



**Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
Decision and Reasons Summary**

Name: VASTER, MAURICE	DOC#: 630245	Case Type: PAR	Date: 12/10/2024
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Note: This is a summary of the Decision and Reasons dated 1/6/2025, and should not be substituted for the full document.

Decision:

Not Parolable. Add 48 months to Minimum Term

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Recommendations:

- **Sex Offense Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP), if eligible**
- **Other Programs, if eligible. Such as: Bridges to Life, Alternatives to Violence, Non-Violent Communication, etc.**
- **Remain infraction free and have positive interactions with staff**
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DECISION AND REASONS

NAME:	VASTER, Maurice
DOC #:	630245
FACILITY:	Stafford Creek Corrections Center
DATE OF HEARING:	December 10, 2024
TYPE OF HEARING:	.100
PANEL MEMBERS:	Jill Getty & Jeff Patnode
FINAL DECISION DATE:	January 6, 2025

I. DECISION/LEGAL STANDARD

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. This statute directs the Board to not release an individual unless in the Board’s opinion his or her rehabilitation has been completed and he or she is a fit subject for release. Consequently, the Board finds Maurice Vaster **not parolable** and adds 48 months to the minimum term.

The Prosecutor recommended that the minimum terms be set at 20 years on Counts I, II, and III and 10 years on Count IV. The Court recommends that the minimum terms be set at Life on Count I, II, and III, and 10 years for Count IV.

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II. JURISDICTION

Maurice Vaster is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a June 5, 1980, conviction in King County Cause #80-1-00122-8 for Rape in the First Degree counts I and III (while armed); count II Robbery in the First Degree (while armed); and count IV Robbery 2 in the Second Degree. The time start is May 7, 1983. The minimum term was set at 240 months on count I and III; 90 months on count II; and 20 months on count IV from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 102-126 count I; 75-92 count II; 77-102 count III; and 15-20 on count IV. The statutory maximum term is Life on counts I – III; 10 years on count IV (which has expired). Mr. Vaster has served approximately 499 months in prison and 0 days of jail time to date.

III. LAST BOARD DECISION

The Board last met with Mr. Vaster on April 12, 2022, in a .100 Hearing. He was found not parolable and 48 months was added to the minimum term. The Board recommended that Mr. Vaster participate in any offender change programming to address his risk. It was also noted that he should remain serious infraction free.

IV. OFFENSE DESCRIPTION

Mr. Vaster was convicted of two separate rapes. On December 10, 1979, the victim was awakened by the noise of her bedroom window being slid open. Mr. Vaster entered her bedroom and bound and gagged the victim in her bed. He proceeded to sexually assault and rob the victim. Mr. Vaster was identified as the assailant through fingerprints.

On December 31, 1979, an adult female was waiting at a bus stop. She saw a car drive by. The driver parked the car, then walked back and stood at the bus stop. The victim figured she had missed the bus, so began walking home. Mr. Vaster ran up behind her and forced her into a yard at gunpoint. He proceeded to sexually assault and rob the victim. The victim was later able to identify Mr. Vaster as the assailant.

V. OTHER RISK RELATED BEHAVIOR

1977: Count I and II – Burglary 1st Degree, Count III – Attempted Burglary, and Counts IV and V – Possession of Stolen Property in the 2nd Degree. King County. The burglaries occurred between March and May of 1977, and involved forced entry and theft from three separate women’s homes. In one those incidents he struck a victim in the head and grabbed her by the throat in another, he told the victim he would “blow her brains out”, and the victim heard the hammer of a gun clicking. After Mr. Vaster was identified as the perpetrator of the burglaries, his home was search and additional property that had previously been reported as stolen was discovered.

He also has juvenile convictions for Larceny, Burglary x3, and Assault x3.

