

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD
BOARD MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

A regular meeting of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board was held in the ISRB Office Building located at 637 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98504, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present were:

Board Members:

Kecia Rongen
Corey McNally
Jeff Patnode
Elyse Balmert
Jill Getty

Staff:

Rebecca Torrence, Executive Assistant

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

PRE-84

- JOHNSON, Curtis
- DOC #125311
- Purpose: Full Board Discussion
- Date: November 13, 2024
- List of Documents Reviewed
 - ISRB File
- An updated prosecutor recommendation was not received.

- Curtis Johnson was seen for a .100 hearing on October 22, 2024 at the Airway Heights Corrections Center.

- **Summary Discussion**
Jill Getty presented the case to the full Board.

- Curtis Johnson is under the jurisdiction of the Board for their conviction of Murder in the First Degree in Walla Walla County Cause 66747.

While incarcerated at the Washington State Penitentiary, Mr. Johnson followed through with a threat to kill another inmate. He was 31 years of age at the time of the crime and is currently 80 years of age.

Previous Criminal History:

Mr. Johnson's criminal history started at the age of 17 in Oklahoma and continued throughout his life. The crimes include Larceny of Auto, Burglary, Robbery and Robbery with a Firearm.

Risk assessments show him to be a moderate risk to re-offend.

Mr. Johnson's last infraction was in July 2024 for making alcohol.

Mr. Johnson completed SUD/Intensive Day Treatment 2.5, involved with mental health services and the Black Prisoner's Caucus, and institutional employment.

Mr. Johnson would like to utilize the DOC voucher program as he has very little community support.

- **Decision:**
The panel recommends Mr. Johnson not be released and add 24 months to his minimum term.

- **Reasons:**
 - It was originally recommended that Mr. Johnson participate in Therapeutic Community (TC) SUD treatment/Level 3.3. It appears that Mr. Johnson sent kites back and forth with DOC staff between 2022 and May 2024 either refusing or trying to negotiate level of treatment, until it was determined he was now unable to do TC because of needing a "wet cell", at which point he was admitted to level 2.5 treatment.
 - Since his last hearing, Mr. Johnson received two infractions in 2023 for Refusing Cell Transfer (for essentially refusing to go to TC). He also received two infractions in 2024 for Making Alcohol, and one in 2024 for failing to comply with cell confinement.
 - Mr. Johnson was the alleged perpetrator in two new unsubstantiated PREA allegations since his last hearing. He denied these incidents and had no idea how/why these allegations came about.
 - From 2022 Psychological Evaluation: VRAG - Bin 8/9; PCL-R – High; HCR-20v3 – Low risk for violence when sober, but moderate risk when under the influence. Dr. Robtoy further noted Mr. Johnson had not demonstrated evidence of maturation and/or rehabilitation since his last hearing, and that it was unlikely that he had the skills necessary to refrain from drug or alcohol use in less restrictive settings.

- He minimized his challenges while on parole that resulted in three prior revocations, related to substance abuse and inability to follow basic parole conditions.
- Despite completing SUD/IDT as requested by the Board, he has received several serious infractions since his last hearing for behavior including refusing SUD/TC and making alcohol. In addition, one of the infractions for making alcohol occurred while he was participating in treatment.
- The 2022 Psychological Evaluation noted that Mr. Johnson had not demonstrated evidence maturation or rehabilitation, and that it was unlikely that he had the skills to refrain from drug or alcohol use in a less restrictive setting.
- Age and/or medical issues may be mitigators. However, Mr. Johnson denied any cognitive issues or other health problems that would significantly impact basic mobility.

- **Recommendations:**
 - Sober Support Groups
 - Continue with Mental Health Treatment (including any prescribed medications)
 - Other Programs, if eligible. Such as: Thinking for a Change, Redemption, Bridges to Life, Alternatives to Violence, etc.
 - Remain infraction free (particularly around drugs or alcohol) and have positive interactions with staff
 - Develop a release plan/community support

- **Next Action:**
 - Schedule a .100 Hearing approximately 120 days prior to PERD. A new psychological evaluation will be required for the next hearing.

- **Vote:**

Jeff Patnode	Agree with recommendation
Kecia Rongen	Agree with recommendation
Corey McNally	Agree with recommendation
Elyse Balmert	Agree with recommendation
Jill Getty	Agree with recommendation