

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:

Staff:

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

Robin Riley, Executive Assistant

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

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- GROTH, James
- DOC #911473
- Purpose: Full Board Discussion
- Date: May 3, 2021
- List of Documents Reviewed
 - ISRB File
- An updated prosecutor recommendation was not received.

- Mr. Groth was seen for a .100 Hearing on April 20, 2021 at the Monroe Correctional Complex – Washington State Reformatory.

- **Summary Discussion**
Ms. Balmert presented this case.

Mr. Groth is under the jurisdiction of the Board in King County Cause 078-1-08669-9 for Murder in the Second Degree.

The crime involved Mr. Groth stabbing a 16-year-old neighbor girl to death. He lived a couple of houses away from the victim and killed her with her boyfriend's knife. He left her body in her backyard for her father to find her the next morning. He was 16 years old at the time of the crime. He was 49

years old when he was convicted of this cold case and he is currently 62 years of age.

Mr. Groth had no known criminal history prior to the murder. However, since he committed that offense he has been convicted of Felony Assault; Assault in the Fourth Degree, Theft in the Third Degree, Assault in the Fourth Degree, and Violation of a DV Court Order in 2006 and 2007. All these convictions were out of King County.

Mr. Groth's overall risk to re-offend is moderate.

Mr. Groth has had no serious infractions since his last hearing.

Mr. Groth has completed several programs to include Non-violent communication, Alternatives to Aggression and Bridges to Life. He is currently enrolled in substance abuse treatment.

Mr. Groth would like to release to a transition house and work as a mechanic.

- **Decision:**
The panel recommends he be found parolable.
- **Reasons:**
 - Is currently participating in substance abuse treatment and is anticipated to complete in mid-June.
 - He has completed Non-Violent Communication X 3, Alternatives to Aggression, and Bridges to Life.
 - He has positive behavior and has not incurred any Serious Infractions.
- **Recommendations:**
 - Mr. Groth is scheduled to complete substance abuse treatment prior to his PERD. If he fails to successfully complete the program the Board should be notified immediately. Mr. Groth must remain substance and alcohol free. He should attend sober support groups and have strong controls around his relationships.
- **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