

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD
BOARD MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
November 19, 2018

A regular meeting of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board was held in the ISRB Office Building located at 4317 Sixth Avenue SE, Lacey, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present were:

Board Members:

Staff:

Kecia Rongen
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey
Jeff Patnode
Elyse Balmert

Robin Riley, Executive Assistant

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

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- LAKS, Justin
- Purpose: Full Board Discussion
- November 19, 2018
- List of Documents Reviewed
 - ISRB File
- An updated prosecutor recommendation was not received.

- Mr. Laks was seen for a Release Hearing on November 7, 2018 at the Washington Correction Center. This was his third hearing with the Board.

• **Summary Discussion**

Mr. Patnode presented this case.

Mr. Laks was seen by the Board for his conviction in Snohomish County Cause 95-101951-4 for Murder in the First Degree.

- The crime involved Mr. Laks and three accomplices robbing a 65 year old male security guard and beating him to death. Mr. Laks was 16 years old at the time of the crime and is currently 39 years of age. Prior criminal conduct included two misdemeanor juvenile convictions for Theft in the Third Degree.

Risk assessment scores rate Mr. Laks as an overall low to moderate risk to re-offend.

Mr. Laks has had 41 serious infractions, many of them violent, with his last one occurring in 2009. He was returned to the Washington Corrections Center from Long view Work Release due to a minor infraction.

Mr. Laks has completed the necessary programming to mitigate his risk.

Mr. Laks has strong family support in Vancouver with his sister. He also has support from his brother who lives in Arizona.

- **Decision**

The Board finds Mr. Laks releasable in May of 2019.

- **Reasons:**

- Mr. Laks has completed the necessary programs to mitigate his risk to the community.
- Mr. Laks has received numerous favorable reports regarding his participation in treatment, education, and vocational programming.
- Mr. Laks has good community support and a realistic release plan.
- Mr. Laks most recent psychological evaluation, August 8 2016, assesses him as a low to moderate risk for future violent re-offense.
- Mr. Laks will have 36 months of community supervision.

- **Next Action:**

Submit offender release plan (ORP).

The Board would like one year of good behavior in the community prior to Mr. Laks applying to Interstate Compact for a move to Arizona.

Recommendations:

Mr. Laks must abstain from further infraction behavior and focus on preparations for returning to the community. He would benefit from any additional reentry programming or other programs that would prepare him for life in the community after spending his entire adult life to date in prison. Upon release, Mr. Laks should have strong controls related to abstaining from drug and alcohol use.

- **Vote:**

Jeff Patnode	Agree with recommendation
Kecia Rongen	Agree with recommendation
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey	Agree with recommendation

Elyse Balmert

Agree with recommendation