

PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

EN BANC MINUTE SHEET: MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2016

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open en banc session at 319 E. Madison, Springfield, IL, on August 25, 2016 at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

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| C82540 | LARRY KURINA |
| C81085 | CASPER ROSARIO |
| C10185 | HENRY BROUGHTON |
| C72940 | DONALD WOODRUFF |
| C60957 | TERRY DAVIS |
| H35583 | ROLAND THOMPSON |
| C66268 | EARL GOOD |
| C01355 | NAMOR SMITH |

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

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| Mr. Ed Bowers | X | |
| Edith Crigler | X | |
| Salvador Diaz | X | |
| Mr. Gary Duncan | X | |
| Mr. Donald Wayne Dunn | X | |
| Mr. Pete Fisher | X | |
| Vonetta Harris | | X |
| Tom Johnson | X | |
| Mr. Daryl Jones | X | |
| Mr. William Norton | X | |
| Mrs. Aurthur Mae Perkins | X | |
| Mr. Donald Shelton | X | |
| Chairman Craig Findley | X | |

12 Members Present

The Recording Secretary presented the following minutes for approval:
Open Session Minutes from **June 23, 2016 (DS-DWD)**. Leave

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

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The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open en banc session at 319 E. Madison Street, Springfield, IL on August 25, 2016, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for Larry Kurina, IDOC# C82540.

Members present were: Chairman C. Findley, E. Bowers, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, G. Duncan, D.W. Dunn, P. Fisher, T. Johnson, D. Jones, W. Norton, A.M. Perkins, and D. Shelton.

Other(s) present: Gabriela Chavez Barrientos, Recording Secretary

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

Mr. Fisher interviewed Larry Kurina at the Danville Correctional Center on July 21st, 2016. Inmate Kurina is a 58-year-old Caucasian male. His date of birth is April 13, 1958.

Present during the interview were Inmate Kurina and his attorneys Lillian McCartin and Brad Thompson.

On July 13, 1978 Inmate Kurina was sentenced to 200 to 500 years for the March 12, 1976 murders of John Taylor and Emil Lauridsen Jr. Inmate Kurina was paroled after serving 17 years of his sentence on March 10, 1993.

His criminal history is as follows:

On April 1974 he was arrested for theft. No disposition is available.

On September 1975 he was arrested for battery. The case was dismissed in October of 1975.

On October of 1975 he was arrested for theft and DC. The case was dismissed in December of 1975.

Mr. Fisher stated that on March 12, 1976 inmate Kurina spent the afternoon drinking and taking pills with friends. At approximately 8:30 p.m. Kurina left James Grady's house in the 4500 block of S. Emerald. With Kurina were 3 friends, James Damron, 19, Rosemary Sims, 16, and Marie Gutierrez, 17.

The four individuals proceeded to Kurina's residence at 4750 S Union, where Sims and Kurina went to bed.

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At approximately 11p.m., 16-year-old John Shannon Jr., a friend of Kurina's, entered the apartment. Shannon was extremely intoxicated and boisterous. He left after a short time.

Shortly thereafter, Kurina left the apartment with Grady, Damron, Sims and Gutierrey in a vehicle driven by Leenheer. They proceeded to a tavern at 47th and Halsted, Danny's Two where Kurina entered to purchase some marijuana. Kurina got into a fight while inside. Sims persuaded Kurina to leave.

After returning to his apartment Kurina armed himself with a 9 inch butcher knife, and all the before mentioned individuals again left in the car.

Leenheer then drove his car to the Hi-Lo Tavern on 47th and Emerald where Leenheer went in to buy beer. The Hi-Lo Tavern was directly across from Danny's Two.

At this time the two victims, John Taylor and Emil Lauridsen Jr. (who were good friends) were inside the Hi-Lo tavern. Earlier John Taylor the father of five children, had taken some of his children bowling with Emil Lauridsen, and both were now having a beer at the Hi-Lo.

John Shannon Jr. entered the bar at that time and was causing a disturbance.

John Shannon Sr., the boy's father asked John Taylor and Emil Lauridsen to help carry the young Shannon home to sleep it off. The Shannons lived directly behind the bar. The three of them carried Shannon Jr. home where the mother and brother came out to assist.

