



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

DECISION AND REASONS

NAME: Hunsaker, Harold
DOC #: 289596
FACILITY: Monroe Correctional Complex (Twin Rivers Unit)
TYPE OF HEARING: .100 Hearing
HEARING DATE: January 8, 2019
PANEL MEMBERS: Elyse Balmert & Kecia Rongen
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 9.95.420. In preparation for the hearing, the Board reviewed Mr. Hunsaker's ISRB file. Mr. Hunsaker appeared in person and was represented by Attorney Darrel Lahtinen. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) James Leffew, Sex Offender Treatment Specialist Urszula Katolik- Johnson and Mr. Hunsaker.

LAST BOARD DECISION:

On February 6, 2018, at the .100 Hearing the Board found Mr. Hunsaker conditionally parolable to a Mutual Re-entry Plan (MRP) and added 18 months to his minimum term. The Board recommended that he participate in any programming that would assist in his re- entry to include camp (if appropriate).

CURRENT BOARD DECISION:

Based on the burden of proof set out in RCW 9.95.420 and the totality of evidence and information provided to the Board, the Board does not find by a preponderance of the evidence

that Mr. Hunsaker is more likely than not to commit a sex offense if released on conditions. Consequently, the Board finds Mr. Hunsaker releasable.

NEXT ACTION:

Submit an Offender Release Plan (ORP).

REASONS FOR DECISION:

This was a deferred decision using a structured decision-making framework that takes into consideration; the statistical estimate of risk, criminal history, release history, ability to control behavior, responsivity to programming, demonstrated offender change, release planning, discordant information, and other case specific factors. Mr. Hunsaker is releasable based on the following:

- **Most recent actuarials VRAG, SORAG and Static 99R all Low/Moderate**
- **Completed risk related programming; SOTAP X 2, Aftercare X 2, Bridges to Life**
- **One Serious Infraction during his entire incarceration**
- **Forensic evaluator reports he may be a reasonable candidate for reduction in custody level if he completes SOTAP with positive results**
- **Forensic Psychological Evaluation – does not meet criteria under RCW 71.09**
- **Declining health and advanced age 84**
- **Extensive release plan**
- **Lifetime supervision**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Hunsaker should enter into and successfully complete the community portion of SOTAP. He should have tight controls around access to minors.

JURISDICTION:

Harold Hunsaker is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a December 15, 1983 conviction in King County Cause #82-1-02588-3 for Statutory Rape in the First Degree CT III. The time start is

December 15, 1983. The minimum term was set at 181 months on Count III and 64 months and 24 days on count VI from an adjusted Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 70 to 99 months on Count III. The maximum term is Life. Mr. Hunsaker has served approximately 421 months in prison and 0 days of jail time.

Note: Other Causes/Counts: SRA Companion Cause/Count is: It should be noted that at the time of sentencing Mr. Hunsaker was also sentenced under the same cause number on Ct. II - Statutory Rape in the Second Degree, Ct. IV- Assault in the Second Degree, Ct. V- Indecent Liberties, Ct. VI - Burglary in the First Degree, and Ct. VII - Statutory Rape Third Degree. The court ordered that all counts be served concurrently. The time start on counts II, IV, V, VI & VII was also December 15, 1983. However, Counts II, IV & V had 10 year maximum terms and Ct. VII had a 5 year maximum term. The maximum terms on all of those counts has expired to include Count VI.

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:

Between August 1979 and May 1982, Mr. Hunsaker, between his ages of 45 to 50 years, approached six Asian children between the ages of 8 and 16 at their homes while their parents were not present. He would gain entry into their homes under the guise of being some type of school or other official and would do physical exams of the children. Mr. Hunsaker would take measurements of the children and then take the female children into the bathroom, where he would digitally penetrate them. In one instance he fondled the victim's breast area, and when she began to scream, he fled the scene. Mr. Hunsaker engaged in this behavior with four separate female victims while their minor brothers were also in the house.

PRIOR RISK RELATED CRIMINAL CONDUCT:

On December 21, 1958, Mr. Hunsaker was convicted of Lewdness in Richland, Washington. In this incident Mr. Hunsaker, aged 24, was caught masturbating outside of a church classroom where he had been peeping at children. He was given a one year deferred sentence. Mr. Hunsaker, at age 33, was convicted of a Lewd and Lasciviousness Act in Montana in September 1967, and of a Lewd and Lascivious Act upon a Child in Montana in January 1968. Mr. Hunsaker

has admitted to a hundred victims "with half being hands-on offenses" during his lifetime, and that his offending behavior began at age 14.

PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:

CC Leffew provided a summary of Mr. Hunsaker's programming (vocation/education and offender change). Mr. Hunsaker has received no Serious Infractions since his last hearing. He has no issues on the unit. Mr. Hunsaker is currently working as a Therapy Aide and is commended for his patience working with this difficult inmate. He is participating in the SOTAP Aftercare program for a second time. He has community support from his family, he has had over 52 visits since his last hearing. He wants to return to his home in Seattle with his wife.

Mr. Hunsaker says being a Therapy Aide has helped him understand and have empathy for others. He has learned new techniques in Aftercare to intervene, such as asking his support people for assistance when needed. He's also learned a lot from the guys who are back on revocation. He knows his high risks and interventions. He has disclosed to his family all of his offense behavior and has been transparent with them. Mr. Hunsaker plans to release to his home in Seattle that he shares with his wife of 34 years. He may work part-time in his son's business as a landscape designer. He has medical issues which have kept him from going to Camp. He reports he is looking forward to attending the community portion of SOTAP.

Specialist Katolik- Johnson reported she hasn't seen Mr. Hunsaker for a year but she is happy to see him doing so well. She said it is positive he is working as a Therapy Aide and that he did a good job in treatment.

Mr. Lahtinen voiced that Mr. Hunsaker has done everything possible that the Board asked him to do. He shows insight regarding his release and the pit falls that may come up.

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He is fully rehabilitated and ready for release.

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TO: Full Board

FROM: Elyse Balmert (Teresa)

RE: Hunsaker, Harold DOC # 289596

Panel recommends: Releasable

Next action: Submit an ORP for consideration.

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