



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

**DECISION AND REASONS**

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NAME: CRAMM, Dennis  
DOC #: 822195  
FACILITY: Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC)  
DATE OF HEARING: February 23, 2021  
TYPE OF HEARING: LT JUVBRD  
PANEL MEMBERS: Kecia Rongen & Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey  
FINAL DECISION DATE: March 8, 2021

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This matter came before the above-named Board Members of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB or the Board) for a release hearing in accordance with RCW 9.94A.730. In preparation for the hearing, the Board reviewed Mr. Cramm's ISRB file. Dennis Cramm appeared in person and was represented by attorneys Caitin Hoerberlein, Tom Hillier, and Mary Gaston. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Chad Cluever.

**CURRENT BOARD DECISION:**

Based on the burden of proof set out in RCW 9.94A.730 or RCW 10.95.030(3)(f) and the totality of evidence and information provided to the Board, the Board does not find by a preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Cramm is more likely than not to commit any new criminal law violations if released on conditions. Consequently, the Board finds Mr. Cramm releasable.

**NEXT ACTION:**

Submit an Offender Release Plan (ORP) for consideration.

**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/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 9.94A.730 Board finds Mr. Cramm is not more likely than not to commit a new crime if released with conditions that are designed to help better prepare him for a successful re-entry into society. Mr. Cramm is determined to be releasable based on the following:

- Assessed as an overall low-moderate risk to reoffend when you combine his static and dynamic risk factors with his protective factors;
- Has taken Non-Violent Communication, Redemption, Thinking for a Change, and is participating in the Therapeutic Community;
- No serious infractions for over six years;
- Has obtained his AA Degree and has learned a number of work skills to assist him in the community;
- Strong social support in the community to include resources for employment and financial support;
- Will have three years of supervision.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Mr. Cramm will need to follow the recommendations for treatment upon discharge from the Therapeutic Community. His use of drugs should be monitored closely and he should attend sober support groups.

**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 consideration after serving no less than 20 years of total confinement. Mr. Cramm's petition, resulted in the hearing on this date.

Dennis Cramm is under the jurisdiction of the Board on an April 27, 2001 conviction in Snohomish County Cause #11-1-01051-1 for First Degree Murder While Armed With a Firearm, Counts I & II. The time start is May 1, 2001. The minimum term was set at 300 months plus 60 months Firearm Enhancement for a total of 360 months on each Count I & II, consecutive, from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 250 to 333 months plus 60 months enhancement. The maximum term is 720 months to Life. Mr. Cramm has served approximately 236.5 months in prison and 334 days of jail time to date.

**Other Causes/Counts:**

Under the same cause number as above, Mr. Cramm was also convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the Second Degree, Count III (OAA-MON). He was sentenced to serve 12 months on Count III from an SRA range of 4 to 12 months concurrent with Counts I & II. This count has expired.

**OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:**

File materials indicate that on May 30, 2000, the two victims died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds received when the vehicle they were riding in was fired upon by Mr. Cramm, age 17. File material indicates that as the vehicle began to drive away Mr. Cramm fired a SKS semi-automatic assault rifle into the vehicle. The vehicle's rear window was shattered as a result of the bullets. The shooting occurred outside of Mr. Cramm's home. The driver drove to a supermarket parking lot to summon aid for the victims. The Amended Affidavit of Probable Cause stated that when a responding officer arrived at the scene both victims had suffered shotgun wounds to the head. They were in the back seat of the vehicle. The officer also commented that in addition to the back window of the vehicle having been shattered there were several bullet holes in the body of the vehicle.

**PRIOR RISK RELATED/ CRIMINAL CONDUCT:**

Mr. Cramm has a previous crime as a juvenile for Intimidating a Witness. This is a result of Mr. Cramm getting high and getting in an altercation with his mother.

**PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:**

Mr. Cramm has completed a number of programs related to education and vocation to include but are not limited to: Bookkeeping, Mathematics for the Trades, Vocational Writing, Upholstery, IBest Composites, Business, Economics, CNC Computer Aided Drafting, AAS Business Workforce, Redemption, English and English Comp II, Beekeeper Apprentice Class, Roots of Success, and Homebuilder's Carpentry. He also has completed Human Relations, Vocational Writing, and Thinking for a Change. He is currently participating the Therapeutic Community for substance abuse and gets positive remarks for his progress. He also has worked as a dog handler.

Mr. Cramm has incurred 40 serious infractions over his 20 years of incarceration. The last serious infractions were in 2014 for Possession of Sexually Explicit Material, Possession/Introduction of Unauthorized Tool (tattooing needle), and Refusing to Proceed/Disperse Area. Prior to that he had an assault on an offender and Unauthorized Gang/Club in 2013. Mr. Cramm has denounced the gang and there is no evidence to suggest otherwise.

Mr. Cramm takes responsibility for his crime and expresses remorse. His father at the time was not pro-social as they were selling marijuana out of the house. There was a group of individuals who came over to their house to get in a fight with Mr. Cramm. After the physical fight, he saw his father on the ground with a gun pointed at him and he "reacted" and shot at the car where the victims were. Mr. Cramm indicates that his father is now law abiding and lives in Montana.

Mr. Cramm admits to using suboxone in 2019 after sharing a cell with someone who was a drug addict, however was not infraacted for that behavior. Since then he has been participating well in the Therapeutic Community. Mr. Cramm has built an extended network in the community to help with his sobriety.

Attorney Hoberlein discussed that Mr. Cramm is a different person than he was when the crime was committed. He expresses remorse over the crime and wants to be a better person. She also pointed out that he can ask for help when needed as noted by the use of suboxone in 2019 and then asking to get into the TC program.

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March 5, 2021

cc: AHCC  
Dennis CRAMM  
Attorneys Caitin Hoerberlein, Tom Hillier, and Mary Gaston  
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TO: Full Board

FROM: Kecia Rongen (Fawn Opp, CRT)

RE: CRAMM, Dennis DOC# 822195

Panel recommends: Find Releasable.

Next action: Submit offender release plan (ORP).

<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
Kecia Rongen 3-8-2021 Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 3-8-2021 Elyse Balmert 3-8-2021 Jeff Patnode 3-8-2021 TaTeasha Davis 3-10-2021	