

**Illinois Prisoner Review Board  
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET  
MEETING OF February 27, 2014**

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

C70640 EDWARD MURPHY
C15434 JOSEPH HURST
L11790 JOE WILLHITE
C64129 RICHARD BASKE
C10644 FRANKLIN JOHNSON
C82838 LEE JONES
C50640 ROBERT LOWER
C71613 DANNY LILLARD
C66263 EDWARD SPICER
C80688 DUANE FRANKLIN
C71009 ROBERT DOMINIQUE
C01395 WILLIAM BASSETT
C63379 EDDIE DRIVER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Monreal  
Roll call was taken by the Recording Secretary: Kelly Knappmeyer

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Angela Blackman-Donovan		X
Edith Crigler	X	
Ed Bowers		X
Salvador Diaz	X	
Eric Gregg	X	
Craig Findley	X	
Vonetta Harris	X	
Tom Johnson	X	
Jesse Madison		X
William Norton	X	
Jennifer Parrack	X	
Donald Shelton	X	
William Simmons	X	
Geraldine Tyler		
Adam Monreal	X	

**15 Present**

The Recording Secretary presented the following minutes for approval:  
Open Session Minutes from January 30, 2014. (ADM – CF) Leave

Meeting was adjourned (ADM – CF). Leave.  
Submitted by: Kelly R. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

### **Executive Session**

ADM: In light of the heavy docket and amount of visitors present, a motion is made to enter Executive Session to discuss all matters for today's cases that respectively need to be discussed in closed session. (ADM – CF). Leave.

Motion to enter open session and begin proceedings. (ADM – CF). Leave.

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Inmate Name: Lee Jones

IDOC Number & Institution: C82838

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Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

On October 14, 1977, Inmate Lee Jones sideswiped an unmarked Chicago Police Department squad car with civilian occupants inside as well as Officer Eddie Lee Jackson. After this encounter, the inmate had words with the officer and subsequently shot Officer Jackson in the head. He immediately fled the scene and was apprehended twenty minutes later. A 357 Python pistol was found in the vehicle. A bullet recovered from Officer Jackson's vehicle was matched to the gun found in Inmate Jones' vehicle. Officer Jackson's head injury caused him to lose a portion of his skull, which in turn caused brain damage and the loss of his speech and vision.

Lee Jones was sentenced to 50-100 years in the Department of Corrections for Attempt Murder and Aggravated Battery.

Criminal History is extensive. Inmate Jones was arrested 23 times before in instant offense.

Institutional Adjustment has been good. His last Disciplinary Report was in 2011 for Unauthorized Movement and Disobeying a Direct Order. His is A grade and has been assigned.

Inmate Jones is divorced with two adult children.

If paroled, Inmate Jones has been accepted at St. Leonard's House in Chicago. He plans to support himself by operating a cleaning business. Past votes were reviewed.

TJ: Is Mr. Jones' MSR date in 2036? GT: Yes.

Tom Driscoll, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney: He has no clarifications or corrections to make. He noted the petitioner received tickets in 2011, 2010 and 2009.

Member Diaz asked what injuries the victim suffered. Member Tyler stated he was paralyzed and could no longer speak. He had many surgeries and suffered. He has since passed away in 2003.

Mr. Shiedel, counsel for the petitioner, stated they do not dispute the facts of the case. They have a letter from St. Leonard's indicating they will accept him and reflects the probability that Mr. Jones could successfully enter their program and be a useful citizen in the free world. There is no getting around the seriousness of the offense. They ask that the Board please consider Mr. Jones for parole.

William Bazarek, on behalf of the Superintendent of Chicago P.D., urged the Board to deny the release if Inmate Jones.

Frank Dimaria, Fraternal Order of the Police, also urged the Board to deny Inmate Jones parole. He represents the family of the victim, Officer Jackson. They are strongly opposed to parole. They believe to parole an individual who has murdered a police officer would send a bad message to the community. They ask that he serve the entirety of his sentence.

Member Tyler read her conclusion. She noted his above average institutional adjustment, but made a motion to deny Inmate Jones' request for parole. To do so would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law. (GT – CF).

Motion carries 12 – 0. Parole is denied.

"The Board makes a specific finding that the release of victim protest letters could subject a person to actual risk of physical harm."

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Inmate Name: Joseph Hurst

IDOC Number & Institution: C15434

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Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

IDOC Facility: Dixon Correctional Facility

Interview Date: January 9, 2014

Persons Present for Interview: APM, Joseph Hurst, Mrs. Zubaydah Madyum (wife), Mr. Abdullah Madyum (son), Mr. Howard Safford (family friend), Mrs. Aviva Futorian (atty.) & Mr. Sage Smith  
(NW Legal Clerk).

