



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

Name: Crenshaw, Rodney	DOC#: 287392	Case Type: PAR	Date: 10/23/2024
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Note: This is a summary of the Decision and Reasons dated 11/13/2024, and should not be substituted for the full document.

**Decision:
Parolable.**

Next Action: Submit an Offender Release Plan (ORP) for consideration.

Recommendations:

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DECISION AND REASONS

NAME:	CRENSHAW, Rodney
DOC #:	287392
FACILITY:	Airway Heights Corrections Center
DATE OF HEARING:	October 23, 2024
TYPE OF HEARING:	.100
PANEL MEMBERS:	Corey McNally & Elyse Balmert
FINAL DECISION DATE:	November 13, 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 Rodney Crenshaw **parolable**.

- Per the original 1978 Judgement and Sentence, Mr. Crenshaw was sentenced to “The rest of his natural life”. In 1990, the Board held a Duration of Confinement hearing setting the minimum term, and at this time, the Judge and Prosecutor recommended 900 months. The Board set a minimum term of 420 months which exceeded the standard range of the Sentencing Reform Act. Since this time, and as a recommendation for each .100 hearing for Mr. Crenshaw, the Prosecutor has reaffirmed their original recommendation of 900 months. The most recent was in the form of a letter dated September 16, 2024.

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II. JURISDICTION

Rodney Crenshaw is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a December 21, 1978 conviction in Whatcom County Cause #10006 for Murder in the First Degree. The time start is December 21, 1978. The minimum term was set at 420 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 236 to 316 months. The statutory maximum term is Life. Mr. Crenshaw has served approximately 550 months in prison and 113 days of Phelan time during the initial period of confinement.

III. LAST BOARD DECISION

June 27, 2023, .100 Hearing wherein Mr. Crenshaw was found conditionally parolable to an MRP and added 24 months to his minimum term. The Board recommended a transition through lower levels of custody prior to being found releasable.

IV. OFFENSE DESCRIPTION

File materials describe the underlying conviction as Mr. Crenshaw murdering his wife, on August 28, 1978, shortly after they were married. The murder consisted of beating her unconscious before stabbing and dismembering her body.

V. OTHER RISK RELATED BEHAVIOR

Mr. Crenshaw has an extensive criminal history that dates back to when he was a juvenile. He has numerous misdemeanor offenses, including aggravated battery, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and assault. Most convictions occurred in Texas. Additionally, he has a 1975 conviction from Canada for "Assault Causing Bodily Harm/Common Assault." He was given a month confinement and deported. He has another assault conviction in 1978 out of Texas while on probation.

Mr. Crenshaw also has an extensive history of mental health concerns. He has repeatedly been hospitalized between 1969 and 1978 for the treatment of Paranoid Schizophrenia. When

unmanaged, he can respond with uncontrolled anger, aggression and combativeness which is evident in his extensive infraction history.

VI. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED

The Board considered the evidence presented at the hearing and reviewed **Rodney Crenshaw's** ISRB file. The hearing was audio recorded and will be retained per retention schedules. Testimony was provided by the following individuals: **Classification Counselor Merina Healey, Psychology Associate Dr. Andrea Appa, and Rodney Crenshaw.**

The file review included the following documents:

- End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) Reports: Dated
- Criminal case records: **1990 J&S, 1978 J&S**
- Psychological Evaluations: **12-26-22, 10-8-21**
- DOC Treatment and behavioral reports dated: **DOC MH Reports November 2023-June 2024; DOC Substance Use Disorder Assessment 10-2-23; T4C completion 4-8-24**
- Risk Assessments (Static, SOTIPS etc.):
 - ***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.
 - ***Violence Risk Assessment Guide-Revised (VRAG-R)*** is a 12-item actuarial scale designed to predict violent recidivism.
 - ***Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)*** is a self-administered objective test of personality and psychopathology.
 - ***Saint Louis University Mental Status examination (SLUMS)*** is a brief screening tool to assess cognitive functioning.
- Prior Decision & Reasons (D&R): **7-7-23**
- DOC OMNI Records
- Other: **Prosecutor Recommendation Letter 2024 and 2022. Letter of Concern 5-3-1990**

VII. FINDINGS

1. In preparation for this hearing, Mr. Rodney Crenshaw was advised of his hearing rights.
2. Rodney Crenshaw appeared by video conference. Mr. Crenshaw was represented by attorney Don Miller.
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:
 - ELECTRONIC MONITORING
 - MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COMPLIANCE
 - PARTICIPATION IN DRUG/ALCOHOL TREATMENT
 - SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPHS
 - UNAPPROVED RELATIONSHIPS
4. The Board has considered the following evidence favorable to Rodney Crenshaw's release determination:
 - Treatment/Programming.
 - **Completed T4C 4-8-24.**
 - **Actively engaged in mental health treatment.**
 - Protective factors.
 - **He has worked consistently since his arrival at AHCC MSU.**
 - **He has been serious infraction free since 2018**
 - **He demonstrates psychiatric stability.**
 - **He is 74 years old.**
 - Risk Assessment Scores. **HCR 20 V3 (2022) indicates he is a "Low/Moderate" range and a low probability for imminent violence.**
 - Other evidence:
 - **Dr. Robtoy's 2022 psychological evaluation indicates he is a reasonable candidate for release.**
 - **Mr. Crenshaw has been successful transitioning to a lower level of custody at the AHCC Minimum Security Unit where he has not demonstrated interpersonal conflict or a change in his psychiatric stability since arriving there in December 2023.**

5. The Board has considered evidence against Rodney Crenshaw's conditional release (WAC 381-60-160), examples of adequate reasons for a finding of non-parolability include, but are not limited to:

- Active refusal to participate in available program or resources designed to assist and offender to reduce the risk of re-offense (e.g., anger management, substance abuse treatment).
- Serious and repetitive disciplinary infractions during incarceration.
 - **He has earned approximately 145 serious infractions to include many acts of violence.**
 - **He has been found conditionally paroleable to an MRP twice in the past both ending in failure.**
- 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.
 - **VRAG places him in a moderate risk for violent recidivism.**
 - **PCL-R indicates he has a moderate level of psychopathy.**

6. The Conditions of Supervision, and any favorable evidence noted above considered by the Board would sufficiently reduce the likelihood of Rodney Crenshaw committing new offenses because:

- **He has been infraction free since 2018.**
- **He has demonstrated psychiatric stability since approximately 2018 and been medication compliant. His medications appear to be managing his symptoms.**
- **Actively engaged in mental health programming.**
- **He has demonstrated he can be successful in a lower custody placement at AHCC MSU for approximately 1 year.**
- **While at AHCC MSU he has worked consistently with positive reviews of his work performance.**
- **Completed T4C.**
- **Most recent psychological evaluation from Dr. Robtoy (2022) indicates he is a "reasonable" candidate for release.**
- **He has a reasonable release plan to addresses housing and employment.**

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. Crenshaw is parolable.

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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CM: hd

10/25/2024

cc: Facility: AHCC-MSU
Rodney Crenshaw, Incarcerated Individual
File



TO: Full Board

FROM: **CM** (hd)

RE: CRENSHAW, Rodney DOC # 287392

Panel recommends: **Parolable**

Next action: Submit an Offender Release Plan (ORP) for consideration

Agree	Disagree
Corey McNally, 11.13.2024 Jill Getty, 11.13.2024 Jeff Patnode, 11.13.204 Elyse Balmert, 11.13.2024 Kecia Rongen, 11.13.2024	