



**Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
Decision and Reasons Summary**

Name: Bowman, Ronnie	DOC#: 624044	Case Type: PAR	Date: 8/14/2024
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Note: This is a summary of the Decision and Reasons dated 8/26/2024, and should not be substituted for the full document.

Decision:

Not Parolable.

Next Action: Schedule a .100 Hearing approximately 120 days prior to PERD. The Board may see him earlier upon successful completion of SOTAP and with an updated Psychological Evaluation.

Recommendations:

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DECISION AND REASONS

NAME:	BOWMAN, Ronnie
DOC #:	624044
FACILITY:	Stafford Creek Corrections Center
DATE OF HEARING:	August 14, 2024
TYPE OF HEARING:	.100
PANEL MEMBERS:	Elyse Balmert & Jill Getty
FINAL DECISION DATE:	August 26, 2024

I. DECISION/LEGAL STANDARD

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. This statute directs the Board to not release an individual unless in the Board’s opinion his or her rehabilitation has been completed and he or she is a fit subject for release. Consequently, the Board finds Ronnie Bowman **not parolable** no time is added to the minimum term.

Original The Judge and Prosecutor Recommendation:

Count VIII, Rape First Degree While Armed with a Deadly Weapon (WAWADW): Judge 30 years/Prosecutor Life

Count IX, Robbery First Degree (WAWADW): Judge 30 years/Prosecutor Life

Count X, Theft First Degree: Judge 30 years/Prosecutor Life

Count XI, Rape First Degree (WAWADW): Judge 30 years/Prosecutor Life

Count XII, Kidnapping First Degree: Judge 30 years/Prosecutor Life

Count XIII, Robbery First Degree (WAWADW): Judge 30 years/Prosecutor Life

In a letter dated 7/26/2024, King County Prosecuting Attorney Leesa Manion in part wrote; “After a careful review of the documents and reports presented to my office regarding Mr. Bowman's readiness for parole, I believe Mr. Bowman's rehabilitation does not meet the statutory requirements, and therefore the Board should find that Mr. Bowman is not fit for release at this time.”

NEXT ACTION: Schedule a .100 Hearing approximately 120 days prior to PERD. The Board may see him earlier upon successful completion of SOTAP and with an updated Psychological Evaluation.

II. JURISDICTION

Ronnie Bowman is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a March 23, 1982, conviction in King County Cause #81-1-01434-4 for Rape in the First Degree Count VIII & XI; Robbery in the First Degree Counts IX & XII; Kidnapping in the First Degree Count XII all counts (WAWADW). The time start is August 11, 2007. The minimum term was set at 360 months on all counts concurrent. The statutory maximum term is Life. Mr. Bowman has served approximately 204 months and 0 days of jail time since transferring from King County cause 81-1-01434-4 counts I, II, III, IV which were served prior. The time start is August 11, 2007. The minimum term was set at 360 months on all counts concurrent. The statutory maximum term is Life. Mr. Bowman has served approximately 204 months and 0 days of jail time since transferring from King County cause 81-1-01434-4 counts I, II, III, IV which were served prior.

Other Causes/Counts: Mr. Bowman already served counts I -IV & X under the same cause #. Prior to that Mr. Bowman has been in prison since January 23, 1974, under King County cause 66309, Snohomish County Cause 7213, & King County Cause 75387. Mr. Bowman has served a total of 50 years to date.

III. LAST BOARD DECISION

On September 9, 2008, a .100 Hearing was held. The Board paroled Mr. Bowman to the second block of offenses under the same King County Cause No. 81-1-01434-4. The Board noted that

paroling Mr. Bowman to his next block of offenses in no way indicates that the Board believes he is fully re-habilitated and fit for release at this time. However, the Board does believe that he has spent an appropriate amount of time for this first block of offenses.

IV. OFFENSE DESCRIPTION

On November 19, 1980, a man returned to his home at about 12:00 pm and found Mr. Bowman in a bedroom. Mr. Bowman was armed with a pistol and directed the man to lie down, empty his pockets and hand his watch over.