Projected Release Date: 10/21/2107

Maximum Release Date: 12/06/2113

**CURRENT STATUS:**

Inmate Joseph Hurst is an African American Male that is 71 years of age with a date of birth of November 29, 1943. He has been incarcerated since May 23, 1967 when he was charged with the murder of a Chicago Police Officer and the attempted murder of three additional Chicago Police Officers. At the time of his arrest he was 24 years of age and was on probation in Cook County for 2 separate robbery convictions. Inmate Hurst has been incarcerated for 46 years.

Inmate Hurst is the son of Mr. Alec Dunbar and Mrs. Elena Hurst. He is the oldest and has three siblings, (Paul Madyun, Winthrop Hurst & Dena Simmons). He was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up on west-side near the Ida B. Wells housing project. By May 1967 inmate Hurst had completed high school at Wendell Phillips and was attending college classes at SIU and Iowa State. Inmate Hurst is married to Mrs. Zubaydah Madyum with whom he has two sons. According to inmate Hurst he has never had any gang affiliation and has never served in the military. According to inmate Hurst, shortly after his arrest he converted and became a member of the Muslim Church and states he continues to practice within the faith.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS/CASE:

On May 23, 1967, Chicago Police Officers Herman Stallworth and Eugene Ervin, both who were African American were on routine patrol in the 3rd District. According to the official statement of facts the officers stopped inmate Hurst because he was traveling at a high rate of speed near Cottage Grove and Marquette. Inmate Hurst had Mr. Charles Harper as the passenger in the vehicle. Officer Ervin requested a driver's license from inmate Hurst to which he responded that he did not have one. Inmate Hurst and the passenger were taken out of the car and were walked over to the patrol car while Officer Stallworth made a brief search of the inmate's car. Officer Ervin was in the patrol car using the police radio. While in the patrol car Officer Ervin heard inmate yell "NO". An unidentified witness to the incident observed Officer Stallworth begin to search inmate Hurst. The witness observed inmate Hurst pull a gun from under his jacket and shoot at Officer Stallworth. While still in the patrol car, Officer Ervin observed inmate fire two shots into Officer Stallworth and saw the Officer fall to the ground. After fatally shooting Officer Stallworth, inmate Hurst began to flee and as he ran past Officer Ervin who was still in the patrol car, inmate Hurst shot Officer Ervin in the face.

Inmate Hurst fled from the scene and was being chased by other responding officers. The inmate fled into a nearby building and locked himself in a 3rd floor bathroom. Detective Ray Hederman and his partner responded to the scene and found inmate Hurst in the bathroom. The inmate was order out to which he responded "I've got six more, come on in and get me."

Inmate Hurst leaned out of the bathroom door and fired at Detective Hederman who had Officer Coleman standing directly behind him. After he realized that he was out of ammunition, inmate Hurst threw the gun out of the door and was taken into custody.

Both Officers Stallworth and Ervin were transported to Billings Hospital. Officer Stallworth had sustained two gunshot wounds, one to the upper left chest and one to the lower right side. Officer Stallworth was pronounced dead. Officer Ervin sustained a gunshot wound to the left portion of his face near his nose. The Officer was categorized in serious condition but was eventually released.

## INMATE VERSION:

During the course of the interview, I read the version of the facts that has been presented to this Board. Inmate Hurst did not contest the version of events that led to his current incarceration. Inmate Hurst stated that the facts are the facts; he stated that he was responsible for the death of Officer Stallworth, the attempted murder of Officer Ervin and the shootings prior to his arrest. He stated that he cannot change what happened. Inmate Hurst stated that he disputes the facts immediately prior to his arrest and stated that there were a number of bullets still available in his weapon and he could have fired more shots from the weapon if he wanted to.

When questioned why he committed the murder and the attempted murders, inmate Hurst stated that during that period of his life he was impatient, ignorant and that he lacked direction in that he had no fear of the Lord.

## CASE PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

Inmate Hurst was charged with multiple criminal offenses from this incident however the most serious was the murder of Officer Stallworth and the attempted murders of Detective Hederman

and Officer Coleman. There were also charges that he had violated his probation. As previously indicated, inmate Hurst was on probation for two separate robbery convictions.

