



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

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Name: MORRIS, Anthony	DOC#: 854488	Case Type: PAR	Date: 11/20/2024
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**Note: This is a summary of the Decision and Reasons dated 12/9/2024, and should not be substituted for the full document.**

**Decision:**

**Not Parolable. Add 90 months to Minimum Term.**

**Next Action: Schedule a .100 Hearing approximately 120 days prior to PERD.** The Board may be willing to schedule Mr. Morris early upon successful completion of the Sex Offense Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP), or other programs to address his criminogenic needs and reduce risk. An updated Psychological Evaluation should be conducted prior to the next hearing.

**Recommendations:**

- **Sex Offense Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP), if eligible**
- **Other Programs, if eligible. Such as: Thinking for a Change, Redemption, Bridges to Life, Alternatives to Violence, Domestic Violence Treatment, etc.**
- **Remain infraction free and have positive interactions with staff**



## DECISION AND REASONS

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NAME:	MORRIS, Anthony
DOC #:	854488
FACILITY:	Airway Heights Corrections Center
DATE OF HEARING:	November 20, 2024
TYPE OF HEARING:	.100
PANEL MEMBERS:	Jill Getty & Corey McNally
FINAL DECISION DATE:	December 9, 2024

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### **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 Anthony Morris **not parolable** and adds 90 months to the minimum term.

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### **II. JURISDICTION**

Anthony MORRIS is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a March 21, 2003 conviction in King County Cause #02-1-08422-9 for Murder in the First Degree. The time start is March 21, 2003. The minimum term was set at 240 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 240 to

320 months. The statutory maximum term is Life. Mr. MORRIS has served approximately 259 months in prison and 122 days of jail time.

### **III. LAST BOARD DECISION**

Mr. Morris last appeared before the Board on November 10, 2020 in a .100 Hearing. He was found not parolable and 60 months were added to the minimum term. The Board recommended that Mr. Morris participate in any programming available to provide insight related to his criminogenic factors and reduce his risk to the community.

### **IV. OFFENSE DESCRIPTION**

Mr. Morris, age 31, killed a known 19-year-old female in 1982 by strangling her with a baseball bat. The crime remained unsolved for more than 20 years until Mr. Morris was identified as the perpetrator through DNA testing in 2002. Mr. Morris stated the victim was a sex worker, and he'd had sex with her earlier on the day of the offense. However, she returned to his home later armed with a baseball bat demanding more money. A struggle ensued that resulted in the victim's death. He stated he placed her body in the street because he was scared to contact law enforcement.

### **V. OTHER RISK RELATED BEHAVIOR**

**Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. New Mexico.** In 1991, Mr. Morris had sexual contact with the victim and then shot her. He threw her body in the street where she was run over by a vehicle. This crime remained unsolved until Mr. Morris was identified as the perpetrator through DNA testing and was subsequently convicted in 2015. He was sentenced to Life in New Mexico, to be served consecutively to his Washington sentence. Mr. Morris stated that the victim was a sex worker and admitted to having sex with her. However, he denied being involved in her murder.

In addition, according to a 2002 police report, Mr. Morris was also implicated in a criminal sexual predation case. The case involved the hitchhiking victim being taken to a secluded area where she was sexually assaulted and threatened with death. Mr. Morris stated he'd been helping the

victim when he was attacked and robbed by two males. He stated the incident was a case of “mistaken identity”, and the charges were dismissed.

Mr. Morris also has additional convictions for Burglary (1969), Credit Card Theft (1976), Burglary (1977), Vehicle Prowl 1 and Possession of Stolen Property 2 x2 (1992), Burglary, Criminal Conspiracy, and Malicious Mischief (2000).