VI. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED

The Board considered the evidence presented at the hearing and reviewed **Maurice Vaster’s** ISRB file. The hearing was audio recorded and will be retained per retention schedules. Testimony was provided by the following individuals: **Classification Counselor Michael Schnoor, and Maurice Vaster.**

The file review included the following documents:

- End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) Reports: **Dated 10/1/20**
- Criminal case records: **Probation and Parole Special Report dated 5/15/80**
- Psychological Evaluations: **By Dr. Robtoy dated 7/27/24**
- DOC Treatment and behavioral reports dated:
- Risk Assessments (Static, SOTIPS etc.):
 - *Violence Risk Assessment Guide-Revised (VRAG-R) is a 12-item actuarial scale designed to predict violent recidivism.*
 - *Hare Psychopathy Checklist-REVISED (PCL-R) indicates the extent to which the individual has psychopathic tendencies.*
 - *Static-99R is an actuarial risk prediction instrument designed to estimate the probability of sexual and violent recidivism. It is the most widely used sex offender risk assessment instrument in the world.*
- Findings and Conclusion (F&C), Prior Decision & Reasons (D&R): **D&R dated 4/25/22**

- DOC OMNI Records
- Community Concern Information
- Other: **Individual Release Plan**

VII. **FINDINGS**

1. In preparation for this hearing, Mr. Maurice Vaster was advised of his hearing rights.
2. Maurice Vaster appeared by video conference. Maurice Vaster was represented by attorney Darrel Lahtinen.
3. The Board has considered all potential Conditions of Supervision it may lawfully impose, including all identified by the End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC), DOC psychological evaluations, and RCW 9.94A.704. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - DRUG / ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS
 - ELECTRONIC MONITORING
 - GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS
 - PARTICIPATION IN SEX OFFENSE TREATMENT
 - PROHIBITED CONTACTS
 - SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL
 - SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPHS
 - UNAPPROVED RELATIONSHIPS
4. The Board has considered the following evidence favorable to Maurice Vaster's release determination:
 - Treatment/Programming. **Completed Thinking for a Change (T4C), Certified Flagger, Wealth of Wellness; institutional employment.**
 - Protective factors. **No new serious infractions.**
 - Risk Assessment Scores.
 - Other evidence: **Community support.**
5. The Board has considered evidence against Maurice Vaster's conditional release (WAC 381-60-160), examples of adequate reasons for a finding of non-parolability include, but are not limited to:

- Lack of participation in program or resources designed to assist and offender to reduce the risk of re-offense (e.g., anger management, substance abuse treatment). **He was last screened for the Sex Offense Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP) in 2015. At that time, he denied his offense and stated his case was on appeal and was not amenable. He has had no contact with the program since that time.**
- Serious and repetitive disciplinary infractions during incarceration.
- Evidence of an inmate's continuing intent or propensity to engage in illegal activity (e.g., victim harassment, criminal conduct while incarcerated, continued use of illegal substances).
- Statements or declarations by the inmate that he or she intends to re-offend or does not intend to comply with conditions of parole.
- Evidence that an inmate presents a substantial danger to the community if released. **In the 2024 Psychological Evaluation, Dr. Robtoy noted that based in Mr. Vaster's file material, there was evidence that he would not participate cooperatively with parole.**

6. The Conditions of Supervision, and any favorable evidence noted above considered by the Board would not sufficiently reduce the likelihood of Maurice Vaster committing new offenses because:

- **In the 7/2024 Psychological Evaluation, actuarial risk assessments found Mr. Vaster to be a high risk for future violent offending with high-risk scores on both the VRAG and PCL-R.**
- **Since his last hearing, Mr. Vaster has not participated in sex offense treatment to address risk factors or develop skills to mitigate risk of future sexual offending.**
- **Mr. Vaster chose not to participate in his 2024 psychological evaluation. It was noted that he had been defensive and guarded in his 2020 psychological evaluation, and little had changed in that regard. Overall, Dr. Robtoy opined that Mr. Vaster was high risk for future violent offending. Dr. Robtoy further noted Mr. Vaster was a questionable candidate for release.**

7. Based on the requirements of RCW 9.95.009(3) and RCW 9.95.100 and after weighing all of the totality of the evidence, including the community custody conditions and any favorable evidence noted above by the Board, the Board finds that Mr. Vaster is not parolable and adds 48 months to his minimum term.

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 9.95.100.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

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12/20/2024

cc: Facility: SCCC
Maurice Vaster, Incarcerated Individual
File



TO: Full Board

FROM: **JG** (ah)

RE: VASTER, Maurice DOC # 630245

Panel recommends: **Not Parolable. Add 48 months to Minimum Term**

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Agree	Disagree
Jill Getty, 1.6.2025 Jeff Patnode, 1.6.2025 Corey McNally, 1.6.2025 Kecia Rongen, 1.6.2025	