



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

DECISION AND REASONS

NAME: NASON, Norman (AKA Norma)
DOC #: 261754
FACILITY: MCC-TRU-VIA SKYPE
DATE OF HEARING: August 5, 2020
TYPE OF HEARING: .100
PANEL MEMBERS: Kecia Rongen, Jeff Patnode & TaTeasha Davis
FINAL DECISION DATE: August 17, 2020

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 Ms. Nason's ISRB file. Ms. Nason appeared in person and was represented by Attorney Cameron Ford. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Dr. Dennis Speck and Ms. Nason.

*Ms. Nason identifies as transgender and prefers she/her pronouns which will be used throughout this report.

The Spokane County Prosecutor recommended that the Board not release Ms. Nason in a letter dated June 30, 2020. The original recommendation from the Judge was 30 years and the Prosecutor 99 years.

LAST BOARD DECISION:

At the December 6, 2016 .100 hearing, the Board found Ms. Nason not parolable and added 72 months to her minimum term. The Board indicated that Ms. Nason would benefit from basic skills and be assessed for the Skill Building Unit.

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 Ms. Nason is not parolable and adds 30 months to her minimum term.

NEXT ACTION:

Schedule a .100 hearing 120 days prior to her PERD. An updated Forensic Psychological Evaluation (FPE) will be requested for her 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 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 Ms. Nason is not parolable for the following reasons:

- **Assessed as a Moderate to High Risk to sexually reoffend on the Static 99-R and a Level Three for community notification;**
- **2011 Forensic Psychological Evaluation indicates that she meets the criteria as a sexually violent predator, diagnosing her with pedophilia, assessing her on the SORAG as a high risk and the VRAG/Static 99-R a moderate-high**
- **Continues to have sexual thoughts of minors**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ms. Nason should remain infraction free, participate in any programming available, and seek out support in the community perhaps through her church. If Ms. Nason continues to have sexual thoughts of children, she may want to consider libido reducing medication through the doctors in DOC.

JURISDICTION:

Norman Nason is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a May 9, 1985 conviction in Spokane County Cause #79-1-00249-7 for Statutory Rape in the First Degree. The time start is May 9, 1985. The minimum term was set at 242 months aggravated up from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 41 to 54 months. The maximum term is Life. Mr. Nason has served approximately 423 months in prison and 0 days of jail time.

It should be noted that when Mr. Nason was sentenced under Spokane County Cause #79-1-00249-7, he was also sentenced under Spokane County Cause #26679 Indecent Liberties and Spokane County Cause # 26680- Indecent Liberties. The Court ordered that the confinement time under all three cause numbers be served concurrently. The Indecent Liberties charges each had a ten year maximum term, and expired in 1989.

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:

On February 14, 1979, the two male victims, ages 5 and 7, were walking to school when they were approached by Ms. Nason. She asked the boys if they wanted a “check-up” and proceeded to take them into an alley behind a garage, where she exposed her penis to them. She then took down each of the boys’ pants and put their penises in her mouth. Ms. Nason was identified as a suspect, and when questioned by police she admitted to sexually assaulting the boys.

PRIOR CRIMINAL/RISK RELATED CONDUCT:

Regarding cause #26679, Ms. Nason approached a 7 year old boy on his way to school and coaxed him into accompanying Ms. Nason to a local business. Once at the business Ms. Nason took the

boy into the restroom, removed his pants, and fondled his penis. The boy was one hour late to school and was questioned by school authorities. However, he denied that any molestation had occurred. The victim disclosed the abuse to his family a few months later.

With regard to cause #26680, Ms. Nason approached a known 7 year old boy and asked him if he wanted to earn some money. When the boy replied “No,” Ms. Nason took the boy by the arm and led him down some nearby stairs. She proceeded to expose her penis to the boy and remove the boy’s pants and perform fellatio on him. Afterward, the victim pulled up his pants, and Ms. Nason gave him one dollar. The incident was witnessed by the victim’s sister, who reported it to their parents.

It appears that Ms. Nason was originally sentenced to the sex offender treatment program at Eastern State Hospital on the Indecent Liberties charges. However, she was unsuccessful with that program and was later remanded to DOC custody.

Ms. Nason reported being sexually abused beginning at the age of five, and continuing through her childhood years at various foster homes. Later, while at a boy’s home, she began sexually assaulting and coercing younger males for sex, and also having consensual sex with males her age and younger. It was noted that her sex with younger boys hit its’ peak between her ages 17 and 20. Ms. Nason acknowledged over 300 incidents with younger boys/men and at least 75 victims prior to her incarceration at age 20. Most victims were between the ages of 5 and 14, and most incidents were never reported. She estimated that over 50 of the victims were neighborhood children that she offended while living with an uncle in Spokane, and that she used coercion, threats, and grooming techniques to facilitate her offending. In addition, she continued to engage in sexual behavior with other inmates/patients while confined at Eastern State Hospital and DOC. However, she has received no infractions for sexual misconduct or any other type of infraction since 2002.

PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:

CC Dennis Speck testified that Ms. Nason has completed, CBT-LGBTI Adjunct Group, Celebrate Recovery and Bridges to Life. She has not received any serious infractions since 2002. She was terminated from her job due to theft and unsafe acts, reports show that she stole socks. She has received four negative behavioral observations and one positive. Ms. Nason will need to use the housing vouchers if released.

Ms. Nason took responsibility for stealing the socks as she has a skin condition that she used them for. In response to the Board's last do not release decision, she realized that she was not clear in what she was going through. She has gotten involved in transgender groups to try to find out more about herself. Ms. Nason also belongs to the LDS religion and indicates that it is okay to be transgender as long as "you don't act on it." She is required to live a "clean and moral life." She talks with others in the church that has the same issue. The church does not believe you should act on homosexual orientation. She believes that she will find other outlets for those thoughts and she is now open to masturbating. She has periodic thoughts of minor males.

Ms. Nason was asked about a previous disclosure of having 75 unadjudicated victims. She indicated that she wanted to clarify what she meant. She believes that there really is probably 30 unadjudicated victims and the others were like extended family who were victims because of what she did.

Attorney Cameron Ford highlighted that Ms. Nason has outlets for her sexual activity and believes that she understands herself better now that she understands that she is transgender. He also wanted to discuss the letter that the Prosecutor sent indicating that Ms. Nason does not have empathy. He believes that she showed she has empathy in her hearing today with the Board and understands it. In regards to the psychological evaluation he pointed out the summary paragraph that indicates Ms. Nason is a moderate risk to reoffend.

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He believes that she has shown she is rehabilitated and also requests an updated FPE.

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August 14, 2020

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TO: Full Board

FROM: Kecia Rongen (Teresa Schmidt)

RE: NASON, Norman DOC #261754

Panel recommends: Not parolable – Add 30 months to minimum term.

Next action: Schedule .100 120 days prior to parole eligibility review date (PERD).

Agree	Disagree
Jeff Patnode 8-17-2020 TaTeasha Davis 8-17-2020 Elyse Balmert 8-17-2020 Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 8-17-2020 Kecia Rongen 8-17-2020	