



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

DECISION AND REASONS

NAME: VASTER, Maurice
DOC #: 630245
FACILITY: Stafford Creek Correctional Center (SCCC)
DATE OF HEARING: April 12, 2022
TYPE OF HEARING: .100
PANEL MEMBERS: TaTeasha Davis & Elyse Balmert
FINAL DECISION DATE: April 25, 2022

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. Vaster's ISRB file. Maurice Vaster appeared in person and was represented by Attorney Darrel Lahtinen. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Tera Flink and Mr. Vaster.

The Prosecutor recommended that the minimum terms be set at 20 years on Counts I, II, and III and 10 years on Count IV. The Court recommends that the minimum terms be set at Life on Count I, II, and III, and 10 years for Count IV.

LAST BOARD DECISION:

At the January 12, 2021, .100 hearing, the Board found Mr. Vaster not parolable and added 24 months to his minimum term. The Board stated they would like to see Mr. Vaster participate in any programming available, which may provide him insight related to his criminogenic factors and reduce his risk to the community, demonstrate his motivation to be back in the community,

and prepare him for release. The Board also recommended he prepare a detailed release plan which describes the structure he needs for successful reintegration.

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. Vaster is not parolable and adds 48 months to minimum term.

NEXT ACTION:

Schedule a .100 hearing 120 prior to PERD. Schedule a new psychological evaluation prior to his next hearing.

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. Vaster not parolable for the following reasons:

- **Mr. Vaster has been assessed as a Level II sex offender, aggravated from a Level I based on documented information that increases risk; Static 99-R: Low; PCLR: high; RLC: Low; VRAG: Bin 9 of 9**
- **Dr. Robtoy indicated in the September 2, 2020, psychological evaluation, “The assessment tools used in this evaluation estimate Mr. Vaster’s level of risk for recidivism to be high. He shares a high degree of characteristics associated with antisocial personality disorder and psychopathy. Furthermore, his static risk factors place him in the highest category for recidivism according to the VRAG-R. He has minimal protective factors that might mitigate his risk”.**
- **Mr. Vaster has a history of serious infractions with sexual elements and has not successfully completed specific risk related programming i.e., Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Vaster should participate in any offender change programming to address his risk. He should also remain serious infraction free.

JURISDICTION:

Maurice Vaster is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a 1980 conviction in King County Cause #80-1-00122-8 for Rape First Degree (while armed), Counts I and III; Robbery First Degree (while armed), Count II; and Robbery Second Degree, Count IV; all to run concurrently. The time start is May 7, 1983. The minimum term was set at 240 months on Counts I and III; 90 months on Count II; and 20 months on Count IV from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 102-126 months, Count I; 75-92 months on Count II; 77-102 months on Count III; and 15-20 months on Count IV. The statutory maximum term is Life on Counts I – III; 10 years on Count IV (which has expired). Mr. Vaster has served approximately 467 months in prison and 0 days of jail time to date.

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Vaster, at the age of 22, raped an unknown adult female at gunpoint. He met the victim while she was waiting at the bus stop. He took items from her purse before he left her.

Mr. Vaster, at the age of 22 robbed and raped an adult female victim after breaking into her apartment while armed with a knife.

File material also includes descriptions of other burglary charges which have reached their maximum expiration dates and that also involve Mr. Vaster breaking into the homes of women.

PRIOR CRIMINAL / RISK RELATED CONDUCT:

Mr. Vaster has an extensive criminal history. His juvenile offenses include multiple counts of Larceny, Trespassing, Assault, and Burglary. His adult offenses include the aforementioned burglary charges. In one case he struck the victim on the head and grabbed her by the throat. In

another, he told the victim he would “blow her brains out” and she heard the sound of a gun hammer clicking as he pointed the gun at her.

PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:

CC Flink provided testimony about Mr. Vaster’s overall prison behavior and programming since the last .100 hearing. He is not currently working because he timed out of his job in February 2022 after four years of work; however, he did receive positive feedback from his former supervisor. He has not received any serious infractions since 2018 and has two positive and one negative behavioral observation. His last psychological evaluation was in September 2020 with Dr. Lisa Robtoy which surmised that his risk of recidivism is high. He completed the Redemption program in 2021 at the Board’s request but continues to deny his offenses and refuses to participate in sex offender treatment.

Mr. Vaster has a business license to work as a barber in the community. He also has referrals for Flagging class and Roots for Success. He plans to release to King County and has community support from his family. He plans to move in with his sister and brother-in-law upon release. Mr. Vaster also plans to utilize resources from the Urban League for housing, transportation assistance, and other basic needs.

Mr. Vaster continues to deny his offenses even though he was found guilty in a court of law. The offenses were committed while he was on parole. When asked what he learned from the Redemption program he stated it helped him “Deal with people, appreciate people”, and it made him look at himself. Mr. Vaster stated that he’s ready to prove himself in the community and be a productive citizen.

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April 20, 2022

cc: SCCC/File
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TO: Full Board

FROM: TaTeasha Davis (Nadine Tucker)

RE: VASTER, Maurice DOC #630245

Panel recommends: Not Parolable, add 48 months to MT

Next action: Schedule a .100 hearing 120 prior to PERD.
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Agree	Disagree
TaTeasha Davis 4-25-2022 Elyse Balmert 4-25-2022 Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 4-25-2022 Jeff Patnode 4-25-2022 Kecia Rongen 4-25-2022	