On December 22, 1980, police officers responded to a residence in which a woman reported that at about 2:00 pm a man, later identified as Mr. Bowman, had forced open a second story bedroom window and entered her house. Mr. Bowman confronted her and her daughter while holding a small handgun. He threatened to shoot their dog unless the dog was put in the basement. Mr. Bowman demanded money and was given all the money the women had in their purses. Mr. Bowman then made them both go upstairs, holding the gun as well as the key to her automobile. Mr. Bowman tied their wrists behind their backs with rope. He removed a ring from the older woman's finger and locked her daughter in a closet. Mr. Bowman then made the older woman lie on the bed and raped her. After this Mr. Bowman left the house and took her car. Before leaving Mr. Bowman told her if she called the police he would come back and kill her.

Mr. Bowman was not caught at that time and was placed in Work Release from furlough. While in the Work Release facility Mr. Bowman committed a Rape First Degree, Robbery First Degree, Theft First Degree, another Rape First Degree, a Kidnapping First Degree, and another Robbery First Degree all while armed with a deadly weapon.

On February 3, 1981, a woman was raped, robbed, and kidnapped. The victim was in a parking garage at approximately 3:00 pm. When she had returned to her car a man, later identified as Mr. Bowman, came up and put his hand around her mouth. He said, he had a knife and wanted

her money. The woman gave him her money and he then asked for her rings, which she also gave to him. He then told her to get into the trunk of the car and drove her to another parking garage. At this location he raped her while he held a knife to her neck. After the rape he took her rings, tied her up and put her back in the trunk of her car and left.

On March 10, 1981, another woman was returning to her car in a parking garage when she was approached by a man, later identified as Mr. Bowman. He approached her and showed her a pistol and demanded money. He then asked if she had a car there, and she stated she did. Mr. Bowman took the car keys and had the victim go over to a nearby stairwell. Mr. Bowman raped the woman in the stairwell.

The second rape victim's car was taken and retained by Mr. Bowman while he continued in Work Release. Thirty days after the crime Mr. Bowman was still using the stolen car. He was spotted by police and a high-speed chase ensued. During the chase the vehicle accelerated rapidly, up to speeds of 65 miles per hour in the downtown area, running several stop lights and driving recklessly. While the driver of the vehicle, later identified as Mr. Bowman, attempted to make a left turn, the vehicle went out of control, hit the curb, and flipped over on its side hitting a light pole. One of the occupants ran, however, the other occupant was later determined deceased at the scene. The deceased person was another occupant at the Work Release.

Also found in the car was a stolen pistol. Later in the morning, police contacted the Work Release facility who advised Mr. Bowman had left early that morning. It was later learned Mr. Bowman had gone to a hospital for treatment of injuries sustained during an automobile accident. Officers arrested Mr. Bowman at the local hospital. Mr. Bowman was later convicted of Negligent Homicide. He had originally also been convicted of Felony Eluding and Habitual Criminal. However, these latter two convictions were later vacated by the Court.

V. OTHER RISK RELATED BEHAVIOR

Mr. Bowman has an extensive juvenile and adult criminal history. In 1974 he was convicted of Burglary in the Second Degree under King #66309, and Auto Theft under King #66383. While on furlough in March of 1975 Mr. Bowman committed his next offense, Possession of a Firearm under Snohomish #7213. In January of 1976 Mr. Bowman escaped and was convicted of this Escape under King #75387.

Mr. Bowman progressed through lower levels of custody and was granted a furlough. While on furlough he committed the Burglary in the First Degree, Count I, Rape in the First Degree, Count II, Robbery in the First Degree, two counts and a Theft in the First Degree, all while armed with a deadly weapon and a firearm. He was not apprehended at that time and was transferred on to a work release.

