



Decision and Reasons Summary

Note: This is a summary of the Decision and Reasons dated September 8, 2025, and should not be substituted for the full document.

Incarcerated Individual Blanchard, Robert	DOC# 625191	Date: August 26, 2025	Case Type: PAR
Decision: Not Parolable	Additional Release Information: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add 36 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.

Additional Information (if applicable): The Board requests a Forensic Psychological Evaluation be completed prior to his earned release date.

Recommendations:

- ☒ Sober Support Groups if eligible.
- ☒ Other Programs, if eligible. Such as: Thinking for a Change, Redemption, Bridges to Life, Alternatives to Violence, Domestic Violence Treatment.
- ☒ Remain infraction free and have positive interactions with staff.
- ☒ Participate in next Hearing.
- ☒ Develop a release plan/community support.



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Date of Hearing August 26, 2025	Final Decision Date September 8, 2025	Panel Members Corey McNally Jeff Patnode	

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 **Robert Blanchard** not parolable.

The Prosecutor provided a statement on July 11, 2025: "Simply put, Robert Blanchard is a violent predator that should not be released into our community at this time."

NEXT ACTION: Schedule a .100 Hearing approximately 120 days prior to PERD. The Board requests a Forensic Psychological Evaluation be completed before the next hearing.

II. JURISDICTION

Robert Blanchard is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a September 16, 1974, conviction on Snohomish County Cause #6894 for Rape in the First Degree, Count I. The time start is September 27, 1977. The minimum term was set at 10 years from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 51 to 68 months. The statutory maximum term is life. Mr. Blanchard has served approximately 49 months in prison and 0 days of jail time during the initial period of confinement.



Robert Blanchard is also sentenced to 5 years on Snohomish County Cause #83-1-00046-1 for Attempted Indecent Liberties, consecutive to Cause #6894.

Blanchard was released on October 21, 1981 and revoked on August 30, 1982. The new MT was set at 180 months. The current time served on revocation is 516 months.

III. LAST BOARD DECISION

The Board last saw Mr. Blanchard in a .100 hearing on July 6, 2023 where he was found not parolable and 36 months were added to his term. The Board recommended he participate in SOTAP and other programs if eligible.

IV. OFFENSE DESCRIPTION

While on bail, Mr. Blanchard picked up three minor female hitchhikers ages 16, 16 and 17 years old. He drove them to a secluded location and had them on a cliff where he told them to disrobe or he would push them off the cliff. They complied and he vaginally raped one and forced the other two to perform fellatio on him. Afterward he forced 2 of the victims to perform oral sex on each other.

V. OTHER RISK RELATED BEHAVIOR¹

Revoke/new crime Attempted Indecent Liberties Snohomish Co. 1983: Mr. Blanchard was paroled on October 21, 1981 and revoked on August 30, 1982 and a new minimum term was set at 180 months. While on parole, Mr. Blanchard sexually assaulted his live-in girlfriend's daughter

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.



(age 3) by raping her vaginally and anally and forcing her to perform fellatio on him. His parole was revoked and when convicted he was sentenced to 50 months consecutive to the index offense.

1974 Assault 2, Snohomish County: Mr. Blanchard picked up two minor female hitchhikers (age 15) and drove them to a secluded location to smoke marijuana. He then forced the victims to perform fellatio on him and he vaginally raped one of the victims. He physically assaulted them to gain compliance and then left them in a secluded location. He was both on probation and on bail when he committed this offense.

1971 Malicious Mischief and Assault 3, Snohomish County: Mr. Blanchard broke into an 18-year-old girl's home and attempted to rape her, and he was armed with a screwdriver. The victim was able to frustrate him to where he left. The incident was sparked when Mr. Blanchard's girlfriend made a statement that the victim was out of his league when he commented on her attractiveness. He was on probation when he committed this offense.

Additional:

8-23-83 According to file material it is alleged Mr. Blanchard entered the home of an 11-year-old girl and her mother. Both the daughter and mother were severely beaten over the head to the point of blacking out. The 11-year-old was sexually assaulted during the incident. Circumstantial evidence tied Mr. Blanchard to the crime, no charges were filed, and his parole was revoked in part due to this. He has denied any involvement.

9-23-73 According to file material Mr. Blanchard allegedly lured a 13-year-old girl into his car and committed indecent liberties. This was not charged in exchange for a guilty plea in the 1974 Assault 2 conviction listed above.



Mr. Blanchard has an extensive juvenile criminal history to include drugs, burglary and robbery and as a teen/young adult admits to unadjudicated rapes.

While incarcerated he has been found guilty of infractions for drawing what is considered to be child sexual exploitation materials in 1998.

