

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

May 3, 2021

A regular meeting of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board was held in the ISRB Office Building located at 4317 Sixth Avenue SE, Lacey, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present via Microsoft Teams:

Board Members:

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

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

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- BETANCOURT, Adam
- DOC #768174
- Purpose: Full Board Discussion
- Date: May 3, 2021
- List of Documents Reviewed
 - ISRB File
- An updated prosecutor recommendation was received recommending Mr. Betancourt not be released.

- Mr. Betancourt was seen for a release hearing at the Airway Heights Corrections Center on April 27, 2021.

- **Summary Discussion**
Mrs. Ramsdell-Gilkey presented this case.

Mr. Betancourt is being reviewed by the Board in Grant County Cause 97-1-00295-1 for two counts of Murder in the First Degree.

The crime involved Mr. Betancourt participating in the murders of an elderly couple while burglarizing their home and property. He and his crime partners armed themselves and entered the couple's home and shot them

while they were in bed. The female victim was able to make it to the phone to call for help. She was again shot by Mr. Betancourt and a crime partner. Mr. Betancourt was 16 years old at the time of the murders and he is currently 40 years of age.

Risk assessment scores rate him as a low to moderate risk to re-offend.

Mr. Betancourt has had no serious infractions since 2009.

Mr. Betancourt has maintained steady employment. He receives positive reviews from his supervisors.

Mr. Betancourt has completed Redemption, Redemption Facilitation, Thinking for a Change (T4C), substance abuse treatment, several courses through University Behind Bars (UBB), Victim Awareness and Beekeeping.

Mr. Betancourt would like to transition to a clean and sober house. He has support from his fiancée, family as well as community support.

- **Decision:** The panel finds Mr. Betancourt releasable.

- **Reasons:**
 - Has demonstrated positive prison behavior for approximately the past 12- years, receiving one serious infraction via the Negotiated Sanction process during this time, for having sandpaper in his hobby box. He received 27 positive behavioral observations.
 - Continues to maintain employment and participate in available offender change programming and educational courses. Completed Thinking for Change, Redemption, Victim Awareness, Chemical Dependency Intensive Outpatient treatment and more.
 - Positive psychological evaluation completed by Dr. Richel on November 17, 2020. Mr. Betancourt scored in the Low range for psychopathy; scored Low for future violence, Low for serious physical harm and Low for imminent violence on the HCR-20 V3. On the SAPROF he scored High for his level of protective factors in place. On the VRAG-R Mr. Betancourt scored in Bin 6 of 9 which suggests a 34% chance of committing a new violent offense in a 5-year period, or a 60% chance of recidivating in a 12-year period. It should be noted that the VRAG-R is scored entirely on static factors from historical data.

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

- **Recommendations:**

- Mr. Betancourt should have restrictions around his association with known felons and known gang members in the community. He will be expected to participate in sober support groups in the community. He should be on electronic monitoring for the first 90 days of supervision. In addition, Mr. Betancourt should be supervised at the highest level for the first year in the community, per policy.
- **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