



Decision and Reasons Summary

Note: This is a summary of the Decision and Reasons dated August 25, 2025, and should not be substituted for the full document.

Incarcerated Individual Bartholomew, Dwayne	DOC# 280766	Date: August 12, 2025	Case Type: PAR
Decision: Not Parolable	Additional Release Information: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add 60 months to Minimum Term (MT). <input type="checkbox"/> Extends to Maximum Expiration. <input type="checkbox"/> Reaffirms prior Decision to hold to Max Expiration. <input type="checkbox"/> As of the Earned Release Date (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 Parole Eligibility Review Date (PERD).

Recommendations:

- ☒ Mental Health Treatment (including any prescribed medications), if eligible.
- ☒ Sober Support Groups.
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Incarcerated Individual Bartholomew, Dwayne	DOC# 280766	Facility Monroe Correctional Complex - TRU (Twin Rivers Unit)	Type of Hearing .100
Date of Hearing August 12, 2025	Final Decision Date August 25, 2025	Panel Members Jeff Patnode Meghan Kelly-Stallings	

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 Dwayne Bartholomew not parolable and adds 60 months to the minimum term.

- The Board received a letter from the Pierce County Prosecutors dated April 7, 2023. In their letter they recommended that Mr. Bartholomew not be released into the community until he maintains at least three verified and continuous years of sobriety while in DOC custody.

NEXT ACTION: Schedule a .100 Hearing approximately 120 days prior to Parole Eligibility Review Date. The Board will need an updated psychological evaluation for his next hearing.

II. JURISDICTION

Dwayne Bartholomew is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a December 21, 1981, conviction on Pierce County Cause #81-1-00579-1 for Aggravated Murder in the First Degree. The time start is December 21, 1981. He was originally sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole. On August 10, 2022, he was resentenced to Life with the Possibility of Parole under the jurisdiction



of the Board. On October 6, 2022, an Order Modifying the J&S and setting a minimum term was issued, and he was resentenced to a minimum term of 380 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 380 to Life. The statutory maximum term is Life. Mr. Bartholomew has served approximately 524 months in prison and 0 days of jail time during the initial period of confinement.

III. LAST BOARD DECISION

In May of 2023, Mr. Bartholomew participated in a .100 Hearing and was found not parolable, and 40 months were added to his minimum term. The Board recommended that Mr. Bartholomew complete substance use treatment, attend sober support groups, participate in other programs if eligible such as T4C, Redemption, Bridges to Life, Non-Violent Communications, and other programs that improve communication and decision-making skills. The Board also recommended that he remain infraction free, have positive interactions with staff, develop a written release plan and a detailed release preventions plan.

IV. OFFENSE DESCRIPTION

On August 1, 1981, 20-year-old Dwayne Bartholomew entered a local laundromat to commit a robbery. He directed the lone employee to lie on the floor and asked him where the cash was. has always claimed that the gun accidentally went off. In fact, he said it accidentally went off twice. The second shot lodged a bullet in the counter at the laundry mat.



V. OTHER RISK RELATED BEHAVIOR¹

Records indicate Dwayne Bartholomew became involved with the criminal justice system at age 13. He was incarcerated as a juvenile for Burglary and Criminal Trespass. As an adult he was arrested in July of 1981 for Simple Assault and Assault in the Third Degree. There is no information regarding disposition.

VI. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED

The Board considered the evidence presented at the hearing and reviewed Dwayne Bartholomew'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: Alexandra Reynolds
- Dwayne Bartholomew

The file review included the following documents:

- ☐ End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) Reports dated:
- ☒ Criminal case records: **PSI dated 01/04/1984**
- ☒ Psychological Evaluations: **Dated 03/28/2025**
- ☒ DOC Treatment and behavioral reports dated: **SUD treatment summary dated 03/16/2023**
- ☒ 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.

¹ 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.



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

Saint Louis University Mental Status examination (SLUMS) is a brief screening tool to assess cognitive functioning.

