



## **Decision and Reasons Summary**

**Note: This is a summary of the Decision and Reasons dated July 14, 2025, and should not be substituted for the full document.**

<b>Incarcerated Individual</b> Reed,Kenneth	<b>DOC#</b> 257825	<b>Date:</b> June 25, 2025	<b>Case Type:</b> PAR
<b>Decision:</b>  Not Parolable	<b>Additional Release Information:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add 90 months to Minimum Term. <input type="checkbox"/> Extends to Maximum Expiration. <input type="checkbox"/> Reaffirms prior Decision to hold to Max Ex. <input type="checkbox"/> As of the ERD of the current cause/count. <input type="checkbox"/> As of the date of this decision. <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to next available Docket for .		

**Next Action: Schedule a .100 Hearing approximately 120 days prior to PERD.**

☒ Psychological Evaluation is needed for the next hearing to address:

Additional Information (if applicable):

### **Recommendations:**

- ☒ Mental Health Treatment (including any prescribed medications), if eligible.
- ☒ Remain infraction free and have positive interactions with staff.
- ☒ Participate in next Hearing.
- ☒ Develop a release plan/community support.



### **Decision and Reasons**

<b>Incarcerated Individual</b> Reed, Kenneth	<b>DOC#</b> 257825	<b>Facility</b> Washington State Penitentiary	<b>Type of Hearing</b> .100
<b>Date of Hearing</b> June 25, 2025	<b>Final Decision Date</b> July 14, 2025	<b>Panel Members</b> Corey McNally Kecia Rongen	

#### **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 Kenneth Reed not parolable and adds 90 months to the minimum term.

The original judge and prosecutor recommended a 99-year sentence. The Okanogan County Prosecuting Attorney's office does not support the release of Mr. Reed outlined in a letter to the ISRB dated March 3, 2025. The Presiding Judge for the Okanogan County Superior Court recommends that Mr. Reed not be released and supports the 99-year sentence recommended by the original sentencing judge as outlined in an email dated October 11, 2021.

Mr. Reed chose not to attend the hearing and refused to speak with or sign a release of information for attorney representation. Mr. Reed also chose not to speak with or sign a release of information to be represented by an attorney for his previously scheduled hearing May 29, 2025; therefore, today's hearing was held in absentia.



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

## **II. JURISDICTION**

Kenneth Reed is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a November 9, 1977 conviction in Okanogan County Cause #06355 for Assault in the First Degree while Armed with a Deadly Weapon. The time start is November 9, 1977. The minimum term was set at 20 years (7 1/2 mandatory) from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 77 to 102 months. The statutory maximum term is Life. Mr. Reed has served approximately 571 months in prison and 53 days of jail time during the initial period of confinement.

Okanogan County Cause #06283 for Robbery in the First Degree, Count I and Murder in the First Degree, Count III. Found guilty on both counts and sentenced to a period of not more than Life on each count; to run consecutively however, it was later determined on July 14, 1981, that he be released without further order of the court and be held in a treatment facility until the Secretary determined he be referred back to the court for further proceedings. He was then acquitted of the charges on the same day (7-14-1981) due to insanity.

## **III. LAST BOARD DECISION**

Mr. Reed had a .100 hearing with the Board on March 22, 2022, at which time he was found not parolable and 60 months were added. The Board recommended he follow his mental health plan and attend his next hearing. The hearing was held in absentia.

## **IV. OFFENSE DESCRIPTION**

While in Okanogan County Jail awaiting trial in Murder and Robbery, Mr. Reed (approximately 31 years old) and another cellmate discussed the possibility of escape after removing a jail cell bar. Mr. Reed proceeded to assault his cellmate with the bar almost killing him. During the assault



other cellmates heard Mr. Reed state he had killed the person he worked for and took his money to the effect of “I’m going to do away with you just like I’ve done [victim’s name]”. Mr. Reed is under the Board’s jurisdiction for Assault in the First degree.

**V. OTHER RISK RELATED BEHAVIOR<sup>1</sup>**

In April 1977 (approximately 31 years old) was hired to be labor on a farm. Shortly after moving onto the farm, the farm owner/employer was found dead with multiple stab wounds and evidence of being assaulted with a blunt object. Mr. Reed was gone and was later arrested in the Seattle area. He was found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity

While in a “road camp” in California for drunk driving, he apparently had a flashback from LSD, Mr. Reed left the camp and tried to rob an elderly couple. The neighbor assisted the couple, and he attempted to attack the elderly man with a hammer. While trying to get him back to the camp, Mr. Reed advanced onto an officer with a knife who then shot him in the abdomen with a shotgun. He spent five years in the California prison system for these offenses. He was actively hallucinating during these events.

**Prior Criminal History:** *1964 AWOL from the Army; during the 1960s he had numerous driving infractions to include arrest for traffic tickets.*

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<sup>1</sup> Risk related means, behavior that may be unadjudicated, charged and/or convicted that may contribute to an individual’s risk to reoffend sexually because it shows a pattern of illegal sexual behavior and is often included in validated risk assessments included for scoring purposes. Other criminal convictions that include violence against a person show a criminal versatility in an individual, thus increasing risk for any offense, including a sex offense. Illegal behavior related to, or abuse of drugs or alcohol can decrease a person’s ability to control their impulsivity and engage in problem solving and utilize coping strategies to reduce their risk.



## VI. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED

The Board considered the evidence presented at the hearing and reviewed **Kenneth Reed's** ISRB file. The hearing was audio recorded and will be retained according to the retention schedules. Testimony was provided by the following individuals:

- **Classification Counselor: Gregory Robinson**

The file review included the following documents:

☒ End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) Reports dated: **End of Sentence Review Community Protection Unit Referral 10-29-07.**

☐ Criminal case records:

☒ Psychological Evaluations: **Psychological Evaluation by Dr. Lisa Robtoy Psychological dated 3-25-25.**

☒ DOC Treatment and behavioral reports dated: **DOC Mental Health Records**

☒ 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.
- ***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
- ***Violence Risk Assessment Guide-Revised (VRAG-R)*** is a 12-item actuarial scale designed to predict violent recidivism.

