



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

DECISION AND REASONS

NAME: BIANCHI, Kenneth
DOC #: 266961
FACILITY: Washington State Penitentiary (WSP)
DATE OF HEARING: November 13, 2018
TYPE OF HEARING: .100
PANEL MEMBERS: Jeff Patnode and Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey
FINAL DECISION DATE: December 3, 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. Bianchi's ISRB file. No new recommendation has been received. Mr. Kenneth Bianchi was not present (hearing held in absentia) and he refused legal representation. Classification Counselors (CC) Sheena Bates and Travis Matson, provided a summary of programming, behavior and other relevant activities.

Original Prosecutor Judge Recommendation:

The rest of his natural life, Count. 1.

Current Prosecutor/Judge Recommendation:

Serve a few more years then begin his second LIFE sentence.

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 Mr. Bianchi is not parolable and adds 120 months to his minimum term.

NEXT ACTION:

Schedule .100 hearing 120 days prior to parole eligibility review date (PERD). An updated psychological evaluation will be needed for Mr. Bianchi's next .100 hearing. The Board may see Mr. Bianchi sooner if he contacts the Board and request another hearing in which he intends to participate.

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 Mr. Bianchi not parolable for the following reasons:

- **He choose not to attend his hearing and as such could not be assessed by the Board.**
- **Assessed by the ESRC as a level Three for community notification and ordered a Forensic Psychological Evaluation in the event he is found releasable.**
- **He refused to participate in a Psychological Evaluation on March 6, 2018.**
- **Has a large number of victims and with an extensive offending history.**
- **His most recent Psychological Evaluation assesses him as a moderate risk for a future sexual re-offense. He is assessed as meeting the criteria for Psychopathy on the PCL-R.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Bianchi should continue to manage his behavior appropriately and apply for offender change programs for which he is eligible. He will not likely be assessed for SOTAP until he has begun serving his second count.

JURISDICTION:

Kenneth Bianchi is under the jurisdiction of the Board on an October 19, 1979 conviction in Whatcom County Cause #10116 for two counts of Murder in the First Degree. The time start is October 19, 1979. The minimum term was set at Life (20 years mandatory) on both counts, to be

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served consecutively, then later re-determined by the Board to 702 months on Count I and 722 months on Count II. The maximum term is THE REST OF HIS NATURAL LIFE (Both Cts. I and II). Mr. Bianchi has served approximately 469 months in prison and 280 days of jail/Phelan time.

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:

October 19, 1979 Counts I and II: Murder First Degree, Whatcom County Cause #10116 (Index Offense): On January 11, 1979, Mr. Bianchi (age 27) sexually assaulted and murdered a known 22 year old female (Victim #1). On that same date, he also sexually assaulted and murdered a 27 year old female (Victim #2) whom he had never previously met. Pertaining to Victim #1, she was a college student, who also worked as a checker at the Fred Meyer store in Bellingham. She had been acquainted with Mr. Bianchi from Fred Meyer where he worked for a period of time as a security officer. Pertaining to Victim #2, she was also a college student, and also a friend/roommate of Victim #1. Victim #2 had never previously met Bianchi.

Disposition: On January 15, 1979, Mr. Bianchi was charged with Possession of Stolen Property, based on items discovered after a search warrant was served on his home. On January 26, 1979, charges were amended to two counts of Murder First Degree. Mr. Bianchi pled not guilty to the amended charges on January 29, 1979. After a full investigation of the murders, the State filed a notice of intention to seek the death penalty. On March 30, 1979, Mr. Bianchi pled not guilty by reason of insanity. On October 19, 1979, Mr. Bianchi pled guilty to Counts I-II: Murder First Degree. Mr. Bianchi was sentenced to a Maximum Term of not more than the rest of his Natural Life, each Count (to run consecutively).

