



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

DECISION AND REASONS

NAME: WASHINGTON, Porsche
DOC #: 768094
FACILITY: Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW)
TYPE OF HEARING: LTJUVBRD Hearing
HEARING DATE: August 16, 2017
PANEL MEMBERS: Kecia Rongen & Elyse Balmert
FINAL DECISION DATE: August 28, 2017

This matter came before Kecia Rongen and Elyse Balmert, who are members of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB or the Board) on the above date for a release hearing in accordance with the provisions of RCW 9.94A.730. Ms. Washington appeared in person. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Jessica Poston, and Ms. Washington.

BOARD DECISION:

This was a Deferred Decision. Based on the burden of proof set out in RCW 9.94A.730(3) and the totality of evidence and information provided to the Board, the Board does not find by a preponderance of the evidence that Ms. Washington is more likely than not to commit any new criminal law violations if released on conditions. Consequently, the Board finds Ms. Washington releasable in 18 months upon her satisfactory completion of a transition through lower levels of custody that preferably includes a period of time in work release. The Board establishes a release date on or about February 15, 2019. The actual release date is contingent upon the approval of the Offender Release Plan (ORP) and the mandatory Law Enforcement Notification.

NEXT ACTION:

Submit an Offender Release Plan (ORP) four months prior to the release date for review and approval by the Board.

JURISDICTION:

RCW 9.94A.730, enacted in 2014, allows offenders who were under the age of 18 when they committed their crime(s) and were sentenced as adults to petition the Board for consideration of early release after serving no less than 20 years of total confinement. Porsche Washington's petition was accepted, which resulted in her hearing on this date.

Porsche Washington is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a November 14, 1997 conviction in King County Cause #96-1-07233-4 for Rape 1st degree (Count IV). The time start is October 28, 2013. The minimum term was set at 93 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 93 to 120 months. The maximum term is Life. Ms. Washington has served approximately 237 months in prison and 387 days of jail time. For Count IV, she has served approximately 46 months in prison and zero days of jail time. Cause #96-1-07233-4 included Murder in the First Degree (Count I), and Robbery in the First Degree (Counts II and III). These counts were to be served concurrent to each other. Ms. Washington reached the last ERD for Counts I, II, and III on October 28, 2013 and started serving time for the Rape First (Count IV), which is consecutive to the other counts.

NATURE OF INDEX OFFENSE(S):

In regards to Count IV, Rape First, file materials indicate that during the evening of September 30, 1996, Porsche Washington contacted the adult male victim with whom she had previously been involved in a romantic relationship. She asked the victim to meet her at a hotel to have sex with her. Once the victim had disrobed, three of Ms. Washington's co-defendants came out of the bathroom. One was armed with a revolver, removed the victim's jewelry, and searched his coat, finding a .22 caliber handgun. One co-defendant struck the victim in the chest, knocking him to the bed. A second co-defendant struck the victim in the head with his own gun and burned

his arm and back with a hot iron. Ms. Washington participated, striking the victim several times. While one of the co-defendants held the victim at gun point, Ms. Washington assisted in the sexual assault as one of the males anally and orally assaulted the victim with a sex toy.

Count I: On October 6, 1996, Auburn Police Officers responded to a report of gunshots and found the victim lying inside the front door of his residence. The victim was declared dead at the scene from a single gunshot wound to his upper back. The scene suggested there had been a struggle. Three shots had missed the victim.

Auburn Police Officers questioned Ms. Washington, who claimed she was a friend of the victim's and that she called him on October 5, 1996. He was to pick up Ms. Washington from the hotel where she was staying and take her to his house. Her co-defendant followed them. She later admitted this was a plan to "jack" (rob) the victim. Her co-defendant broke into the home of the victim while Ms. Washington was in the bathroom. The males began fighting. Ms. Washington denied aiding in the attack of the victim, claiming she fled out the back door. She claimed that after she got outside, she heard four gunshots.

Count II: On October 14, 1996, the victim received a phone call from Ms. Washington, who stated she wanted to get together. They picked up the victim's brother and Ms. Washington's three co-defendants. They then robbed the victims at gunpoint and one of the co-defendants shot at the victims as they ran away, although it doesn't appear that anyone was shot.

PRIOR CRIMINAL CONDUCT:

Ms. Washington has taking a Motor Vehicle Without the Owner's Permission, three Theft Third, and an Assault Fourth – all as a juvenile.

HISTORY/COMMENTS:

This is Ms. Washington's first hearing with the Board.

