



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: NASON, Norman (AKA Norma)  
DOC #: 261754  
FACILITY: Monroe Correctional Complex (TRU)  
DATE OF HEARING: April 5, 2022  
TYPE OF HEARING: .100  
PANEL MEMBERS: Jeff Patnode & TaTeasha Davis  
FINAL DECISION DATE: April 25, 2022

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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 .100 hearing in accordance with RCW 9.95.100. In preparation for the hearing, the Board reviewed Ms. Nason's ISRB file. Ms. Nason appeared in person and was represented by Attorney Jeff Myers. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Sonia Mills and Ms. Nason. The hearing was held remotely.

\*For the remainder of this decision Norman Nason will be referred to as Ms. Nason as she prefers she/her pronouns.

The Spokane County Prosecutor recommended that the Board not release Ms. Nason in a letter dated June 30, 2020. The original recommendation from the Judge was 30 years and the Prosecutor 99 years.

**LAST BOARD DECISION:**

At the August 5, 2020, .100 hearing, the Board found Ms. Nason not parolable and added 30 months to her minimum term. The Board indicated that Ms. Nason should remain infraction free, participate in any available programming, seek community support, and consider libido reducing medication through doctors in DOC if sexual thoughts of children continue.

**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 Ms. Nason is conditionally parolable and adds 36 months to her minimum term for a Mutual Reentry Plan (MRP).

**NEXT ACTION:**

Schedule a .100 hearing 120 days prior to her 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 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 Ms. Nason is conditionally parolable for the following reasons:**

- **Ms. Nason has completed the Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP) and is reportedly using her interventions to manage her offense related arousal.**
- **Ms. Nason appears to have made additional progress since the last Board hearing and the recent psychological evaluations indicate she still poses a risk but may be ready to transition to the community.**
  - In the most recent psychological evaluation by Ph. D Robtoy, dated November 21, 2021, she opines “It does however appear that Ms. Nason has gained as much from available programming, including SOTAP, as she can and is doing everything in her control to practice what she has learned. It seems likely she would continue to report her thoughts and feelings to her CCO as she does her CC. However, it is also possible that the stress of release and unstructured

environment might destabilize her progress”.

- **Ms. Nason recently participated in a Forensic Psychological Evaluation (last was completed in 2012) date February 26, 2022, in which M.D., M.H.P., M.B.A. Brian Holyda, Forensic Psychiatrist indicated MS. Nason does not meet RCW 71.09 criteria, expressing the following.**

‘It is also my opinion that Mr. Nason's diagnosis of pedophilic disorder meets the statutory definition of mental abnormality per R.C.W. 71.09.020. Despite this, Mr. Nason' s sexual violence risk assessment indicates that his risk of sexual reoffending is similar to the average sexual offender. In addition, it is my opinion that he does not have serious difficulty controlling his sexually violent behavior.’

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Ms. Nason should continue to remain infraction free, and participate in available reentry and or step-down programming (possibly camp at MCC-MSU) and/or settings in DOC.**

#### **JURISDICTION:**

Norman Nason is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a May 9, 1985 conviction in Spokane County Cause #79-1-00249-7 for Statutory Rape in the First Degree. The time start is May 9, 1985. The minimum term was set at 242 months aggravated up from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 41 to 54 months. The maximum term is Life. Ms. Nason has served approximately 443 months in prison and 0 days of jail time.

It should be noted that when Ms. Nason was sentenced under Spokane County Cause #79-1-00249-7, she was also sentenced under Spokane County Cause #26679 Indecent Liberties and Spokane County Cause # 26680- Indecent Liberties. The Court ordered that the confinement time under all three cause numbers be served concurrently. The Indecent Liberties charges each had a ten year maximum term and expired in 1989.

#### **OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:**

On February 14, 1979, the two male victims, ages 5 and 7, were walking to school when they were approached by Ms. Nason (age 20). She asked the boys if they wanted a “check-up” and proceeded to take them into an alley behind a garage where she sexually assaulted the victims.

Ms. Nason was identified as a suspect, and when questioned by police admitted to sexually assaulting the boys.

**PRIOR CRIMINAL/RISK RELATED CONDUCT:**

Regarding cause #26679, Ms. Nason (at age 19) approached a 7-year-old boy on his way to school and coaxed him into accompanying Ms. Nason to a local business. Once at the business Ms. Nason took the boy into the restroom and sexually assaulted him. The boy was one hour late to school and was questioned by school authorities. However, he denied that any molestation had occurred. The victim disclosed the abuse to his family a few months later.

With regard to cause #26680, Ms. Nason (at age 18) approached an unknown 7 year old boy and asked him if he wanted to earn some money. When the boy replied “No,” Ms. Nason took the boy by the arm and led him down some nearby stairs where she sexually assaulted the victim. The incident was witnessed by the victim’s sister, who reported it to their parents.

It appears that Ms. Nason was originally sentenced to the sex offender treatment program at Eastern State Hospital on the Indecent Liberties charges. However, she was unsuccessful with that program and was later remanded to DOC custody.

Ms. Nason reported being sexually abused beginning at the age of five and continuing through her childhood years at various foster homes. Later, while at a boy’s home, she began sexually assaulting and coercing younger males for sex, and also having consensual sex with males her age and younger. It was noted that her sex with younger boys hit its’ peak between her ages 17 and 20. Ms. Nason acknowledged over 300 incidents with younger boys/men and at least 75 victims prior to her incarceration at age 20. Most victims were between the ages of 5 and 14, and most incidents were never reported. She estimated that over 50 of the victims were neighborhood children that she offended while living with an uncle in Spokane, and that she used coercion, threats, and grooming techniques to facilitate her offending. In addition, she continued to engage in sexual behavior with other inmates/patients while confined at Eastern State Hospital

and DOC. However, she has received no infractions for sexual misconduct or any other type of infraction since 2002.

**PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:**

CC Sonia Mills testified that Ms. Nason continues to do well and is not a management issue in any way (last serious infraction was in 2002). She indicated Ms. Nason has had limited access to programming and work due to Covid restrictions, and she is always respectful in their interactions. She further indicated Ms. Nason has recently separated from her prior religious affiliation as it was not supportive of her chosen lifestyle. CC Mills indicated Ms. Nason does have community support from a longtime friend in the Seattle area and she is looking to access transitional housing in Snohomish County if she is back in the community.

Ms. Nason took responsibility for her sex offending history and expressed a desire to remain offense free. She could list her high-risk areas and discussed basic interventions. She indicated she believes she is ready to transition to the community and has the skills she will need to manage her life in a prosocial way.

Attorney Jeff Meyers requested the Board find Ms. Nason parolable and cited her successful participation in SOTAP and associated skills she has learned, a recent FPE which indicates she is does not meet RCW 71.09 criteria, and Ms. Nason has access substantial community support for similarly situated individuals in the King or Snohomish County areas.

- **Ms. Nason is an ESRCC recommended level Three for community notification.**

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April 5, 2022

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TO: Full Board

FROM: Jeff Patnode (Teresa Schmidt)

RE: NASON, Norman DOC #261754

Panel recommends: Conditionally parolable – Add 36 months to minimum term for an MRP.

Next action: Schedule .100 120 days prior to parole eligibility review date (PERD).

Agree	Disagree
Jeff Patnode 4/25/2022 Elyse Balmert 4/25/2022 TaTeasha Davis 4/25/2022 Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 4/25/2022 Kecia Rongen 4/25/2022	