At this point Kurina, joined by his brother Brian, Damron, and Grady, approached and began to yell obscenities at the people helping to bring Shannon Jr. home.

The police arrived and quelled the disturbance. The Police then left.

Mrs. Shannon assured Kurina and his companions that she could control her son and that it was a family member. Brian Kurina then told her to "get fucked". James Hughes, Mrs. Shannon and Timothy Shannon carried Shannon Jr. in.

Emil Lauridsen and John Taylor then attempted to return to the bar, when they were attacked Emil Lauridsen, stabbing and killing him. Kurina then turned and stabbed John Taylor leaving the 9-inch butcher knife in his abdomen. John Taylor later died of his wounds.

Kurina and his companions all fled back to their vehicle and fled the scene. After entering the car, Kurina stated to Sims that he had just killed both men and left the knife in Moono (John Taylor's nickname). He also stated that he didn't know why he killed them because Moono was his friend.

The murder weapon was recovered at the scene. Kurina was arrested a short time later after a brief foot pursuit.

Mr. Fisher stated that he found inmate Kurina to be quite talkative, polite and intelligent.

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Kurina stated at the time of the murders he was 17 years of age and living in his own apartment. He stated there were a bunch of teens together drinking beer. He stated they were going to go to his brother Brian's house, so they all got in the car and stopped at the Hi-Lo tavern. While they were sitting in the car waiting for one of the group to go buy more beer, Kurina said he thought he saw his brother Brian in the alley adjacent to where they were parked. Kurina said he thought his brother was in an altercation with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Lauridsen. Kurina said that he exited the car and ran to aid his brother. As he ran up, he said, "I poked Emil, then poked Moono" while making a slight forward movement/gesture with his hand.

Kurina said he ran back to the car and said, "I just stabbed two gentlemen, and one of them was my friend".

He went on to say, "I thought I was taking care of my brother". Mr. Fisher related that Mr. Kurina stated that Mr. Taylor had gotten him his first job.

Mr. Fisher tells that he stated, "I found out later that they had passed". "I knew I was sorry the moment after it happened". "I took these gentlemen from their families". He went on to say, "The brother I was defending, eight months ago put a bullet in his head".

"I do not blame it on alcohol. I blame it on poor judgment and having a weapon in my hand." "I will never forget". "Remorse is a given". "If you live in the past you will never get to the future, but I cannot compare myself to the victim's families".

Mr. Fisher asked Kurina about the earlier fight he had been involved in at Danny's Two, and he replied he went there to get pot, but wasn't able to get any. He said there was not fight. He said he returned home and grabbed the knife for protection. Mr. Fisher asked why he needed protection, and from whom and he said from anyone because he was a small person back then.

Mr. Fisher explained that his story differed from his last interview only last year. He said they had been drinking several hours that day, and he did take some sleeping pills. He said he knew that his brother and Damron were arguing with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Lauridsen after Shannon Jr. was taken into the house because he got that information from court records.

Kurina was paroled in 1993. He stated he lived in Springfield for approximately 11 years. He met his now ex-wife in 1990 while incarcerated at Danville CC. He said they were married in 1991 or 1992, and they had a son in 1994.

Kurina stated he had his own business as a handyman. About their 9th year of marriage problems started between them. He said his work schedule created problems because some days he would be done early. "All she saw was me and friends sitting in the yard drinking. That was the hours we worked. Maybe she was jealous".

He said they argued constantly and eventually divorced in 2001 or 2002. Kurina said he got an apartment in Springfield and his business struggled because he had nowhere to store tools. He said he kept the tools at his ex-wife's garage, but she sold the tools and he lost the business. He said his step dad died and he started drinking a lot.

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He then contacted his parole agent for help with his drinking and he completed the program at Gateway. He said his mother lived in Indiana, so he obtained an interstate compact and moved to live with his mother in a campground. He said he would see his son twice a month for weekends, and that they would meet half way. He said he called daily to speak with son.

Kurina said he and ex-wife still argued constantly over the phone. He said they argued about dating relationships and the discipline of their son. The Ex-wife obtained an order of protection. He stated he was very jealous.