☐ Findings and Conclusion (F&C) Dated:

☒ Prior Decision & Reasons (D&R) Dated: **4-4-22, 6-3-25**

☒ DOC OMNI Records



☒ Other:

- Letter from Okanogan County Prosecuting Attorney's Office 3-3-25
- Email from Okanogan County Superior Court Judge 10-11-21
- Email from Darrel Lahtinen 4-21-25 indicating Mr. Reed refused attorney representation.
- An email from Class Counselor 6-13-25 indicating Mr. Reed is refusing attorney representation and refusing to attend the hearing.

## VII. FINDINGS

- a. In preparation for this hearing, **Kenneth Reed** was advised of their hearing rights.
- b. **Kenneth Reed** refused to appear in today's hearing, declined to meet with an assigned attorney or sign a release of information for attorney representation, therefore the hearing was held in absentia.
- c. The Board has considered all potential Conditions of Supervision it may lawfully impose, including all potential conditions 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:
  - Drug/Alcohol Restrictions
  - Electronic Monitoring
  - Geographic Restrictions
  - Mental Health Treatment Compliance
  - Participation in Drug/Alcohol Treatment
  - Submit to Polygraphs
- d. The Board has considered the evidence favorable to **Kenneth Reed's** release determination, including the following:



- ☒ Treatment/Programming: **Mr. Reed has a mental health plan and is currently in compliance with his mental health and medical medications. He does not meet regularly with mental health staff.**
  - ☒ Protective Factors: **He has not earned an infraction since 2013.**
  - ☒ Risk Assessment Scores: **He scores low on the PCL-R (+12 points), and low risk on the HCR-20**
  - ☐ Insight into sexual offending behavior
  - ☒ Other Evidence: **Per the psychological evaluation by Dr. Robtoy, he demonstrates advanced age and frailty making it unlikely he would engage in criminal activity or serious violent acts if released.**
- e. The Board has considered the evidence against **Kenneth Reed'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 programs or resources designed to assist in reducing an incarcerated individual's risk of re-offense (e.g., anger management, substance abuse treatment). **Mr. Reed has not participated in any change in programming, most likely due to his severe mental health disorder.**
  - ☐ Serious and repetitive disciplinary infractions during incarceration.
  - ☐ Evidence of an incarcerated individual's continuing intent or propensity to engage in illegal activities (e.g., victim harassment, criminal conduct while incarcerated, continued use of illegal substances).
  - ☒ Statements or declarations by the incarcerated individual that he or she intends to re-offend or does not intend to comply with conditions of parole. **According to Counselor Robinson, Mr. Reed has stated he does not want to be released. He did not attend the hearing today indicating he is unwilling to cooperate with conditions of supervision or requirements placed on him if released.**



☒ Evidence that an incarcerated individual presents a substantial danger to the community if released. **Per the psychological evaluation by Dr. Robtoy, Mr. Reed has not demonstrated any significant change, and it is unknown if he could be successful if transitioned to the community, further, a change to the community likely would destabilize his mental health which has led to violence in the past.**

f. The Conditions of Supervision, and any favorable evidence noted above considered by the Board would not sufficiently reduce the likelihood of **Kenneth Reed** committing new offenses because:

- **According to file material, the last time Mr. Reed attended a hearing was on July 19, 2005, he has since refused to attend any hearing.**
- **Refusing to attend his hearing does not allow the Board to make an accurate assessment of his rehabilitation and fitness for release.**
- **Dr. Robtoy's evaluation indicates he may be a low risk for violent recidivism; his advance age and frailty make it unlikely he would engage in criminal activity or violent acts. However, a release would significantly disrupt his life and would likely destabilize him. Historically, when destabilized he became paranoid and violent.**
- **Mr. Reed has lived in the health services building for the past 10 years requiring significant medical and mental health care.**
- **He has both significant mental illness and significant medical concerns, neither of which are expected to improve.**
- **Mr. Reed has stated he does not want to be released, he has no support system, no way to support himself and has demonstrated an inability to care for himself while in prison, highlighting his lack of fitness for release.**
- **Mr. Reed's refusal to participate in Board proceedings for the past 20 years, his major mental illness, significant medical concerns and demonstrated inability to**





care for himself indicate his rehabilitation is unlikely and he is currently not a fit subject for release.

- g. Based on the requirements of RCW 9.95.009(3) and RCW 9.95.100 and after weighing the totality of the evidence, including the community custody conditions and any favorable evidence noted above, the Board finds that **Kenneth Reed** is not parolable and adds 60 months to their 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

- ☒ Mental Health Treatment (including any prescribed medications), if eligible.
- ☒ Remain infraction free and have positive interactions with staff.
- ☒ Participate in next Hearing.
- ☒ Develop a release plan/community support.

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Date Typed: 6/25/2025

cc: Washington State Penitentiary  
Kenneth Reed  
File



TO: Full Board

FROM: **Corey McNally (CH)**

RE: **Reed, Kenneth DOC #257825**

Panel recommends: Not releasable. Add 90 months to the minimum term.

Next Action: Schedule a .100/.420/JUVBRD Hearing approximately 120 days prior to ERD.

AGREE (initial and date)	DISAGREE (initial and date)
Corey McNally 7/14/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
Jeff Patnode 7/14/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
Jill Getty 7/14/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
Meghan Kelly-Stallings 7/14/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
Kecia Rongen 7/14/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.