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DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

JITU'OLA ANDERSON

(Formerly ANTHONY ANDERSON),

W44763

TYPE OF HEARING: Review Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: July 12, 2011

DATE OF DECISION: July 30, 2012

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Cesar Archilla, John Bocon, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Ina Howard-Hogan, Roger Michel, Lucy Soto-Abbe, Josh Wall

DECISION OF THE BOARD: Parole is denied. The next hearing will be in four years. The decision is unanimous.

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Jitu'ola Anderson (who legally changed his name first name from Anthony in 2001) murdered his girlfriend Belinda Williams on August 18, 1986 in their Brockton apartment. After the couple argued over their relationship, Anderson beat Ms. Williams with a hammer, tied her hands, strangled her, and finished the assault by forcing a can of talcum powder in her rectum. Mr. Anderson was 24 years old and Ms. Williams was 23. The autopsy report determined that the victim died from manual strangulation and blunt force trauma to the head. She had "two holes on right side of head behind ear" and bruises on the face. Mr. Anderson used a hammer to cause the serious head injuries. Mr. Anderson was convicted after jury trial of second-degree murder and rape on April 15, 1988. In addition to the life sentence for murder, he received a concurrent sentence of 8 to 10 years for the rape.

The inmate has one other criminal conviction. He punched and sexually assaulted a 19-year-old girl in Dorchester on May 21, 1985. For that offense he pleaded guilty to three counts of rape on November 1, 1988. He murdered Ms. Williams while on bail for this sexual assault.

He received concurrent sentences of 8 to 12 years. The three rape sentences were concurrent with the life sentence for murder and they have been served.

II. PAROLE HEARING ON JULY 12, 2011

This is the third parole hearing for Jitu'ola Anderson. Parole was denied after hearings in 2001 and 2006. The 2006 decision cited the inmate's failure to progress in sex offender treatment or substance abuse treatment as two of the reasons for denial.

At this hearing Mr. Anderson stated that in his first two parole hearings "I came with an arrogance; I did some things in prison but only what I wanted to do; rightfully so parole was denied." He said that at the time of the murder "I had a selfish and distorted way of living; drugs polluted my thought process; I relied on violence when challenged."

The inmate is currently housed at the Treatment Center at Bridgewater State Hospital where he is in sex offender treatment. He said he expects to complete the program within a year. He acknowledged that he had "a very poor attitude at the outset in prison and I didn't want to do sex offender treatment; I didn't really care; I had convinced myself that I didn't need that treatment; I would be done with treatment now if I had not been so bull-headed and arrogant." He admitted that the assault with the talcum powder can was his attempt to "totally humiliate" the victim.

Mr. Anderson said that in treatment he is working on "entitlement issues." He now understands that had no empathy for his victims. He said that drug abuse was his trigger for violence. He described his drug use at that time as "very heavy, \$200 a day or more of cocaine; I used cocaine the day of the murder." He said he has not used drugs in prison and has been sober for 24 years.

The inmate has 15 disciplinary reports, most recently in 2009 for fighting with another inmate. He had no disciplinary reports for a decade (1998-2007) indicating improved institutional behavior.

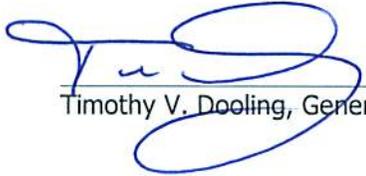
Plymouth Assistant District Attorney Carol O'Sullivan spoke in opposition to parole. Mr. Anderson's ex-wife and his father spoke in support of parole.

III. DECISION

Jitu'ola Anderson was on bail for a rape case when he murdered and sexually mutilated Belinda Williams. The path to rehabilitation from that degree of violence is long and demanding. Mr. Anderson chose not to travel down that path during the first two decades of his life sentence. In recent years, however, he has made a more productive commitment to sex offender treatment. As a result, Mr. Anderson showed at the hearing that he has more insight into his violence and the harm he has caused. He was candid in discussing his issues with substance abuse, antisocial behavior, anger, and violence. Mr. Anderson has progressed but not sufficiently to overcome the gravity of his offense, the degree of sexual violence he has perpetrated, and the two decades of indifference to rehabilitation. The Parole Board concludes that he would be likely to re-offend if released and his parole is not compatible with the welfare

of society. Accordingly, parole is denied. Recognizing the inmate's recent progress, the Board grants a review in four years.

I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above referenced hearing.



Timothy V. Dooling, General Counsel

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Date