## **VI. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED**

The Board considered the evidence presented at the hearing and reviewed **Anthony Morris’s** ISRB file. The hearing was audio recorded and will be retained per retention schedules. Testimony was provided by the following individuals: **Classification Counselor Brent Baldwin, and Anthony Morris.**

The file review included the following documents:

- End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) Reports: Dated
- Criminal case records: **Certification of Determination of Probable Cause dated 10/2002**
- Psychological Evaluation(s): **Dated 10/14/23**
- DOC Treatment and behavioral reports dated:
- Risk Assessments (Static, SOTIPS etc.):
  - *Violence Risk Assessment Guide-Revised (VRAG-R) is a 12-item actuarial scale designed to predict violent recidivism.*
  - *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.*
- Findings and Conclusion (F&C), Prior Decision & Reasons (D&R): **D&R dated 11/23/20**
- DOC OMNI Records
- Community Concern Information
- Other:

## VII. FINDINGS

1. In preparation for this hearing, Mr. Anthony Morris was advised of his hearing rights.
2. Anthony Morris appeared by video conference. He was represented by attorney Brandon West.
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
  - GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS
  - PARTICIPATION IN SEX OFFENSE TREATMENT
  - PROHIBITED CONTACTS
  - SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL
  - SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPHS
  - UNAPPROVED RELATIONSHIPS
4. The Board has considered the following evidence favorable to Anthony Morris's release determination:
  - Treatment/Programming. **Institutional employment.**
  - Protective factors. **1 new serious infraction that was not related to risk.**
  - Risk Assessment Scores.
  - Other evidence: **Stated he has family support in New Mexico.**
5. The Board has considered evidence against Anthony Morris'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). **Despite the Board recommending in 2020 that he participate in programs to develop insight into his criminogenic needs and reduce his risk, Mr. Morris has not participated in any.**
  - Serious and repetitive disciplinary infractions during incarceration.

- 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). **Although he was not infracted, he reported in being in a couple of fights with other inmates between moving to WSP (in 7/2022) and his psychological evaluation in 8/2023.**
- 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. **Actuarial risk scores: VRAG – Bin 8/9; PCL-R – 28 pts/High risk; HCR-20v3 – High/moderate risk for future violence and serious physical harm and moderate risk for imminent violence.**

6. The Conditions of Supervision, and any favorable evidence noted above considered by the Board would not sufficiently reduce the likelihood of Anthony Morris committing new offenses because:

- **A 10/2023 Psychological Evaluation determined Mr. Morris to be a high/moderate risk for future violence.**
- **Mr. Morris has participated in little change programming during his incarceration, despite the Board's recommendation that he participate programs to develop insight into his criminogenic needs and reduce his risk. In the hearing, he stated he had not participated in any programs because he didn't see how they could benefit him. Therefore, he has not developed any skills or insights to mitigate his risks or needs.**
- **He has murder convictions of two women that were killed after having sexual contact with Mr. Morris, and an allegation of sexual violence against a third victim. In addition, in his 10/2023 Psychological Evaluation he admitted that sex had ruined his life, and that one of the main problems in his life had been his "sexual appetite". However, in the hearing he did not feel that he could benefit from treatment to address his sexual behaviors because he was not a sex offender.**
- **Although he was not infracted, he has continued to engage in recent violent/aggressive behavior within the institution. In his recent psychological evaluation, the evaluator noted he "...reports a proneness to using calculated physical violence with his peers instead of more prosocial solutions such as non-**

**violent communication or seeking assistance from staff...”, indicating he would be unlikely to follow conditions of parole.**

- **If found parolable, Mr. Morris would have a consecutive confinement term to serve in Nex Mexico. However, it does not appear that Mr. Morris meets the standard of rehabilitated and a fit subject for release.**

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. Morris is not parolable and adds 90 months to his minimum term.

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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JG: hd

12/3/2024

cc: Facility: AHCC  
Anthony Morris, Incarcerated Individual  
File



TO: Full Board

FROM: **JG** (hd)

RE: MORRIS, Anthony DOC # 854488

Panel recommends: **Not Parolable** . Add 90 months to Minimum Term

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Agree	Disagree
Corey McNally, 12.9.2024 Jill Getty, 12.9.2024 Jeff Patnode, 12.9.2024 Kecia Rongen, 12.9.2024	

Elyse Balmert, Not Present