Inmate Hurst elected to have a bench trial before Judge Sheldon Brown. Inmate Hurst was found guilty of murder, attempted murder and violation of probation. At the sentencing hearing, inmate Hurst was sentenced to death. An effective date was imposed.

The Illinois Supreme Court affirmed the sentenced. However, because of a change in the law which occurred as a result a decision made by the U.S. Supreme Court all such sentences were void. Inmate Hurst was eventually resentenced in March 1974. He received a sentence of 100 to 300 for the murder conviction, 19 to 20 years for the attempted murder. The sentences were to run concurrently but consecutive to the sentence of 10 to 20 years for the violation of probation.

Inmate Hurst has filed various federal lawsuits challenging his denial of parole, continued incarceration and has even argued that his continued confinement falls with the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. The upper courts have dismissed the inmate's claims.

In April 2002, inmate Hurst filed with the Prisoner Review Board a petition for executive clemency. Later that same year, then Governor Ryan denied the petition. When questioned why he filed a petition for executive clemency inmate Hurst stated that he has fulfilled the requirements of the law related to his conviction, has demonstrated that he is no longer a threat to society and has served a sufficient time of incarceration for the crimes that he has committed.

#### PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY:

As indicated earlier, on May 27, 1967, inmate Hurst had been place on probation for two separate robbery convictions;

The first robbery conviction related to a July 25, 1966 incident whereby a CTA Bus Driver, Mr. Theaodis Gary, Jr. was driving his bus near the 85fth Street terminal. Inmate Hurst and two other co-offenders entered the bus. After a short time inmate Hurst approached the driver and demanded money. Mr. Gary noticed that one of the other offenders was armed. Inmate Hurst and his co-offenders took \$64.50. Prior to exiting the bus, inmate Hurst put \$7.00 in the victim's pocket and told him that was for him.

The second robbery conviction related to an August 2, 1966 incident whereby a CTA bus driver, Mr. Julius Crittendon was driving his bus near 69th Street and South Park. Inmate Hurst and a co-offender entered the bus. A short time later, inmate Hurst approaches the driver and demands money. The amount taken from the bus driver was \$33.27. After the robbery occurred, the bus driver stopped a patrol car and joined the police officers looking for the offenders. Inmate Hurst was located on the near 79th Street. When taken into custody, the inmate fought white the officers and threw the money onto the expressway. At the station, a line-up was conducted and both bus drivers identified the inmate as one of the persons who had robbed them.

Other arrests include P. Narcotics (66), P. Cann &UUW (67).

#### INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENT:

Certificates: Life Style Advancements (12/2010) & Anger Management.

Educational Advancement: Inmate Hurst stated that he has not participated in any educational course during the years of his incarceration. When questioned why inmate Hurst stated that there were no courses of interest that were available through the Department of Corrections. Inmate Hurst stated that instead he developed a personal study of self-improvement & development.

Institutions: Dixon (current), Menard, Pontiac & Joliet.

Current Grade: Inmate Hurst is currently categorized as A-grade, minimum security and low escape risk.

Assignments: Currently only involved with the Life Style Redirection program. The program is directed toward realigning convicted offenders toward a path of progress upon release from the institution; Inmate Hurst stated that this has been his only assignment since suffering a stroke in 2008. Prior assignments include the law library, tutor, dorm porter, private study groups and minister within his faith.

IDRs: 1969 to 2000: 45

2001 to 2013: 14 (7/7 minor), (2011/2 major), (2012/1 major) & (2013/1 major).

Lost Time: None.

Religion: Inmate Hurst stated that prior to the murder of Officer Stallworth he was not committed to any religion. Thereafter, in early 1968 he converted to the Muslim Faith and has committed himself to that following.

#### FAMILY HISTORY:

Inmate Hurst stated that he continues to maintain his marriage with his wife who was present for the hearing. Also present was his son, Abdullah Madyum. Inmate Hurst continues to maintain contact with his immediate family and his brothers and sister through phone calls, face-to-face and letters. According to inmate Hurst his family continues to support his parole.

#### WORK HISTORY:

Prior to his incarceration inmate Hurst was employed at Montgomery Ward's, CTA and at a local grocery store. When I questioned him as to why he robbed CTA drivers inmate Hurst stated that he knew the policy and the routine of the bus CTA drivers.

#### CURRENT STATUS OF HEALTH:

Inmate Hurst appears in relatively good health. During the interview was aware of his surroundings, the subject matter of the interview and able to articulate in his responses and opinions. Inmate Hurst's medical records report that he suffered a minor stroke in 2008. Further, his medical reports indicate that he has received treatment for prostate and bladder difficulties related to his age.

