



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

DECISION AND REASONS

NAME: TEAFORD, John
DOC #: 630773
FACILITY: Airway Heights Correctional Center (AHCC)
DATE OF HEARING: February 16, 2021
TYPE OF HEARING: .100
PANEL MEMBERS: TaTeasha Davis & Jeff Patnode
FINAL DECISION DATE: March 10, 2021

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. Teaford's ISRB file. John Teaford appeared in person and was represented by Attorney George Marlton. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Benjamin Frier, Mr. Teaford, and Attorney Marlton. This hearing was held via video conferencing with the Board Members located in Lacey, Washington, while Mr. Teaford and DOC staff were located in Airway Heights, Washington.

The original Judge and Prosecutor recommended 90 months confinement.

LAST BOARD DECISION:

At the last .100 hearing on June 11, 2019, the Board found Mr. Teaford not parolable and added 24 months to his minimum term. The Board recommended that he remain infraction free especially around drug use, access substance abuse treatment if eligible, attend sober support groups, and work on a release/transition plan to better assist with his eventual release.

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. Teaford is not parolable and adds 48 months to his minimum term.

NEXT ACTION:

Schedule a .100 Hearing 120 days prior to his parole eligibility review date (PERD).

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 9.95.100, the Board finds Mr. Teaford not parolable for the following reasons:

- **He has received nine serious infractions since the last Board hearing;**
- **He refuses Chemical Dependency treatment even though his recent infractions involve drug and alcohol possession and use. (recommended level of care 3.3);**
- **He has not participated in any risk related programming since the last Board hearing;**
- **“Mr. Teaford scored in the High range for psychopathy, indicating that his risk for reoffending is high based upon the amount of psychopathy indicators present.”- Dr. Lisa Robtoy Psy.D.;**
- **He shows serious lack of insight for his behavior.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Teaford should work on remaining serious infraction free, remaining drug and alcohol free, and should be reassessed for chemical dependency treatment when he's ready to participate. He should also participate in any offender related programming that will address his risk to reoffend.

JURISDICTION:

John Teaford is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a October 16, 1980 conviction of Robbery in the First Degree Armed with a Deadly Weapon, Count III, in Mason County Cause #989. The standard range of the Sentencing Reform Act at the time was 31 to 41 months. His minimum term was set at 20 years. His maximum term is 35 years. He has served approximately 532 months in prison and 0 days of jail time.

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:

On June 8, 1980, Mr. Teaford and two co-defendants escaped from the Mason County Jail. One of the co-defendants held a correctional officer at knifepoint. A second correctional officer was also overpowered. The three were able to escape by crawling down a fire escape. Once outside of the institution, they stopped a passing citizen in a vehicle and stole the car at gunpoint. The three had apparently been planning the escape for over a week. Mr. Teaford fled and was apprehended in California approximately a week later. He was sentenced to a 35-year maximum under this count to run consecutively to Counts I, II & IV, Escape and Robbery, charged under the same cause number (see criminal history section below).

PRIOR CRIMINAL / RISK RELATED CONDUCT:

May 1973 - Counts I & II – Burglary in the Second Degree. Referred to juvenile court. Received a suspended sentence and was placed on probation.

October 1973 - Mr. Teaford was committed to Naselle Youth Camp for six months on multiple burglary charges and was paroled to his mother between October 1973 and June 1974. Mr. Teaford advised he had broken into houses for money and food to support his alcohol and drug habit.

October 1974 - Between October 1973 and October 1974, Mr. Teaford was on juvenile probation living at his mother's home. During this time, he committed a series of new burglaries and was also found in possession of marijuana. It is estimated he may have committed as many as 40 burglaries during this time.

Adult:

March 1976 - Counts I, II & III – Burglary in the Second Degree, Pierce County Cause #48813. Mr. Teaford was adjudicated by the court as an adult on this charge due to his involvement in an extensive assortment of “sophisticated crimes”. Police learned of the crime from an informant who had purchased stolen property from Mr. Teaford.

February 1980 - Robbery in the First Degree While Armed with a Deadly Weapon, King County Cause #79-1-01691-4. It should be noted that Mr. Teaford was also charged with a parole violation related to this offense as he was on parole under cause #48813 when it occurred. He and a co-defendant forced entry into a home with sawed off shotguns and demanded money and drugs.

October 1980 – Counts I, II & IV – Escape in the First Degree and two counts of Assault in the Second Degree While Armed with a Deadly Weapon, Mason County Cause #C-989. This crime description is the same as the current offense.

December 1975 – Burglary in the Second Degree, Grand Larceny, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (X4). No disposition known.

PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:

CC Frier provided testimony about Mr. Teaford’s behavior since the last Board hearing. Mr. Teaford has a high need in employment, residential and social influences. He has received nine serious infractions since the last hearing which include three that are drug related and one for possessing sexually explicit material. This is in direct contrast to the Board’s recommendations for Mr. Teaford after his last hearing: “remain serious infraction free, access substance abuse treatment, and attend sober groups...” Mr. Teaford has also received four Behavioral Observations for either failing to follow directives from the DOC staff or being obstinate. He has not completed any programming since the last hearing. In August 2020 Mr. Teaford entered TC (Therapeutic Community) but was terminated a week later due to refusal to program and stating he did not want to be there.

When asked why he would make and consume alcohol when he was supposed to abstain from taking substances, he blamed COVID-19 and the stress he was feeling because of the virus. When asked if he believed the likelihood of getting released from prison would increase or decrease by continuing to receive infractions he replied, “Well if I knew I was getting out I wouldn’t get into trouble”. He does not seem to understand that it is in his benefit to model the behavior while in prison in order to prove that he will be able to follow directives and behave in a law-abiding manor in the community.

Mr. Teaford testified that he’d be working if he was in the community at his sister’s berry farm in Puyallup. He wants to release to Pierce County. He claims to have other support systems like AA/NA groups that he would benefit from, but he couldn’t say whether he would stay sober in the community even if he was attending sober support groups. He claims he refused Chemical dependency treatment in 2020 because he’s already taken it several times and he feels like he could teach the class. He is not interested in participating in any Chemical Dependency programs at Airway Heights. He continues to make excuses for his drug and alcohol use and infractions; he also does not seem to understand his complicity in being found not parolable.

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February 26, 2021

February 28, 2021

March 3, 2021

cc: AHCC
John TEAFORD
George Marlton, Attorney
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TO: Full Board

FROM: TaTeasha Davis (Fawn)

RE: TEAFORD, John DOC # 630773

Panel recommends: Find Not Parolable and add 48 months to MT.

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

Agree	Disagree
TaTeasha Davis 3-10-2021 Jeff Patnode 3-10-2021 Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 3-10-2021 Elyse Balmert 3-10-2021 Kecia Rongen 3-10-2021	