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**DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**WILSON MORALES**

**W56628**

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Review Hearing after Revocation

**DATE OF HEARING:** July 17, 2012

**DATE OF DECISION:** April 24, 2013

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

**DECISION OF THE BOARD:** After careful consideration of all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offense, institutional record, the views of the public as expressed at the hearing or in written submissions to the Board, we conclude that the inmate is not a suitable candidate for parole at this time. Parole is denied with a review in five years. The decision is unanimous.

**I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

Wilson Morales appeared before the Massachusetts Parole Board for a review hearing on the life sentence he is currently serving at Old Colony Correctional Center. Mr. Morales received this sentence in Hampden Superior Court on June 6, 1994 (on the third day of his jury trial) after pleading guilty to second-degree murder in the shooting death of 18-year-old Pablo Sanchez.

On August 31, 1992, in Holyoke, an argument over a drug transaction led to an altercation between Angel Morales, Pablo Sanchez, and Jamie Gonzalez. Angel Morales fled from the fight and returned to the area with his brother, Wilson Morales, who was armed with a gun. The Morales brothers engaged in a physical altercation with both Sanchez and Gonzalez, during which Wilson Morales fired several shots at both Sanchez and Gonzalez, seriously injuring Gonzalez and fatally wounding Sanchez.

After the shooting both Morales brothers fled to New Jersey and then to Puerto Rico before surrendering to authorities.

## **II. PAROLE HISTORY**

Wilson Morales received a positive vote in 2008 to a long term residential treatment program after his first parole hearing. On November 3, 2008, Morales was paroled to the Harmony House and remained compliant with parole conditions until January 10, 2009. On January 10, 2009, Morales was terminated from the Harmony House after being admitted to the Psychiatric Ward at St. Luke's Hospital for an evaluation resulting from his claim that residents at the Harmony House "tried to stitch his eyes shut after implanting tracking/controlling devices in his head."

On March 26, 2009, Morales' parole was revoked and a hearing was scheduled to determine suitability for re-parole. After that hearing on July 28, 2009, the Board denied parole with a three year set back noting concerns about Morales' mental health issues and risk to re-offend.

## **III. PAROLE HEARING ON JULY 17, 2012**

Wilson Morales admitted shooting both Pablo Sanchez and Jamie Gonzalez, stating that he was "confused on drugs" at the time and that "they assaulted my brother." Board Members inquired about his reputation in the neighborhood at the time of the shootings and he admitted that he was known as "crazy Willy" and stated "I did have a bad attitude; I was doing the wrong things in the street." He advised of his poor employment history but denied his prior admission of selling drugs, informing the Board that he used heroin "a lot" and only carried a gun for "protection."

The Board inquired about Morales termination from the Harmony House and he stated "I had problems due to my limited English." When asked about the psychotic episode that led to his hospitalization, Morales stated that he was threatened by residents who stated that they would "stitch my eyes shut." He does not believe that his mental illness had anything to do with what happened at the Harmony House.

The Board expressed concern about Morales not taking his medication for schizophrenia and referenced Morales' 18(a) evaluation from Bridgewater State Hospital dated March 9, 2009 which notes that "given his refusal to take medication. . . . Morales would be at risk for violent behavior." Morales claimed that he has been taking his medication since his return to custody.

Board Members questioned Morales about his institutional conduct, particularly about the four disciplinary reports he received since returning to custody. These reports included several fights, one in which Morales struck a correctional officer in the face with a closed fist. Another incident resulted in him being fired from his institutional job.

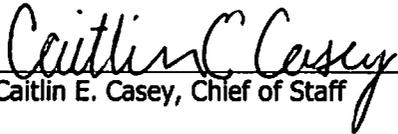
Morales' sisters Sandy Hernandez and Magdalena Oyola testified in support of parole noting the family's realization of their brother's current mental state and willingness to support him with housing and financially. The Hampden County District Attorney submitted a letter opposing parole.

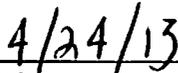
## **IV. DECISION**

Wilson Morales received a parole which turns out to be premature or without adequate safeguards. He quickly decompensated and required psychiatric hospitalization related to schizophrenia. Complicating the mental health issues is the recent violent and impulsive behavior in the institution. Mr. Morales is not rehabilitated and he remains a considerable threat for violent behavior. Mr. Morales would be likely to re-offend if released and his parole is

incompatible with the welfare of society. Parole is denied with a review in five years, during which time Mr. Morales should remain involved with mental health treatment and compliant with his medication requirements. Mr. Morales also needs more insight into and rehabilitation for his impulsive and violent behavior.

*I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above referenced hearing. Pursuant to G.L. c. 127, § 130, I further certify that all voting Board Members have reviewed the applicant's entire criminal record. This signature does not indicate authorship of the decision.*

  
Caitlin E. Casey, Chief of Staff

  
Date