#### RELEASE / PAROLE PLANS:

Inmate Hurst stated that if he were granted parole he would like to live with his wife in Hyde Park, Chicago. Mrs. Maydum has lived there for a number of years. Inmate Hurst stated that he understood that moving back to Chicago may be difficult in light of the fact that he was



convicted of the murder of Chicago Police Officer Stallworth. Attorney Futorian stated that she recognized this fact and started an interstate compact with the state of Mississippi. Inmate Hurst has a sister, Mrs. Dena Simmons that lives in the state of Mississippi and has offered to provide a host site for inmate Hurst and his wife if necessary.

In terms of employment, if paroled to Chicago, inmate Hurst stated that he would like to work with his son within the ministry in south-side of Chicago. The name of the ministry is called Masjid Al-Ihsan (Mosaic of goodness). Inmate Hurst stated that he would write for the journal and sometime in future he would hope to publish material. Finally, inmate Hurst stated that he has significant family support and would be able to rely on them initially.

I questioned inmate Hurst if he truly believes that he should be paroled and if so why. This is a question that I always ask the inmates that I interview. I also ask the additional question if a certain criminal act is committed does that person forfeit their right to freedom.

Inmate Hurst stated that he deserves to be paroled because he has fulfilled the requirements of the law related to his conviction, has demonstrated that he is no longer a threat to society and has served a sufficient time of incarceration for the crimes that he has committed.

Tom Driscoll, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney, testified. He stated the facts were accurately relayed in Chairman Monreal's presentation. He will point out the change in Inmate Hurst's statements as to responsibility and why he did what he did. He placed a lot of blame on his mental state and tried to garner sympathy. He wasn't that young when the instant offense occurred and was college educated.

Aviva Futorian, with the John Howard Association, stated she would like to address the elephant in the room. They never learned specifically why this hearing was continued until this month. They know there was inappropriate contact and they have apologized. Inmate Hurst has taught classes and been a basketball coach. He is in poor health. She has never met a more remorseful inmate. They believe he is ready to be returned to useful citizenship.

Chairman Monreal stated they have a difference in opinion. He will not release information as to what inappropriate contact was made to protect rights. He complimented them on submitting a very nice packet.

Member Findley stated he has supported Inmate Hurst in the past but will not at this point. He noted the disturbing letter Inmate Hurst submitted to the Board. He attacked the character of a Board Member and questioned his religious faith. He also stated the Board should release ALL of the C number Inmates. His view of what the Board does is greatly misguided and the letter was very troubling.

#### CONCLUSION: (ADM)

In conclusion this is a case that weights on the morals of the personnel of the Prisoner Review Board who are to represent the citizens of the State of Illinois and the Governor of the State. Inmate Hurst has demonstrated an acceptable institutional adjustment. However, as this Board knows that is only one of many factors that are to be considered in determining whether parole should be granted? In reviewing the possibility of parole, Illinois case law and the statute also direct this Board to consider the facts and circumstances that led to inmate Hurst's incarceration, prior criminal history, the social history, the institutional adjustment and the inmate's parole plan. Inmate Hurst is responsible for the senseless murder of Chicago Police

Officer Herman Stallworth and the attempted murder of Officer Eugene Ervin, who he shot in the face, and the shots that he fired in the direction of Detective Hederman and Officer Coleman.

Inmate Hurst presented the argument that he has legally satisfied all the conditions required by the law and should be paroled. Inmate Hurst's argument is based on the premise that he has served a sufficient time of incarceration for his criminal behavior, he has demonstrated that he is no longer a risk to society and that he has a sufficient parole plan. However, what inmate Hurst fails to address in his request for parole consideration is whether to parole him would deprecate the seriousness of his offense, promote disrespect for the law and whether he would be able to follow reasonable conditions of parole.

The statistical information available for inmates who have served a considerable amount of time incarcerated within the State of Illinois demonstrates that there is a low recidivism rate. Thus most, not all are able to comply with the reasonable conditions of parole that are imposed.

In conclusion, after considering all the relevant factors including: the interview of inmate Joseph Hurst, a review of the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense that lead to his convictions for multiple offenses, the analysis of his case file including, his criminal history, his institutional adjustment, family contact and parole plans, I am of the opinion that to parole inmate Joseph Hurst would not only deprecate the seriousness of his offenses but would promote disrespect for the law. I therefore move that the parole consideration of Joseph Hurst C-15434, be denied. (ADM – JP).