VI. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED

The Board considered the evidence presented at the hearing and reviewed **Ronnie Bowman's** ISRB file. The hearing was audio recorded and will be retained per retention schedules. Testimony was provided by the following individuals: **Classification Counselor Levi Olden, and Ronnie Bowman.**

The file review included the following documents:

- End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) Reports: Dated
- Criminal case records: **Judgement & Sentence 3/23/1982 and Pre-Sentence Investigation 9/4/1981**
- Psychological Evaluations: **Dr. Robtoy 3/09/2024**
- DOC Treatment and behavioral reports dated:
- Risk Assessments (Static, SOTIPS etc.):
 - *Violence Risk Assessment Guide-Revised (VRAG-R) is a 12-item actuarial scale designed to predict violent recidivism.*
 - *Hare Psychopathy Checklist-REVISED (PCL-R) indicates the extent to which the individual has psychopathic tendencies.*
 - *HCR-20v3 is an instrument that organizes known risk factors into three categories: historical, clinical, and risk management. Using past, present, and future factors the HCR-20v3 assesses dynamic risk for recidivism.*

- **Static-99R** is an actuarial risk prediction instrument designed to estimate the probability of sexual and violent recidivism. It is the most widely used sex offender risk assessment instrument in the world.

- Findings and Conclusion (F&C), Prior Decision & Reasons (D&R): **D&R 9/16/2008**
- DOC OMNI Records
- Other: **King County Prosecuting Attorney Letter 7/26/2024**

VII. FINDINGS

1. In preparation for this hearing, Mr. Ronnie Bowman was advised of his hearing rights.
2. Ronnie Bowman participated via telephone. Ronnie Bowman was represented by attorney Darrel Lahtinen.
3. The Board has considered all potential Conditions of Supervision it may lawfully impose, including all identified by the End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC), DOC psychological evaluations, and RCW 9.94A.704. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - DRUG / ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS
 - ELECTRONIC MONITORING
 - GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS
 - MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COMPLIANCE
 - PARTICIPATION IN DRUG/ALCOHOL TREATMENT
 - PARTICIPATION IN SEX OFFENSE TREATMENT
 - PROHIBITED CONTACTS
 - SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL
 - SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPHS
 - UNAPPROVED RELATIONSHIPS
4. The Board has considered the following evidence favorable to Ronnie Bowman's release determination:
 - Treatment/Programming. **He is participating in Thinking For A Change (T4C).**
 - Protective factors. **Steadily employed with positive reports from his Supervisors. He has not had any Serious Infractions since 2001.**
 - Risk Assessment Scores.
 - Other evidence: **He is compliant with his mental plan.**

5. The Board has considered evidence against Ronnie Bowman's conditional release (WAC 381-60-160), examples of adequate reasons for a finding of non-parolability include, but are not limited to:
- He has not participated in available program or resources designed to assist and offender to reduce the risk of re-offense (e.g., anger management, substance abuse treatment). **He has not had the opportunity to participate in SOTAP.**
 - Serious and repetitive disciplinary infractions during incarceration.
 - Evidence of an inmate's continuing intent or propensity to engage in illegal activity (e.g., victim harassment, criminal conduct while incarcerated, continued use of illegal substances).
 - Statements or declarations by the inmate that he or she intends to re-offend or does not intend to comply with conditions of parole.
 - Evidence that an inmate presents a substantial danger to the community if released. **He has prior failures on Supervision.**
6. The Conditions of Supervision, and any favorable evidence noted above considered by the Board would not sufficiently reduce the likelihood of Ronnie Bowman committing new offenses because:
- **Mr. Bowman has not completed SOTAP therefore has not mitigated his risk for sexual re-offense.**
 - **He has an extensive history of substance abuse and he has not participated in substance use disorder treatment.**
 - **Mr. Bowman has prior failures on supervision which is indicative of future failure in the absence of programming that includes skill development.**
7. Based on the requirements of RCW 9.95.009(3) and RCW 9.95.100 and after weighing all of the totality of the evidence, including the community custody conditions and any favorable evidence noted above by the Board, the Board finds that Mr. Bowman is not parolable and no time is added to his minimum term.

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.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

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EB:ah

8/15/2024

cc: Facility: SCCC
Ronnie Bowman, Incarcerated Individual
File



TO: Full Board

FROM: EB (ah)

RE: BOWMAN, Ronnie DOC # 624044

Panel recommends: Not Parolable. No time added to minimum term.

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Agree	Disagree
Jeff Patnode, 8.26.2024 Jill Getty, 8.26.2024 Elyse Balmert, 8.26.2024 Corey McNally, 8.26.2024 Kecia Rongen, 8.26.2024	