Mr. Fisher stated that Kurina said he would go to his son's baseball games and he and his ex-wife would argue there. Kurina said he would take a small cooler of beer to the games.

He said he was arrested for violating the order of protection for calling the residence of the ex, but was released because he was allowed to call about his son.

Mr. Fisher asked Kurina about his statement to his ex-wife that he was not above killing a cop, referring to a police officer the ex had dated. He admitted to making the statement in anger, but was referring to anyone who would discipline his son by hitting him.

He also admitted to being arrested for a DUI in 2000. He was actually arrested for DUI, January 2002, and was sentenced to one-year supervision and given a fine.

On March 20, 2004 he was arrested for the violation of order of protection. Report shows that Kurina called his wife 10 times. It was on that date that he made the statement about killing a cop, as he knew she was dating a Chicago police officer. He was actually found guilty and sentenced to 6 days in jail. On September 20, 2004 he was convicted of receiving stolen property in Fulton County Indiana and sentenced to 3 years in the department of corrections with 2 ½ years suspended. The order specifically stated the sentence was to be served consecutively to any sentence for his parole.

Inmate Kurina's institutional adjustment was described as good during his incarceration from 1978 to 1993. He received only 12 IDR's during that time. He has received only one major disciplinary ticket since his return to DOC.

He obtained his GED in his first year of incarceration, and has received over 40 college credits. He works in the maintenance department.

Kurina attends AA regularly and completed 12 week substance abuse program.

Kurina is in good health with no apparent issues. He receives regular correspondence from family by mail and phone, and receives regular visits from a personal friend.

Kurina has several letters in his behalf from family members and friends.

Mr. Fisher stated that Kurina has made plans to parole to the residence of Ron and Mary Marek, who are close friends living in Chicago. Inmate Kurina states he would return to the handyman or home improvement business. His brother Joe Kurina is a strong supporter, works for the city of

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Chicago and would help in finding employment for inmate Kurina. Mary Marek states she is pursuing certificate in addiction counseling to help inmate Kurina with his addiction issues. His parole plan is moderate in Mr. Fisher's opinion, even though he does have strong family support from most of his family members.

In conclusion, Mr. Fisher stated that Inmate Kurina received a miraculous gift when he was paroled in 1993 after serving only 17 years of a 200 – 500 year sentence for the senseless murders of two well-known and well respected gentlemen from the community. A park was dedicated to the victims John Taylor and Emil Lauridsen Jr in 1976. Taylor-Lauridsen Playground Park at 704 W. 42nd St in Chicago serves as a reminder of these two highly regarded neighborhood residents.

Mr. Fisher stated, "Unfortunately, inmate Kurina did not take full advantage of the gift of parole, but rather returned to his old ways of theft, intimidation, and alcohol and drug abuse". He also stated that only after the board has noted in the past that substance abuse treatment and anger management counseling would be necessary for him has he chosen to complete or attempt to enroll in these programs. According to Mr. Fisher, This should be viewed as his way of attempting to manipulate the system once again.

Mr. Fisher believes that Mr. Kurina's statement that he poked Mr. Lauridsen and Mr. Taylor with the knife shows his continued attempt to minimize his brutal attack, along with the fact he has changed his story as to relating the facts of the case again. He continues to be vague with his accounts of all of his personal details of his criminal activity and personal life while on parole.

Inmate Kurina stated during his interview that he was not an angry person. He was a peace keeper. "I have always worked. I have support for alcohol abuse." Finally he states it is upsetting to him that his son thinks he abandoned him when he was sent back to the department of corrections.

Mr. Fisher believes that Mr. Kurina was shown mercy when it was not deserved, and continues to try and manipulate the system so far as to thank board members for their votes, and appreciate and respect board members backgrounds and work experience. Inmate Kurina has shown that he was unable to successfully abide by the terms and conditions of his parole. To even consider paroling inmate Kurina a second time would further deprecate the seriousness of the offense and continued disrespect for the law.

