

**Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2015**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E. Madison Street, Springfield, IL, on August 27, 2014, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

C72315 CALVIN CAMPBELL
C01434 GEORGE PETER
C72940 DONALD WOODRUFF

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Findley
Roll call was taken by the Recording Secretary: Gabriela Chavez Barrientos

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ed Bowers	X	
Edith Crigler	X	
Salvador Diaz		X
Gary Duncan	X	
Donald Wayne Dunn	X	
Pete Fisher	X	
Eric Gregg	X	
Vonetta Harris	X	
Tom Johnson	X	
Daryl Jones	X	
Adam Monreal	X	
William Norton		X
Aurthur Mae Perkins		X
Donald Shelton	X	
Craig Findley	X	

12 Members Present

The Recording Secretary presented the following minutes for approval:
Open Session Minutes from July 30, 2015. (DS- EG) Leave .

Meeting was adjourned (ADM – CF). Leave.
Submitted by: Gabriela Chavez Barrientos, Recording Secretary.

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Inmate Name: Calvin Campbell IDOC Number: C72315

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E. Madison Street, Springfield, IL, on August 27, 2015, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for Inmate Calvin Campbell, IDOC# C72315.

Members present were: Chairman Craig Findley, Mr. Ed Bowers, Mrs. Edith Crigler, Mr. Gary Duncan, Mr. Donald Wayne Dunn, Mr. Pete Fisher, Mr. Eric Gregg, Mrs. Vonetta Harris, Mr. Tom Johnson, Mr. Daryl Jones, Mr. Adam Monreal, and Mr. Donald Shelton.

Other(s) present: G. Chavez Barrientos, Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Jones presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

Member Daryl Jones interviewed Inmate Calvin Campbell at the Dixon Correctional Center on July 14, 2015. Present at the hearing were were the following:

Joan Weaver
Harry Weaver
Carolyn R. Klarquist
Gabrielle Green

During the interview of Mr. Campbell, the following factors were discussed, the facts and circumstances that led to his State criminal conviction, his prior criminal history, history, his institutional adjustment, his institutional accomplishments, education, the institutions of his incarceration, institutional assignments, his family history, and his parole plans.

Mr. Jones shared that Mr. Campbell is serving terms of imprisonment of 100 to 300 years for murder and 10 to 30 years for armed robbery that were to run concurrently.

The facts were then discussed. On September 21, 1974, Inmate Campbell and two co-offenders, Michael Gray and Melvin Reed, robbed Eddie Pittman and murdered Joseph Law, Sr. who was an off duty Cook County Deputy Sheriff. Law and Pittman were on the elevator in the Robert Taylor Homes Project and as the doors were closing a female voice asked them to hold the elevator. The victim pushed the hold on the elevator and two young girls entered along with three young men. Once on the elevator, the Inmate pushed the emergency button causing the elevator to stop between floors. Co-offender Michael Gray produced a pistol, which he held to the victims' face and announced, "This is a stickup." A struggle ensued and the co-offender Gray fired his weapon, with the bullet grazing Pittman's chest. The struggled resulted in Inmate

shooting and killing Deputy Law and one of the females was also shot twice. The Inmate and co-offenders took Deputy Law's revolver and fled when the elevator door opened.

Mr. Jones then shared Mr. Campbell's version of the story. Inmate Campbell's version differs from the State Attorney's statement of facts. He admits that the plan to do the robbery was his idea and that the gun was his. Mr. Law, the off duty Sheriff Police, reached for his weapon, one of the co-defendants struggled with Mr. Law and Inmate Campbell sat his, Campbell's, gun down on the elevator floor and struggled with Mr. Law and the weapon went off and shot one of the females twice. Co-offender Mike Gray picked up the weapon off the floor and shot Mr. Law, Mr. Pittman was also shot.

Mr. Jones shared that Mr. Campbell expressed remorse regarding the robbery and the death of Deputy Law. He states that he is now a different person from the 18 year old he was. He indicates that he is now a peaceful thoughtful man who wants to give back to his community.

Mr. Campbell strongly states that he did not shoot Deputy Law, but he admits he was the one who planned the robbery. He also states that it was not their intention to kill anyone. He has made progress and the staff at IDOC think well of him.

Inmate Campbell plans to reside at St. Leonard's. He has plans to transition from St. Leonard's to his parent's home and work in a job with his stepfather. Mr. Campbell has strong family support.

In conclusion, based on the aforementioned interview of Mr. Campbell, and a review of all relevant factors, including but not limited to the Inmate's positive institutional adjustment, Mr. Jones believes that Mr. Campbell is at good risk for parole.

Motion to grant parole. (DJ – DWD). Motion carries 8-4. Members Fisher, Gregg, Johnson, and Monreal dissented.

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Inmate Name: George Peter IDOC Number: C01434

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E. Madison Street, Springfield, IL, on August 27, 2015, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for Inmate George Peter, IDOC# C01434.

Members present were: Chairman Craig Findley, Mr. Ed Bowers, Mrs. Edith Crigler, Mr. Gary Duncan, Mr. Donald Wayne Dunn, Mr. Pete Fisher, Mr. Eric Gregg, Mrs. Vonetta Harris, Mr. Tom Johnson, Mr. Daryl Jones, Mr. Adam Monreal, and Mr. Donald Shelton.