Motion carries 12 – 0. Parole is denied.

Motion for a two year set. (ADM – JP).

Motion does NOT carry 5 – 7. Voting in favor of the motion were Members Diaz, Gregg, Johnson, Norton and Chairman Monreal. Members Crigler, Findley, Harris, Parrack, Shelton, Simmons and Tyler dissented.

Parole is denied for one year.

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Inmate Name: Robert Lower

IDOC Number & Institution: C50640

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Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

Inmate Robert Lower was interviewed on 1-7-14 for parole consideration. Factors considered by the Board, but are not limited to, testimony of the inmate, a review of the file, parole plans, institutional adjustment and the nature and sentence for the offense.

Inmate Robert Lower is serving a sentence of 100-150 years for murder. His sentence will max out in 2041. Facts of the crime revealed that Inmate Lower kidnapped, sexually assaulted, and hung 15 year old Joseph Didier until he was deceased. The crime was premeditated and heinous. He hung the victim by the rafters of a building at a Boy Scout camp. His body was found two weeks later when he led the police there. When asked why he committed this crime, he said he was a young, punk kid. He was 37 years old at the time. He said he had sexual urges. He did not confess but led the police to the camp. He has had counseling and participated in programs. It was also noted that Inmate Lower had kidnapped and sexually assaulted other young boys prior to murdering Joseph Didier but did not kill them.

Criminal history was reviewed. Inmate Lower admitted he had always been attracted to young boys. He has committed other sexual assaults and the victims were all young boys.

Inmate Lower has served 39 years of his sentence. His projected release date is 3-11-2041. Inmate Lower's institutional adjustment has been very good. He is currently unassigned due to medical reasons. He is currently on dialysis 3 days per week. He has served as a clerk and attended several years of counseling sessions in order to address his sexual issues.

Inmate Lower has no definite parole plans at this time. He indicated that if paroled he would go wherever the Board felt was appropriate such as a nursing home.

It was noted that there is a lot of protest in the file.

EC: How old was Inmate Lower at the time of the instant offense? EG: He was 37 years old and the victim was 15 years old.

DS: Had he been previously incarcerated for sexual offenses? EG: Yes. He had been paroled in 1971. He has no real parole plan and has accepted his fate to die in prison.

Winnebago County State's Attorney Joseph Bruscato stated Inmate Lower has committed several sex offenses and all of his victims were young boys. There are several protest letters on file and the victim's family is present here today.

JoDavies County Assistant State's Attorney also present and objects to parole. They have also submitted a letter to the file.

Member Diaz asked when his out date is. EG: 2041. Coming off of a 3-year set and has had no votes in the past.

Member Gregg stated he was very moved by the protest letters on file. This victim has not been forgotten.

State's Attorney Bruscato further noted he was a classmate of Joey Ditier, the victim, when this happened so has a particular passion for this case.

EG: Conclusion. To parole at this time would deprecate the serious nature of the crime and promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny. (EG – GT). Motion carries 12 – 0.

Motion for a five-year set. (EG – JP). Motion carries 12 – 0.

Parole is denied for five-years.

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Inmate Name: William Bassett

IDOC Number & Institution: C10395

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Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

Interview Date/Time: 05 December 2013, 10am; Location: Stateville CC

Present: Wm. Bassett, Brett Werenski (NW School of Law), PRB Diaz

Sentence: received 150-300 years for murder by accountability of 3 correctional officers at the Menard CC during a prison riot. Originally sentenced to death, vacated by the Illinois Supreme Court in 1974, re-sentenced to 150-300 years.

Originally admitted to the IDOC: 1963 on a 3-10 year sentence for Forgery and Burglary.

Incarcerated for over 50 years, Bassett was 26 years old at the time of the riot.

Projected out date: 4/01/2111

The Event: As I read the reports describing the events of the 1965 Menard riot which caused the death of three correctional officers and injured many others, it was almost like being transported into a terribly frightening movie set. The difference of course is that the event at Menard was real.

