a final discharge from the Board. If any infractions and/or violations occur they should be reported to the ISRB immediately.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

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 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 9.95.100, the Board finds Mr. Erickson parolable for the following reasons:

- **Positive prison behavior**
- **Participation in faith based programming**
- **Commitment to remaining drug free**
- **Has a consecutive sentence to serve**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board would like to see Mr. Erickson complete Substance Abuse Treatment prior to his release, preferably through participation in the Therapeutic Community.

JURISDICTION:

Michael Erickson is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a 1981 conviction of Murder in the Second Degree in Benton County under Cause #78-078. His initial duration of confinement was set by the Board at 264 months. The start time is August 23, 1978. His maximum term is Life. He paroled from this cause on October 28, 1994 and began serving on one count of Assault in the Second Degree, Benton County Cause 78-118, which has since expired.

Michael Erickson is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a 1981 conviction of Assault in the First Degree in Snohomish County under Cause #80-1-01103-5. In addition he was determined to be a Habitual Criminal. The duration of confinement was set at 180 months with a max of Life. He began serving time on this cause in February 27, 1996. He paroled to the community on this cause in 2011, after having served a total of 394 months on all causes. He served three years of parole then received a final discharge in 2014 then had the final rescinded and he was revoked in 2016. Since the revocation he has served 27 months in prison.

OFFENSE DESCRIPTIONS:

MURDER 2: According to file material, on June 3, 1978, Michael Erickson at age 17, was riding in the back seat of a car, with the adult male victim sitting in the middle and another man sitting on the other side of the victim. Two other men were in the front seat. Suddenly the other man in the back seat began stabbing the victim and Michael Erickson helped out by grabbing the victim's arms and hitting him with a "sap". The four individuals then got rid of the body, tossed some of the victim's belongings off a bridge and went and washed up. The two men who were in the front seat then entered a bar and contacted the police to report what had happened. Mr. Erickson later claimed he alone had killed the victim and he alone was convicted of Murder.

ASSAULT 2nd: In August of 1978, while awaiting trial on the above Murder charge, Michael Erickson and another inmate, badly beat a third inmate. As a result he was convicted of Assault in the 2nd Degree.

ASSAULT 1st; HABITUAL CRIMINAL: In June of 1980, while serving a prison sentence for the above two convictions, Michael Erickson and another inmate planned and executed an attack on a Correctional Officer. Mr. Erickson used a large “shank” to stab the officer and inflict two 6 inch deep wounds in the officer’s side and back. As the result of this additional offense he was found to be a habitual criminal which carries with it a maximum life term.

ADDITIONAL RISK RELATED CONDUCT:

ASSAULT 3rd DEGREE: After completing three years of mandatory supervision/parole Mr. Erickson was granted a Final Discharge by the ISRB in June of 2014. In August of 2015, Mr. Erickson confronted three different men and yelled at them and threatened them, while lunging toward them with a pocket knife. No one was injured but Mr. Erickson was arrested and initially charged with three counts of Assault 3. In November of 2015, he pled guilty to one count and though the standard range was 9-12 months for the offense, he received an exceptional sentence of 36 months confinement followed by 18 months of community custody supervision. This time will run consecutive to the ISRB cases.

It should be noted that Michael Erickson has spent the majority of his life within an institutional setting. This began in 1972 when he was hospitalized for intense psychological treatment at the age of 11. He was released in 1974 but was admitted to a different facility in 1976 when he was once again out of control. He released in 1977. As a teenager he began travelling and working as an itinerant farm worker. Eventually he ended up in the Yakima valley where he committed the Murder.

PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:

Classification Counselor Boucher testified Mr. Erickson is doing well. He is working as a Unit Porter and receives good performance reviews. He has incurred no serious infractions or negative behavioral observations. He plans on releasing to the House of Mercy using the DOC housing voucher. He would like to go to a truck driving school upon release. He has not had any visitors during this incarceration.

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TO: Full Board

FROM: Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey (Christine)

RE: ERICKSON, Michael DOC #261347

Panel recommends: Parolable from Snohomish County cause to CS Pierce Cty (OAA) cause effective 11-2-18.

Next action: Board needs to be notified at least 60 days prior to his release from CS OAA cause, giving them time to impose appropriate conditions of release. Also, the CC should submit any recommended conditions to the ISRB 60 days prior to release. A CCO must be assigned prior to the OAA release date.

Agree	Disagree
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 8-13-2018 Jeff Patnode 8-13-2018 Elyse Balmert 8-13-2018 Kecia Rongen 8-13-2018	