

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
*Meeting via Microsoft Teams*  
SUMMARY MINUTES

April 4, 2022

A regular meeting of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board was held in the ISRB Office Building located at 637 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98504, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present via Microsoft Teams were:

Board Members:

Staff:

Kecia Rongen  
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey  
Jeff Patnode  
Elyse Balmert  
TaTeasha Davis

Jill Getty, Executive Director - Absent  
Robin Riley, Executive Assistant

**A. To the Table Case –** Members had a full Board discussion of this ISRB case.

**LT JUVBRD**

- Name: GROTE, JEFFREY
- DOC #855146
- Purpose: Full Board Discussion
- Date: April 4, 2022
- List of Documents Reviewed
  - ISRB File
- An updated prosecutor recommendation was not received.
  
- Mr. Grote was seen for a release hearing on March 22, 2022, at the Washington State Penitentiary.
  
- **Summary Discussion**  
Ms. Davis presented the case to the full Board.
  
- Mr. Grote is being seen by the Board for his conviction of Murder in the First Degree in Snohomish County Cause 01-1-00805-1.

The crime involved Mr. Grote at the age of 17, his 13-year-old girlfriend, his girlfriend's brother and another young male carrying out a plan created by his girlfriend's mother to ambush and murder a known 64-year-old male. Mr. Grote is currently 38 years of age.

Risk assessments show Mr. Grote to be a low risk to re-offend.

Mr. Grote's last serious infraction was in 2006.

Mr. Grote has completed several programs to include Alternatives to Violence, Bridges to Life and Breaking Barriers. He co-created programs with another incarcerated individual: Re-entry Juvenile Sentence Review Board (JSRB) and a version of Thinking for a Change which was not provided at the facility where he resided.

Mr. Grote has made positive changes and has insight about what contributed to his offending behavior.

Mr. Grote has community support and plans on living with his sister and Mother. He has been pre-qualified for employment.

- **Decision:**  
The panel recommends he be found releasable.
  
- **Reasons:**
  - Mr. Grote's risk assessment tools rate him as an overall Low risk; PCL-R: Low range for psychopathy; VRAG-R: Bin 6 of 9; HCR-20v3: Low; SAPROF: Moderate/High range for protective factors
  - Mr. Grote has incurred two serious infractions during his entire prison term and only one general infraction, which shows he can manage his behavior. Neither serious infraction involved drugs or fighting
  - He has completed risk related programming such as: Alternatives to Violence, making it Work, and Bridges to Life. Mr. Grote co-created Re-Entry JSRB and Thinking for a Change programs with another incarcerated individual
  - He has maintained consistent employment and is considered polite and respectful to unit staff
  - Mr. Grote is best described as low risk for future violence and/or recidivism. It is likely that Mr. Grote could successfully manage his behavior and live a prosocial life in a less restrictive environment, including the community." Dr. Lisa Robtoy Psy.D.
  
- **Recommendations:**
  - Mr. Grote should focus on his stated goals and maintaining positive prosocial peer relationships. It will be helpful to participate in any transition support groups to assist with acclimating to the community.

- **Next Action:**
  - **Submit offender release plan (ORP).**
  
- **Vote:**

Jeff Patnode	Agree with recommendation
Kecia Rongen	Agree with recommendation
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey	Agree with recommendation
Elyse Balmert	Agree with recommendation
TaTeasha Davis	Agree with recommendation