



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: Box, Jeremy  
DOC #: 905839  
FACILITY: Monroe Correctional Complex WSR  
DATE OF HEARING: May 5, 2021  
TYPE OF HEARING: .100  
PANEL MEMBERS: Elyse Balmert and TaTeasha Davis  
FINAL DECISION DATE: May 24, 2021

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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 Mr. Box's ISRB file. Mr. Box appeared in person and was represented by Attorney Anne Marggraf. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Victoria Hathaway.

Both the Judge and Prosecutor recommended a Life sentence. In 1991 an updated recommendation was received. The Judge recommended 600 months and the Prosecutor recommended 1, 440 months.

**LAST 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, at his last Board Hearing on May 23, 2019, he was found Mr. Box not parolable and added 36 months to his minimum term. The Board recommended Mr. Box complete the Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP) prior to release. A request will be made to the SOTAP Administrator to

meet with Mr. Box again to discuss amenability. The Board will also request an override in order to permit him to enter Thinking for a Change (T4C). Mr. Box should continue to maintain positive prison behavior, maintain contacts with his community support people and attend medical appointments as required.

**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. Box is parolable.

**NEXT ACTION:**

*Submit an Offender Release Plan (ORP).*

**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. Box parolable for the following reasons:

- Psychological report assesses him to be overall Low/Moderate risk.
- He has life threatening medical issues that may mitigate his risk.
- He has completed multiple programs to assist with mitigating his risk - Redemption, Non-Violent Communication, Re-Entry, and Bridges to Life.
- He has positive behavior and incurred only three Serious Infractions in 37 years, none involved violence.
- He has a detailed release plan with community support.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Mr. Box should have strong controls around romantic relationships. He should seek out mental health services and follow all recommendations.

**JURISDICTION:**

Jeremy Box is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a December 4, 1984 conviction in King County Cause No. 84-1-01571-0 for Murder in the First Degree While Armed With a Deadly Weapon (dumbbell). The time start is December 12, 1984. In 1991 the Board set a minimum term of 626 months. The guideline range after adjustments for Phelan time is 233 to 313 months. As noted in the Unpublished Opinion of the Court of Appeals for the State of Washington Division One filed on June 13, 2005, the 626-month minimum term set by the Board was an exceptional sentence under the Sentencing Reform Act of 1981. A Murder 1 Review was completed later that year and no change was made to the minimum term. In 2005, Mr. Box filed a Personal Restraint Petition alleging the ISRB failed to provide him with copies of the adverse information (letters from the victim's family/friends) in his file prior to setting his minimum term. The Court agreed and the Court remanded the case to the ISRB for a new duration of confinement hearing. That hearing took place and the Board continued its recommendation for a minimum term of 626 months. The maximum term is life in prison. Mr. Box has served approximately 437 months in prison and 109 days of jail time.

**OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:**

In May of 1984, Jeremy Box (age 18) murdered a known 18-year-old female. File materials, as well as Mr. Box's own statements, indicate that Mr. Box and the victim had been living in the same house for a little over two years. Mr. Box described this arrangement as two families occupying the same home. The night prior to the offense Mr. Box told the victim how he felt about her, and she made it clear, although he described it as "letting him down gently", that she had no romantic interest in him. He woke up early in the morning and found the victim sleeping on the couch. He picked up a heavy dumbbell and hit her in the head with it, then strangled her to death. He later decapitated the victim. He told a friend about the crime and asked for assistance disposing of the body. The friend went to the authorities.

**PRIOR CRIMINAL / RISK RELATED CONDUCT:**

No other known criminal convictions.

**PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:**

CC Hathaway provided an overview of Mr. Box's programming since his last Hearing. She testified that Mr. Box has completed Re-entry, Non-Violent Communication, and a Spanish class. He was unable to complete any other programs due to his extensive medical issues and Covid restrictions. She said Mr. Box recently had a second brain surgery (biopsy) and has a large lump on his head. Mr. Box has not incurred any Serious Infractions since his last Hearing. CC Hathaway reports he has no issues on the Unit, is polite and quiet.

Mr. Box provided a description of his crime which closely matched the file material and his previous disclosures. Mr. Box was asked if he had requested participation in Thinking For A Change (T4C) and he indicated that he inquired and it was not available at WSR plus due to his medical appointments he is unable to transfer to another institution that has the program. He also was not re-screened for SOTAP which again may be due to his medical issues along with Covid restrictions. Mr. Box was asked what the most impactful program was that he has participated in. He indicated his participation in his Jewish faith. Mr. Box reported that at times he has some depression but can manage it without medications. He voices remorse and appears to understand the impact of his crime. Mr. Box would like to release to Seattle and reside in a Jewish run transitional home. His Oncologist is in Seattle and he would have easy access to medical services there. He has support from family, friends, members of his faith and the Jewish Prisoner Services.

Attorney Marggraf stated that Mr. Box had a Glioblastoma tumor removed, followed by chemotherapy and radiation. This has impacted his sight in one eye, his balance, and his libido. She indicated that a person diagnosed with Glioblastoma has a median survival rate of 16 months. Regarding the Community Concerns, she pointed out that Mr. Box has no thoughts of revenge against anyone and that he is a totally different person today than he was at the time of the crime. She said he wants to live a quiet life reading, walking, and baking bread. He wants to be a force of good.

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TO: Full Board  
FROM: Elyse Balmert (Teresa)  
RE: Box, Jeremy DOC #905839

Panel recommends: Parolable

Next action: Submit Offender Release Plan (ORP)

Agree	Disagree
<b>Elyse Balmert 5-24-2021</b> <b>TaTeasha Davis 5-24-2021</b> <b>Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 5-24-2021</b> <b>Jeff Patnode 5-24-2021</b> <b>Kecia Rongen 5-24-2021</b>	