PRIOR CRIMINAL / RISK RELATED CONDUCT:

January 9, 1984 Counts I-V: Murder First Degree, Count VI: Conspiracy to Commit a Felony and Count VII: Sodomy, Los Angeles County, California #A354231 (Index Offense): California police reports pertaining to these offenses are not yet available. Mr. Bianchi was sentenced for these offenses while incarcerated in Washington State for Counts I-II: Murder First Degree, Whatcom County Cause #10116. From approximately October through December of 1977, Mr. Bianchi

(age 26) and his 43 year old male cousin abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered five unknown females (ages 17 to 27) in the Los Angeles area.

- Victim #1: On or about October 17, 1977, Mr. Bianchi (age 26) and his 43 year old male cousin abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered an unknown 19 year old female (reportedly working as a prostitute). The cause of death was reported as strangulation.
- Victim #2: On or about November 19, 1977, Mr. Bianchi (age 26) and his 43 year old male cousin abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered an unknown 19 year old female. Mr. Bianchi previously resided in the same apartment complex as the victim. Documents indicate that she had been “sodomized and raped,” and all of her jewelry and clothing had been removed.
- Victim #3: On or about November 9, 1977, Mr. Bianchi (age 26) and his 43 year old male cousin abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered an unknown 27 year old female. It was determined that the victim had been strangled by a ligature, and her wrists and ankles also had ligature marks on them. She had also been sexually assaulted.
- Victim #4: On or about December 13, 1977, Mr. Bianchi (age 26) and his 43 year old male cousin abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered an unknown 17 year old female. She had been strangled by a ligature, and her body also bore ligature marks around her ankles and wrists.
- Victim #5: On or about February 16, 1977, Mr. Bianchi (age 26) and his 43 year old male cousin abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered an unknown 20 year old female. The victim resided in an apartment building adjacent to the apartment building where Mr. Bianchi resided at the time. It was determined that the victim had been sexually assaulted and strangled by a ligature, and her wrists and ankles bore evidence of ligature marks.

According to the Whatcom County Statement of Sentencing Judge and Prosecuting Attorney, “The following (five) victims did not form the basis of criminal charges against Kenneth Bianchi, but it is known by the Los Angeles authorities that he also committed (the following) murders.”

- On October 30, 1977, a 15 year old female (reportedly working as a prostitute) was observed entering a limousine type car in front of a restaurant in Hollywood. The victim’s body showed evidence of “sexual intercourse and sodomy.” Witnesses identified Bianchi’s cousin as the driver of the limousine, and physical evidence was connected to Bianchi’s cousin’s shop.
- On November 5, 1977 at approximately 9 pm, a 21 year old female left her place of employment in Hollywood. The cause of death was due to strangulation and her body showed evidence of “sexual intercourse.”
- On November 13, 1977, a 12 year old female and a 14 year old female were seen walking on the sidewalk of a road in Glendale, CA. It was determined that they had been sexually assaulted, and they died from ligature strangulation. Both bodies showed ligature marks on their wrists and ankles.
- On November 28, 1977, an 18 year old female responded to a false police stop six doors from her house. It appeared from examining (the victim’s) body that she had been tortured prior to her death, as was evidenced by the electrical burns on her hands.”

PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:

CC Bates and Mattson provided a summary of programming, behavior and other relevant activities for Mr. Bianchi. She stated Mr. Bianchi has not had a serious infraction since 1996 and he is not a management issue. CC Bates indicated Mr. Bianchi did not participate in his Psychological Evaluation and indicated that attending the hearing would not make a difference and his appearance would not impact the Board’s decision.

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The Board would encourage Mr. Bianchi to attend his next Board hearing.

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TO: Full Board

FROM: Jeff Patnode (Christine)

RE: BIANCHI, Kenneth DOC #266961

Panel recommends: Not Parolable and adds 120 months to his minimum term.

Next action: Schedule .100 120 days prior to PERD.

Agree	Disagree
Jeffrey Patnode 12-3-2018 Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 12-3-2018 Elyse Balmert 12-3-2018 Kecia Rongen 12-3-2018	