



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

DECISION AND REASONS

NAME: MINISH, William
DOC #: 942876
FACILITY: Airway Heights Corrections Center
DATE OF HEARING: September 25, 2018
TYPE OF HEARING: Cashaw
PANEL MEMBERS: Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey and Jeff Patnode
FINAL DECISION DATE: October 8, 2018

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. Minish's ISRB file. Mr. Minish appeared in person and was represented by Attorney George Marlton. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Gregory Hopkins.

LAST BOARD DECISION:

At the April 26, 2016 hearing, the Board found Mr. Minish not parolable and extended him to serve his maximum term.

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 continues to find that Mr. Minish is not parolable and maintains our previous decision that he must serve his maximum term.

NEXT ACTION:

Release Mr. Minish on his maximum expiration date of December 2, 2019.

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, 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. Minish not parolable for the following reasons:

- **Has completed no risk related offender programming**
- **Minimizes behavior and sexual deviancy**
- **Risk Level Three for community notification purposes**
- **Does not wish to be released prior to his maximum**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Prior to release check to see if Mr. Minish has been determined to be considered for possible civil commitment through the Attorney General's office.

JURISDICTION:

William Minish is under the Board's jurisdiction on an August 18, 1978 conviction for **Indecent Liberties** in Island County under Cause #2732. At that time the Court *deferred* imposition of a sentence of five years and instead placed Mr. Minish on probation. Further, Mr. Minish was expected to be evaluated at Western State Hospital to see if he would be a candidate for their sexual psychopath program. Instead, Mr. Minish promptly absconded and his whereabouts were unknown until it was discovered several years later that he was incarcerated in Oregon under a different name/alias as the result of a new sex conviction.

Upon his release from the Oregon prison system in 2009 he was returned on a warrant to Washington to begin serving time on this conviction. The original deferred sentence was revoked and he was ordered to serve a maximum term of 10 years. With a time start of January 12, 2010 Mr. Minish has served approximately 104 months in prison, with 41 days of jail time.

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:

File materials describe the underlying conviction as Mr. Minish having sexual contact with an 8 year old female. Mr. Minish and his wife had met the victim's mother in a bar one night. Approximately one month later Mr. Minish and his wife babysat the victim and her little sister overnight. During the course of the evening Mr. Minish reportedly told the 8 year old victim that he loved her, asked her to "tongue kiss" his "wiener," and put his penis in the victim's mouth. He was convicted of one count of Indecent Liberties and one count of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes as a result of this behavior.

ADDITIONAL RISK RELATED CONDUCT:

Mr. Minish has the additional *sex related criminal* convictions:

1/18/1975 – Indecent Assault and Battery of a Child under 14; Open and Gross Lewdness; and two Counts of Unnatural Acts on a Child under 16. File material indicates Mr. Minish had sexual contact with both a 7 year old and 9 year old girl. He was sentenced to 30 months of confinement, however this was suspended and he was placed on probation. Sentencing occurred in the District Court of Southern Norfolk County, **Massachusetts**.

9/18/1985 – Two counts of Sodomy in the First Degree. This offense involved Mr. Minish's sexual assault of at least two children. The record indicates Mr. Minish was charged with one count of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree and four counts of Sodomy in the First Degree. This charged behavior involved contact with three girls, ages 5, 9, and 10. The 5 year old victim reported Mr. Minish touched her bare vagina. The 9 year old reported Mr. Minish licked her vagina and attempted to penetrate her vagina with his penis. The 10 year old victim reported Mr. Minish licked her vagina, made her lick his penis, and tried to penetrate her vagina with his penis. It is

unknown if the two counts that resulted in conviction involved all three victims or just two of them. This conviction occurred in Multnomah County, **Oregon** under Cause #85-06-32460.

PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:

Classification Counselor Hopkins stated Mr. Minish works in Correctional Industries Textiles. He has maintained employment for most of his incarceration. He has not participated in the Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP). He was found not to be amenable as he told the reviewer he had “nothing to work on”. He has not had any serious infractions since our last hearing, but has had 12 minor infractions. CC Hopkins reported Mr. Minish would like to release to Seattle. He has had no visitors.

While he maintained he does not really have much support, he does have a few women on the outside that he has befriended and been sending his handmade jewelry and other items to for several years. They are holding on to it for him to sell when he releases. He stated he has no support from relatives and has not heard from any of them for over 20 years.

When questioned about his history of sexual offending, Mr. Minish surprisingly denied the 1975 Massachusetts convictions and stated someone must have used his name. His denial is not credible. He acknowledged the Washington and Oregon convictions. He stated he absconded from Washington after his 1978 conviction because he felt he was wrongly convicted. He stated he went to Oregon and established a new identity as Jack Bates. He appeared proud of his deception and claims his alias worked so well he even served jury duty once. Mr. Minish claimed that while in Oregon he **did a lot of babysitting**, but did not abuse a child for eight years. He apparently saw no issue with his practice of “babysitting”.

When asked to explain his deviant interest in minor females, Mr. Minish stated he did not know why he offended against children. He does maintain he is no longer attracted to children and that sexual deviancy treatment is unnecessary as “It would set my therapy back by 30 years.” He said, “I don’t think about sex and I don’t want to talk about sex.” Regarding his victims he said,

“They were eager participants.” When questioned further about what therapy he has completed he acknowledged he did not do sexual deviance therapy in Oregon, but took a good number of other programs and courses and educated himself. He said, “All my actual psychological evaluations tell me I have an IQ of 124.... I am smart enough to figure out what is wrong and make changes.”

Regarding his excessive drinking he indicated he had such a high IQ that he was trying to “suppress” it and “fit in” with everyone else. He stated, “I was drinking so heavily in those days and blacking out three or four times a week.” He indicated he has no plans to drink upon release.

Clearly Mr. Minish has little insight into his own deviant behaviors and remains a risk to any community. He has resisted risk related treatment for many years and frankly would likely do poorly in such treatment. The ISRB will maintain Mr. Minish in custody to protect the community until legally required to release him.

LRG:jas

October 2, 2018

October 8, 2018

October 12, 2018

October 22, 2018

cc: Institution
William Minish
George Marlton, Attorney
File



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TO: Full Board

FROM: Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey (Jody)

RE: MINISH, William, DOC #942876

Panel recommends: Continue to find Mr. Minish not parolable and maintain previous decision to extend minimum term to maximum expiration date.

Next action: Release on maximum expiration date of December 2, 2019.

Agree	Disagree
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 10-8-2018 Jeff Patnode 10-8-2018 Elyse Balmert 10-8-2018 Kecia Rongen 10-8-2018	