VI. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED

The Board considered the evidence presented at the hearing and reviewed **Robert Blanchard'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: David Sherman**
- **Robert Blanchard**
- **Amber Medina SOTAP Supervisor**

The file review included the following documents:

- ☒ End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) Reports dated: **9-6-18**
- ☒ Criminal case records: **1983 Statement of Prosecuting attorney, 1974 Probable Cause Statement .**
- ☒ Psychological Evaluations: **Dr. Robtoy 6-9-25**
- ☒ DOC Treatment and behavioral reports dated: **SOTAP Treatment Plan 11-2-23, SOTAP Mid-Treatment Review 9-5-24.**
- ☒ Risk Assessments (Static, SOTIPS etc.):
 - ***Stable-2007*** is an empirically derived actuarial risk tool commonly used to assess treatment and supervision needs of sex offenders.
 - ***Static-99R*** is an actuarial risk prediction instrument designed to estimate the probability of sexual and violent recidivism. It is the most widely used sex offender risk assessment instrument in the world.



- **Static-2002R** is an empirically derived risk tool designed to evaluate the risk of sexual reconviction based on commonly available demographic and criminal history information.
- **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.
- **Structured Assessment of Protective Factors (SAPROF)** structured clinical judgement instrument to consider relevant factors that may reduce or protect from future risk behaviors.
- **Sex Offender Risk Appraisal Guide (SORAG)** is an actuarial scale designed to predict violent sexual recidivism among men who have committed at least one prior interpersonal sexual offense.

☐ Findings and Conclusion (F&C) Dated:

☒ Prior Decision & Reasons (D&R) Dated: **7-24-23**

☒ DOC OMNI Records

☒ Other:

- **Recommendation Letter from Snohomish County Prosecutor Jason Cummings 7-11-25**
- **Individual Release Plan submitted by Mr. Blanchard.**
- **Support Letters**

VII. FINDINGS

- a. In preparation for this hearing, **Robert Blanchard** was advised of their hearing rights.
- b. **Robert Blanchard** appeared by video conference. **Robert Blanchard** was represented by attorney Darrell Lahtinen.
- 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
- Participation in Sex Offense Treatment
- Prohibited Contacts
- Sexually Explicit Material
- Submit to Polygraphs
- Unapproved Relationships

d. The Board has considered the evidence favorable to **Robert Blanchard's** release determination, including the following:

- ☒ Treatment/Programming: **Completed the prison portion of SOTAP 9-9-24 with positive reviews of his work in the program; Alternatives to Violence Facilitator for approximately 25 years. Makin it Work 11-8-23.**
- ☒ Protective Factors: **4 total infractions since being incarcerated and last occurred in 2019.**
- ☒ Risk Assessment Scores: **Moderate level of Protective Factors on the SAPROF.**
- ☒ Insight into sexual offending behavior: **Demonstrates some insight into this dynamic risk factors, distorted thinking and interventions.**
- ☒ Other Evidence: **Positive reviews of his cooperation with supervision.**

e. The Board has considered the evidence against **Robert Blanchard'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. **Risk related infraction in 2019 drawing child sexual exploitation materials.**
 - ☒ Evidence of an incarcerated individual's continuing intent or propensity to engage in illegal activities. **End of Sentence Review Committee referred him for a Forensic Psychological Evaluation.**
 - ☐ Statements or declarations by the incarcerated individual that he or she intends to re-offend or does not intent to comply with conditions of parole.
 - ☒ Evidence that an incarcerated individual presents a substantial danger to the community if released. **Above Average Risk on the Static 99R (+5 points) and on the Static 2002 (+8 points); High risk on the VRAG (Bin 9 of 9) and high on the PCL-R (24 points), HCR-20 (mod/high).**
- f. The Conditions of Supervision, and any favorable evidence noted above considered by the Board would sufficiently reduce the likelihood of **Robert Blanchard** committing new offenses because:
- **Mr. Blanchard has been referred for a Forensic Psychological Evaluation which is reserved only for the highest risk sex offenders and needs to occur prior to his to a finding of parole.**
 - **Mr. Blanchard's has offenses against strangers indicating a predatory pattern and he scores moderate high on the PCL-R which suggests the presence of a personality disorder and finally, he has disclosed an on-going attraction to minors. Together, these create a high-risk combination and relies on his own motivation to practice prosocial coping strategies and problem solving which he has demonstrated questionable ability to do so in his risk related infraction in 2019.**
 - **Mr. Blanchard is considered above average risk to reoffend on the Static-99R and Static-2002.**
 - **He is considered high risk to reoffend on the VRAG and PCL-R.**
 - **In the psychological evaluation, he was considered a questionable candidate for release and continues to have.**



- 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 **Robert Blanchard** is not parolable.

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: 8/26/2025

cc: Facility: **Stafford Creek Corrections Center**
Robert Blanchard, Incarcerated Individual
File



TO: Full Board

FROM: **Corey McNally (HD)**

RE: **Blanchard, Robert DOC #625191**

Panel recommends: Not Releasable. Add 36 months to the minimum term.

Next Action: Schedule a .100 Hearing approximately 120 days prior to ERD.
Request a Forensic Psychological Evaluation before the next hearing.

AGREE (initial and date)	DISAGREE (initial and date)
Choose an item. Click to enter a date.	Corey McNally 9/8/2025
Jeff Patnode 9/8/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
Jill Getty 9/8/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
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