Other(s) present: G. Chavez Barrientos, Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Jones presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

Mr. Jones interviewed inmate George Peter on June 24, 2015 at the Western Illinois Correctional Center. Present at this interview were Mr. Peter and his attorney, Jessica Frogge.

Mr. Peters is a 66-year old male serving 90 to 180 year old for the rape and murder of Cynthia Lubeznik, 14 years old, in 1967.

Mr. Jones gave an account of the events that led to Mr. Peter's incarceration. On September 15, 1967 at about 11:30 PM the Inmate, driving his automobile, entered the intersection of Fitch St. while traveling north on California Avenue in the city of Chicago. He then stopped and picked up a young girl, Cynthia Lubeznik. The Inmate took the girl to the Labagh Woods. He sexually assaulted her and strangled her. After strangling her he took her to a river that runs through the woods and put her head underwater. The Inmate put his foot on her head until she drowned.

The girl's body was found the following morning floating in the Chicago River by a visitor to the woods who was walking the path adjacent to the river. An Autopsy was performed and it was determined that the cause of death was due to strangulation and submersion.

On the morning of September 17, 1967, the Inmate was arrested at his wife's parent's home. He was arrested and was taken to the police station.

Earlier that day, a boy named David Manuel, identified himself to the police and said he was a close friend of the Inmate. He indicated that on Sunday morning, September 17, 1967, the Inmate admitted to him that he had picked up the girl in his automobile the night of September 15, 1967 and then drove her to a secluded area in Labagh Woods. The Inmate admitted that he then raped her. After assaulting her, the Inmate strangled her and then took her body to the river. The Inmate admitted that he then held her head under the water until she was dead.

Mr. Peter's institutional adjustment is exceptional. He is grade A, low escape, at Western Illinois Correctional Center. He has previously held posts as janitor, medical assistant, and dental technician. He has earned a GED and has also received his Bachelors of Science Degree. Mr. Jones shared that Mr. Peters is very intelligent and articulate. He had a very charismatic demeanor throughout the interview. Mr. Peters spends his time reading, watching C-Span, and participating in prison activities. He spends time tutoring other inmates and has written articles regarding prison conditions in the past.

Mr. Jones shared that George Peter has been accepted at New Beginnings Shared and Permanent housing should he be granted for parole. A very thorough independent psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Peter found that the inmate would not pose a threat to the public if paroled. The report found that Mr. Peters appears not to be a sexually violent person.

The Board recognized Mr. Peter's excellent institutional adjustment, however several concerns were raised. Several members expressed that Mr. Peter's crime was senseless and unnecessary, and to grant parole at this time would deprecate the seriousness of the crime. Mr. Shelton recalls that Mr. Peters had told a friend that he wanted to commit rape and murder by drowning. Other members of the Board expressed that they believe this was a cold and brutal crime.

Motion to deny parole. (DJ – DS). Motion carries 11 – 1. Chairman Findley dissented.

Motion for a three year set. (AM – PF). Motion carries 8-4. Members against the motion were Mrs. Crigler, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Jones, and Chairman Findley.

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Inmate Name: Donald Woodruff

IDOC Number: C72940

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E. Madison Street, Springfield, IL, on August 27, 2015, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for Inmate Donald Woodruff, IDOC C72940.

Members present were: Chairman Craig Findley, Mr. Ed Bowers, Mrs. Edith Crigler, Mr. Gary Duncan, Mr. Donald Wayne Dunn, Mr. Pete Fisher, Mr. Eric Gregg, Mrs. Vonetta Harris, Mr. Tom Johnson, Mr. Daryl Jones, Mr. Adam Monreal, and Mr. Donald Shelton.

Other(s) present: G. Chavez Barrientos, Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Jones presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

Mr. Jones shared that he interviewed Donald Woodruff on July 23, 2015, Mr. Donald Woodruff was interviewed for parole consideration at the Pontiac Correctional Facility. During the interview of Mr. Woodruff the following factors were discussed: the facts and circumstances that led to his State criminal conviction, his prior criminal history, history, his institutional adjustment, his institutional accomplishments, education, the institutions of his incarceration, institutional assignments, his family history, and his parole plans.

Mr. Woodruff is serving terms of imprisonment of 75 to 150 years and 60 to 100 years for the murders of Mr. Ogden and Mr. Fairchild.

Inmate Donald Woodruff currently serving the following sentences:

- 75-100 years for murder
- 60-100 years for a second murder
- 15-30 years for armed robbery
- 15-30 years for aggravated kidnapping
- 3-10 years for theft
- 1-3 for unlawful use of weapon
- 10 years for aggravated battery.

All sentences to run concurrently for the crimes committed in 1975.

Inmate Woodruff has admitted his involvement in the murders but denies being directly responsible. Mr. Woodruff has stated that he was remorseful for his actions. Mr. Woodruff is currently incarcerated at the Pontiac Correctional Facility.

Mr. Woodruff's institutional adjustment has been difficult but he has improved over recent years. Mr. Woodruff receives family support and contacts.

Mr. Jones motioned to grant parole. He believes that the crimes committed by his co-defendant were heinous, but finds it odd that his co-defendant has been released from prison already. His institutional adjustment has been satisfactory and he does not believe releasing him will pose a threat to public safety.

Motion to grant parole (DJ-EC). Motion fails 4-8. Members opposing motion were Mr. Bowers, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Gregg, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Monreal, and Mr. Shelton.

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