CC Jessica Poston testified that Ms. Washington had a rough start to her prison stay with behavior and infractions. However, her behavior has drastically improved. In 2011, Ms. Washington thought she was getting out in 2013 and was informed that there was a computer error and her release date was actually 2020. Ms. Washington has not had any infractions since 2011. She has 19 serious infractions, one was for fighting in 2010, although Ms. Washington reports she was the one who was assaulted.

Ms. Washington has completed the following offender change programs: Getting it Right, Moral Reconation Therapy, Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP), chemical dependency, Re-entry Life Skills, Moving On, Victim Awareness, Keeping the Fair, Peer Support, Re-entry Employment Training, Facilitating Re-entry, and IF Project Self Care. She also has completed a number of vocational classes to include Horticulture Science, Horticulture Grounds Maintenance, Commercial Floral Practice, Horticulture and Landscape Design. She has received certificates from the American Boarding Kennel Association for Dog Training Basic Obedience, Groomers Member in Good Standing, and as a Certified Salon Professional Pet Groomer.

Ms. Washington gave a full disclosure of her offenses, taking responsibility and appearing remorseful throughout her testimony. She indicated that she had become involved with her co-defendant who was a gang member and would do anything that he asked as she wanted to be loved and accepted. She feels bad that she did not try to stop any of the crimes on her friends. Although she is not sure she could of as she was with males who were dangerous and stronger than her. She was apologetic for her crimes.

Ms. Washington did take SOTAP twice. She indicated the first time she terminated on her own as she believed other women in the group were telling lies about her and the facilitator was believing them. She described a much better experience the second time around. She believes her highest risk has been relationships and setting boundaries. This is what got her sent to prison and caused a number of her infractions in prison. The SOTAP Summary from 2015 describes her progress as “significant”.

Ms. Washington describes having strong boundaries now even with her family. She does not want to go back to her family in King County until they go through counseling. She also recently learned who her father was and began communicating with him. He is also in prison and she believes he is involved in illegal activities on the outside. She has told him that she can't be around that. She seems clear that she does not want to risk losing any more time of her life by violating any further laws.

Ms. Washington would like to go to camp and work release and then release to Pierce County to the Faith House. She has plans to be a dog groomer and would eventually like to be a motivational speaker.

EVIDENCE CONSIDERED:

In preparation for Ms. Washington's hearing and its decision in this case, the Board completed a review of Ms. Washington's DOC and ISRB files. The Board considered all information contained in those files, including but not limited to: information provided by the sentencing court/prosecutor; 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 report completed by Dr. Deborah Wentworth. The Board also considered the testimony of the witnesses listed above.

The King County Prosecutors Office letter dated July 24, 2017 recommended Ms. Washington should have the "opportunity for release".

REASONS:

The Board, through testimony and file review finds that Ms. Washington is not more likely than not to commit a new crime if she satisfactorily completes conditions that are designed to help better prepare her for a successful re-entry into society. Ms. Washington has been incarcerated for 21 years and has no prior experience of living independently as an adult. The Board

acknowledges that Ms. Washington has completed several offender change programs and vocational programs to assist in her rehabilitation. The psychological evaluation completed prior to her hearing also stated Ms. Washington would benefit from transition prior to full release. The Board would like to see how she manages lower levels of custody and increased responsibility, including work release.

As a result of this release decision, Ms. Washington will come under the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board expects Ms. Washington to demonstrate infraction-free behavior and adhere to all elements of the re-entry/transition plan, especially any programs that address her risks and needs. If Ms. Washington incurs a serious infraction, is demoted from a custody level, or returned to prison from work release, the Board shall have cause to hold a new hearing based on this new information to determine if she is still releasable. The psychological report assesses Ms. Washington as her overall risk as “low” when you take into consideration her dynamic factors. Ms. Washington would eventually like to release to Pierce County but is willing to transition through any work release. Ms. Washington has been assessed as a Level One for community notification by ESRC.

KR:ffo

August 22, 2017

August 31, 2017

September 11, 2017

cc: Institution/WCCW
Porsche WASHINGTON
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DATE: August 28, 2017

TO: Full Board

FROM: KR & EB (Fawn)

RE: WASHINGTON, Porsche / DOC# 768094

Panel recommends: Release on or about February 15, 2019.

Next action: Transfer to work release and submit an ORP for approval.

Agree	Disagree
Kecia Rongen 8-28-2017 Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 8-28-2017 Elyse Balmert 8-28-2017 Jeff Patnode 8-28-2017	