



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

DECISION AND REASONS

NAME: MONROE, Dennis
DOC #: 287393
FACILITY: MCC-TRU
DATE OF HEARING: January 8, 2019
TYPE OF HEARING: .100
PANEL MEMBERS: Kecia Rongen & Elyse Balmert
FINAL DECISION DATE: January 28, 2019

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. Monroe's ISRB file. Mr. Monroe appeared in person and was represented by Attorney Darrel Lathinen. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Deborah Bustamante.

In a letter dated September 23, 2018 Pierce County Prosecutor John Sheeran recommended that Mr. Monroe not be found parolable and references the 2011 FPE that indicates that Mr. Monroe is more likely than not to engage in predatory acts of sexual violence.

LAST BOARD DECISION:

At the April 4, 2017 hearing, the Board found Mr. Monroe not parolable and added 48 months to his minimum term. The Board requested an updated Forensic Psychological Evaluation (FPE) prior to the next Board hearing.

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. Monroe is not parolable and adds 60 months to his minimum term.

NEXT ACTION:

Schedule a .100 hearing 120 days prior to his ERD. A new psychological report from DOC and a FPE will be required prior to his next hearing.

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. Monroe not parolable for the following reasons:

- Assessed as a Moderate Risk to sexually reoffend and a Level Three for community notification.
- 2011 & 2018 Forensic Psychological Evaluation saying he meets the criteria as a sexually violent predator.
- 2014 Psychological Evaluation that assesses Mr. Monroe as moderate-high risk to sexually reoffend.
- Mr. Monroe continues to struggle with deviant thoughts and inability to control those thoughts as recent as 2017.
- Cross-over type of sex offender with both minor and adult victims and both hands on and hands off types of crimes which increases his risk.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Participate in any programming that may be available to him to further mitigate his deviant thoughts. Remain infraction free.

JURISDICTION:

Dennis Monroe is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a November 10 , 1979 conviction in Clark County Cause No. 79-1-00263-1 for Statutory Rape in the First Degree, Count I and Burglary in the Second Degree, Count II. The time start is June 12, 1982. The minimum term was set at 155 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 41 to 54 months. The maximum term for Count I is life, and ten years for Count II. Count II has expired. Mr. Monroe has served approximately 439 months in prison on this Cause and a total of 529 months in prison on all Causes and no days of jail time.

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:

At his age of 31, Mr. Monroe entered a home through an unlocked patio door at approximately midnight. He was nude when he went into the home. He checked the residence to determine who was there and entered the bedroom of a sleeping 5 year old female. He took her from her bed, laid her on the floor, put a pillow over her face, masturbated to ejaculation and inserted his finger in her vagina.

PRIOR CRIMINAL / RISK RELATED CONDUCT:

Mr. Monroe has maxed out on three prior Second Degree Burglaries, in addition to the companion charge on the instant offense. All of the prior Burglaries follow similar pattern with them being sexually motivated and involved him entering homes while nude. According to a psychological evaluation authored by Dr. Deborah Wentworth dated April 29, 2014, Mr. Monroe's criminal history can be summarized as beginning a career of sexual deviancy at the age of 14 and was placed for treatment at the age of 15 following his arrest for burglary when he reportedly stole women's underwear. His various charges of burglary are all related to his sexual activities. At his age of 22, Mr. Monroe was convicted of burglary when he broke into a woman's home and was found nude after groping the woman's breast.

Mr. Monroe was originally paroled on July 25, 1977. He was suspended and then reinstated in early 1979. In August of 1979 he was suspended and his parole was revoked as a result of the index offense.

PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:

Attorney Darrel Lahtinen brought up a preliminary matter in regards to the FPE and whether the Board looks solely at the FPE for denial of the parole since it indicates that he meets the criteria as a sexually violent predator. The panel indicated that they would be looking at all of the various factors for release, to include behavior, programming, and support in the community as well as the FPE.

CC Deborah Bustamante testified that he has not received any serious infractions since he has been in prison. He completed Bridges to Life and is a carpenter helper. He does have siblings and two friends in the community that support him. If he was considered for release, he would like to go to House of Mercy.

Mr. Monroe met with the psychologist who completed the FPE and he told the Board that it went okay but there was a few times that he thought the psychologist was yelling at him. Mr. Monroe indicated that he agreed with the evaluation, however he has learned tools to manage his deviant arousal and is convinced he will not reoffend. He had a significant medical issue since his last hearing and since then he has gotten angry at the offenses he has committed. He did admit to the evaluator that he had masturbated to a deviant arousal a few months prior to their meeting which would have been late 2017 or early 2018. His high risks are: poor self-esteem, negative emotionality, relationship instability, lack of communication and blaming others.

Mr. Monroe was honest with the Board and indicated that he had a deviant thought about voyeuristic behavior in 2018. He believes it is because he has never really had a long term committed relationship. He described his first voyeuristic behavior when he was a teenager

when he could see a neighbor undressing. It progressed from there and became an addiction. At one point he was leaving in the middle of the night to voyeur on different people.

Mr. Lahtinen argued that the FPE's are largely based on his criminal history and has not taken into consideration his positive programming and behavior while in prison. There isn't anything further he can do in prison. He recommends the Board give him an opportunity to go through the civil commitment process for additional treatment if that his needed. He requested he give the opportunity for treatment, rather than punishment by remaining in prison.

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January 21, 2019

January 28, 2019

January 31, 2019

cc: MCC-TRU
Attorney
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TO: Full Board

FROM: Kecia (Teresa Schmidt, CRT)

RE: MONROE, Dennis DOC #287393

Panel recommends: Not parolable, add 60 months to minimum term.

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

| Agree | Disagree |
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| Elyse Balmert 1-28-2019 Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 1-28-2019 Jeff Patnode 1-28-2019 Kecia Rongen 1-28-2019 | |