Mr. Fisher moved to deny parole at this time. He stated that he believes that to grant parole would show complete disrespect for the law and deprecate the serious nature of the offense. In addition, Mr. Fisher believes that the inmate could not comply with the reasonable conditions of parole.

Motion to deny parole (PF-). Motion Prevails.

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Inmate Name: **DONALD WOODRUFF** IDOC Number & Institution: **C72940**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open en banc session at 319 E. Madison Street, Springfield, IL on August 25, 2016, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for Donald Woodruff, IDOC#C72940

Members present were: Chairman C. Findley, E. Bowers, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, G. Duncan, D.W. Dunn, P. Fisher, T. Johnson, D. Jones, W. Norton, A.M. Perkins, and D. Shelton.

Other(s) present: Gabriela Chavez Barrientos, Recording Secretary

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

Chairman Findley stated that Mr. Woodruff has spent 2/3 of his life incarcerated for his role in a 1977 DeWitt County murder and related offenses, a 1977 Champaign County murder, and a 1979 McLean County aggravated battery with great bodily harm. For these offenses the sentences were: murder (60-100 years), a second murder (75-150 years), possession of a handgun (1-3), armed robbery (15-30), aggravated kidnapping (15-30), theft (3-10), murder (15-75), and aggravated battery (10). The determinate sentence has been served and for the remaining conviction his projected discharge date is 2123. Strong objection to parole does persist to this day.

Despite the heinous nature of these crimes and a lengthy disciplinary history that has abated in recent years, Mr. Woodruff has received annual support for parole since 2012. Prior to that time he had received several multi-year sets. In 2012 he received votes from Findley and former members Tyler and Reynolds, in 2013 Crigler, Tyler and former member Madison (CF absent), in 2014 Crigler, Tyler and Findley and in 2015 Jones, Crigler, Dunn, and Findley.

Chairman Findley stressed that Woodruff did not act alone. His co-defendant, Percy Lee Jones, received an identical sentence and has since earned parole.

Chairman Findley explained that Woodruff had high expectations as a teenager. He loved music, was a member of the high school band and planned to attend Grambling State University after high school graduation in 1975. Those plans were thwarted when Woodruff was arrested for the discharge of a handgun. According to the petitioner a Thomas Green had earlier robbed him at gunpoint. Woodruff began to carry a weapon, and when Green attempted to rob him again, he fired the weapon, returned to school, and admitted the offense. On bond for the offense, he was both employed and a student at a local cosmetology school. It was there that he met Percy Lee Jones.

Their criminal history began on the south side of Chicago in the early morning hours of February 11, 1977. With Woodruff acting as a lookout, Jones, armed with a shotgun, approached Derek Smith

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with the intent to steal his 1973 Buick. As Smith reached for the barrel of the gun, the weapon discharged. Wounded in the leg, Smith fled and the co-defendants took the vehicle and drove to Champaign. Three days later in Clinton, they stopped to inspect a Pontiac Firebird. As the owner, Tony Fairchild, approached his vehicle, Jones produced a shotgun and said they wanted the car. Fairchild quickly put the keys in the car and locked the doors. The angry offenders ordered Fairchild into their stolen Buick and drove to a deserted country road approximately 10 miles from Clinton. He was removed from the car, ordered to lay face-down and fatally shot in the back of the head from close range. Money and personal property were removed from the victim and they returned to Champaign. The next day, at approximately 5p.m. they went to University Auto Sales where salesman and assistant manager Richard Ogden was the only person present on the premises. They entered a small office, confronting Ogden with the shotgun and forcing him to provide them with the car keys, documentation, and title for two 1973 Cutlasses on the lot, as well as \$800 in cash. He was forced into a storage room and murdered with a shotgun to the back of his head.

One vehicle broke down as they drove away, so they continued on with one Cutlass and the previously stolen Buick and fled to Peoria where they were arrested. On August 26, 1977, Woodruff was sentenced for the Champaign County crimes and six days later sentenced for the DeWitt County Murders.

Chairman Findley believes Mr. Woodruff would be successful if paroled. He has a strong parole plan and has demonstrated to be a positive influence in the prison. Therefore, Chairman Findley moved to grant parole to Mr. Woodruff.

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