



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

DECISION AND REASONS

NAME: SAVAGE, Robert
DOC #: 238101
FACILITY: Monroe Correctional Complex – Twin Rivers Unit
TYPE OF HEARING: .100 Hearing
HEARING DATE: September 5, 2017
PANEL MEMBERS: JP &KR
FINAL DECISION DATE: September 25, 2017

This matter came before Jeff Patnode and Kecia Rongen, 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 9.95.100. Mr. Savage appeared in person and was represented by attorney Richard Linn. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Tamara Huckabone and Mr. Savage.

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. Savage is not parolable and extends him to his maximum release date of December 12, 2029.

NEXT ACTION:

Schedule a Cashaw hearing prior to his maximum expiration in November 2025. Upon notification of successful completion of the Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP), the Board may consider scheduling an earlier hearing.

JURISDICTION:

Robert Savage is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a December 12, 1979, conviction in Snohomish County Cause #79-1-00141-9 for Rape in the First Degree, Count I. His time start is December 12, 1979. The minimum term was set at 84 months on a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 57 to 75 months. The maximum term is 50 years, with a maximum expiration date of December 12, 2029. The sentencing Judge made no recommendation, and the prosecuting attorney recommended seven years. Mr. Savage has served approximately 415 months in prison (total time), with 294 months of that time since his last parole. He has no jail time credit on this cause.

Mr. Savage was first paroled in January 1988 and he returned to prison as a violator in 1990 after being convicted for Attempted Kidnapping in the Second Degree, which involved a 14 year old girl. He was paroled again in December 1992 and was returned as a violator in March of 1993. He has a consecutive sentence for Kidnapping in the Second Degree with Sexual Motivation, which carries a 29 month SRA term. This offense occurred while Mr. Savage was on active parole supervision.

NATURE OF INDEX OFFENSE(S):

According to file materials, in 1978, at his age of 30, Mr. Savage committed multiple attacks on school girls in the Snohomish area. Mr. Savage was initially charged with four separate counts of Rape in the First Degree and one count of Assault in the Second Degree, but in a plea agreement he ultimately pled guilty to one count of Rape in the First Degree. The instant offense occurred on February 18, 1978, and involved the rape of an 18 year old female that he accosted as she was walking to school in the morning. He grabbed her from behind, placed his hand over her mouth, and called her by name. He displayed a knife and then put it away, and he then forced her into a bushy area where he sexually assaulted her. Reports indicate that he threatened to kill her if she reported the incident.

PRIOR CRIMINAL CONDUCT:

Mr. Savage has only one prior felony for Grand Larceny in 1973. He had a number of misdemeanors for traffic or alcohol related offenses. As noted above, Mr. Savage was initially charged with five counts of Rape. File materials indicate the rapes of young teen females occurred on October 3, 1978, December 18, 1978, December 22, 1978, and January 4, 1979. He was also suspected in at least two other rapes that occurred prior to the index offense, but he was never charged with those.

In 1991 Mr. Savage was convicted of Attempted Kidnapping in the Second Degree in King County. He received a 10.5 month sentence and 12 months supervision. Mr. Savage was on parole when this crime occurred. His parole was suspended due to his arrest and subsequent conviction for Attempted Kidnapping in the First Degree. It was reported that he attempted to entice a 14 year old female into his car as she was waiting for her school bus. The victim declined to get into his car and walked away. She then observed him a short distance from where he had first stopped, and he asked her to get into his car again. School authorities were contacted, who in turn notified Seattle Police Department (SPD). When arrested officers discovered a .38 caliber weapon in a holster between the seats in his vehicle.

In September of 1993 Mr. Savage was convicted of Kidnapping in the Second Degree in King County and received a 29 month sentence to be served consecutive to the Board's cause. Mr. Savage, who had been paroled again, offered an adult female a ride on January 13, 1993, which she accepted. After driving around, he stopped the car and forced the victim to perform oral sex on him. He then raped her. He drove around again with the victim still in the car, then stopped and raped her again. When he later stopped at a traffic light, the victim was able to escape from the car and flag down another motorist, who drove the victim to a phone to call the police.

When the Board revoked his parole as a result of this behavior, the presiding member wrote. "I strongly recommend that he not be paroled prior to successfully completing (sex offender) treatment. He has clearly demonstrated all of the qualities of a power rapist and has too many

victims already. Careful consideration should be given to continuing his incarceration to his maximum expiration date.” It should be noted that his maximum expiration date is in December 2029 and Mr. Savage has not successfully completed the SOTAP.

HISTORY/COMMENTS:

Mr. Savage last met with the Board on March 16, 2016 at which time the Board added 36 months to his minimum term.

CC Huckabone stated Mr. Savage is doing well on the unit with no serious infractions since his last hearing. She said he continues to work for Correctional Industries with good reports from his supervisors. CC Huckabone also said that she has had little conversation with Mr. Savage regarding transition or plans for the community as he has a pending sentence to serve.

The Board asked Mr. Savage to provide descriptions of his sex offenses. He continues to provide descriptions that do not match file material completely and demonstrates very little insight regarding the motivations behind his offending. Mr. Savage wanted to debate the determination that he has not successfully completed SOTAP. When pressed by the Board, he stated that he would be willing to participate in SOTAP again if he is eligible and accepted.

Mr. Linn recommended the Board move Mr. Savage to his subsequent sentence as he has maintained good prison behavior and has been participating in programming.

INFORMATION CONSIDERED:

In preparation for Mr. Savage’s hearing and its decision in this case, the Board completed a review of Mr. Savage’s 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 the psychological evaluation prepared by Deborah Wentworth, Ph.D., dated May 18, 2017. The Board also considered the testimony of the witnesses listed above.

There is no current recommendation from the prosecutor.

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. Savage not releasable to his next cause.

Mr. Savage continues to be a high risk sex offender whom has not completed the SOTAP. In today's hearing he was somewhat combative regarding this fact and wanted to argue that he has completed the program. He was asked directly if he will participate and complete the program if given the opportunity to which he replied yes. In the last psychological evaluation (May 2017), Dr. Wentworth indicates that Mr. Savage does not appear ready for transitioning to a less restrictive setting at this time and that he remains an unsuccessfully treated sex offender who lacks awareness of his offense cycle and triggers. She recommends he participate in SOTAP, Thinking 4 a Change and repeat Stress and Anger Management.

The Board supports the recommendations from Dr. Wentworth with a particular emphasis on the completion of SOTAP and the aftercare component. He may be seen earlier by the Board upon receipt of a treatment summary that indicates successful SOTAP completion.

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cc: MCC-TRU
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DATE: September 5, 2017

TO: Full Board

FROM: JP & KR (Teresa)

RE: SAVAGE, Robert, DOC# 238101

Panel recommends: Not releasable.

Next action: Extend to maximum release date. Schedule Cashaw Hearing November 2025. The Board may see Mr. Savage sooner upon notification of SOTAP completion.

Agree	Disagree
Jeff Patnode 9-25-2017 Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 9-25-2017 Elyse Balmert 9-25-2017 Kecia Rongen 9-25-2017	