- ☐ Findings and Conclusion (F&C) Dated:
- ☒ Prior Decision & Reasons (D&R) Dated: **05/03/2023**
- ☒ DOC OMNI Records
- ☐ Other:

VII. FINDINGS

- a. In preparation for this hearing, Dwayne Bartholomew was advised of his hearing rights.
- b. Dwayne Bartholomew appeared by video conference. Dwayne Bartholomew was represented by attorney Tim Ford.
- 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
 - Participation in Sex Offense Treatment
 - Prohibited Contacts
 - Sexually Explicit Material
 - Submit to Polygraphs
 - Unapproved Relationships
- d. The Board has considered the evidence favorable to Dwayne Bartholomew's release determination, including the following:



- ☒ **Treatment/Programming: He has recently completed SUD, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Reentry Lifeskills, Roots of Success, Parallel Community and other offender change programs.**
 - ☒ **Protective Factors: He has a detailed release plan and community support.**
 - ☒ **Risk Assessment Scores: He scores low on the HCR-20 for future imminent violence.**
 - ☐ Insight into sexual offending behavior
 - ☐ Other Evidence:
- e. The Board has considered the evidence against Dwayne Bartholomew'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).
 - ☒ **Serious and repetitive disciplinary infractions during incarceration. Mr. Bartholomew has multiple substance use infractions throughout his prison stay and though not infractioned, has a substance use incident as recent as 2022 (detailed below).**
 - ☒ **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). While at the Pierce County Jail in 2022, he nearly overdosed when he had balloons of drugs in his rectum. He claims he had no choice as he was being threatened by other inmates to perform the smuggling act.**
 - ☐ 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.
 - ☐ Evidence that an incarcerated individual presents a substantial danger to the community if released.



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

- **Mr. Bartholomew's description of the index offense differs from the facts captured in file material. He has stated he didn't intend to harm the victim when file material indicates he intended to "leave no witnesses" and the firearm functions in a way that does not support his claim that it accidentally discharged two separate times. This discrepancy calls into question whether he has targeted the relevant risks in his treatment programming.**
- **He has an extensive history of substance use and admits it was a significant factor in his index crime, and he has used them steadily throughout most of his prison stay. He did not participate in drug treatment until 2023. He most recently tested positive for drugs in 2022 when he was awaiting resentencing in Pierce County. He apparently overdosed on opiates and was transported to the hospital. Mr. Bartholomew denies willingly consuming drugs but admits he did have drugs in his system because he agreed to "hold" fentanyl and methamphetamines for another jail inmate. This was accomplished by placing balloons containing these drugs in his rectum. One of the balloons broke or leaked the drugs into his system. For this to occur while he is in jail awaiting resentencing is concerning. He demonstrated extremely poor judgment overall and accepted little responsibility for his decision to do this. It would appear his antisocial tendencies remain an issue. Whether he brought the drugs into the jail with him or agreed to hold them for someone else is unknown.**
- **When asked about the impacts of his crime, his responses centered on him and did not appear to convey any empathy for the victim or survivors of the murder.**
- **Though the most recent psychological evaluation is somewhat favorable ("probably a reasonable candidate to be considered to a release to lower levels of custody"), PhD Robtoy indicates that "It remains difficult to say with certainty whether Mr. Bartholomew possesses the skills and maturity necessary to transition safely and effectively to the community. He has lived nearly his entire adult life in the structured prison system, and up until approximately 4-5 years ago, has had an active problem related to chemical dependency."**
- **Mr. Bartholomew has not refrained from abuse of substances long enough to demonstrate he is a fully rehabilitated and fit subject for release.**



- g. 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, the Board finds that Dwayne Bartholomew is not parolable and adds 60 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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Date Typed: 8/18/2025

cc: Facility: Monroe Correctional Complex - TRU (Twin Rivers Unit)
Dwayne Bartholomew, Incarcerated Individual
File



TO: Full Board

FROM: Jeff Patnode (TS)

RE: Bartholomew, Dwayne DOC #280766

Panel recommends: Not Releasable. Add 60 months to the minimum term. An updated psychological evaluation will be needed prior to next hearing.

Next Action: Schedule a .100 Hearing approximately 120 days prior to Parole Eligibility Review Date.

AGREE (initial and date)	DISAGREE (initial and date)
Corey McNally 8/25/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
Jeff Patnode 8/25/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
Jill Getty 8/25/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
Meghan Kelly-Stallings 8/25/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
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