The outbreak occurred shortly after 4pm on November 23, 1965 in the Menard facility's dining room. Mr. Bassett along with the three other defendants entered the room along with other inmates who were enrolled in the vocational program. When Mr. Bassett arrived at the steam (hot food) table where he was to have received his food, he started a fight with a kitchen worker inmate with whom he had an on-going dispute, stabbing him with a home-made knife. It's important to note here that Mr. Bassett shared with this reporting board member that he had an on-going dispute with this particular inmate and it was his intention to stab this inmate during the meal time. As the Bassett stabbing disturbance kicked off, Offender Jones lit and threw a Molotov cocktail (a bottle filled with a flammable liquid, gasoline with an attached wick) at the guard tower in front of the dining room. The bottle exploded and burst into flames. Lt. Paul went to break up the Bassett attack, as he did so, offender Jones went after Lt. Paul grabbed him from behind by the neck and stabbed him. Initially, there was testimony that all four defendants participated in the Lt. Paul stabbing. Initially and for many years Bassett admitted stabbing his inmate enemy but denied stabbing the Lt.

While Lt. Paul was being stabbed, offender Griffin climbed the burning tower in an attempt to grab the guard's rifle. As this was going on Officer Wilson attempted to assist Lt. Paul but was attacked and stabbed by offender Stamps.

The offenders including William Bassett made their way into the kitchen. Stamps attempted to get into the kitchen first but was met by Officer Gross. After a struggle Stamps pulled Gross from the door and stabbed him. Officer Kirso came to Gross' aid and was stabbed in the stomach. There were 23 other inmates in the kitchen who worked there they had nothing to do with the event. It was in the kitchen that the offenders held out. They held out for four hours. It was an overall ugly scene.

Officers Kirso, Wilson, and Lt. Paul died as a result of their wounds. Seven other guards were injured. One officer suffered burns as a result of the cocktail.

Given the sequence of events it would appear that the Bassett disturbance was part of an organized plan to cause chaos in an escape attempt. Bassett has consistently denied he was part of the plan, Did he become part of the problem, the answer is yes.

Turnabout: Shortly after 2001 Mr. Bassett admitted that he had in fact stabbed the Lt., he admitted to me that he had participated in the stabbing of Lt. Paul and continued to deny that he was part of the conspiracy which resulted in the deaths and injuries of the correctional officers during this prison riot.

#### Rehabilitation

William Earl Bassett has done some terrible things:

He stabbed the inmate kitchen worker.

He admits to "cutting" Lt. Paul during the riot disturbance.

He became part of the gang of four who were responsible for the damage.

These responsibilities are not denied.

Facts @ Mr. Bassett

18 time before the PRB

Has had Votes since 2008 (4), 2009 (5), 2010 (1), 2011 (1), 2012 ( 6)

Over 50 years locked up

Last 30 years at Stateville (1974), "A" Grade, Low Escape Risk

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Last major 1997 (17yrs ago), last minor 2007 (contraband).

Described as highly regarded, a model inmate by correctional staff.

Former Stateville Warden Dierdre Battaglia wrote a letter of recommendation, the first letter she has ever written.

28 years working in the Furniture Shop, sprays the furniture with a coating which I am sure is not for his health.

Completed GED, counsels, assists inmates.

No protest from the community in over 29 years??? W/@ the union???

Mr. Bassett is now 75 years of age, he is poor health suffering from:

Bladder Cancer (wears a urostomy bag to collect his urine)

Has a pacemaker, suffers from hypothyroidism, battled colon cancer.

Parole Plan: If paroled has been accepted and will transition at St. Leonard's House where he will continue to receive medical treatment through the Community Health Clinic

#### Assessment/Recommendation

Thought long and hard about this case, been thinking about it since I voted to parole in 2012. In my mind saw and felt the damage that was done. Read the court file, assessed the master file at Stateville, and came to the conclusion that to keep this very ill man locked up for more years served no purpose. In this case I believe the purpose has been served w/re to Mr. Bassett.

Can't say the same for the other offenders.

However, as was pointed out by Mr. Werenski, two of the co-offenders have been released.

Prentiss Griffin who climbed the guard tower was paroled in 2007

Alonzo Jones who threw the gasoline bomb and through direct evidence stabbed and killed Lt. Paul was paroled in 2000.

Stamps is still incarcerated at Illinois River.

Brett Werenski, counsel for Inmate Bassett stated Mr. Bassett has a son and a grandson in Saint Louis, as well as siblings and cousins who all support him. He has been accepted at Saint Leonard's. The law center will also assist him with whatever needs he has.

Now, Bassett was convicted on accountability with no direct evidence that he killed any c.o.s, though he did cut the Lt. with his knife. His adjustment, his accomplishments, his disciplinary consistency since 1997, his deteriorating health, his age, his very low risk of re-offending, lack of community objection, his institutional support, made it more palatable for me to recommend parole at this time for William E. Bassett.

JP: Has Inmate Bassett committed any other acts of violence since this instant offense? SD: No.

WN: Remembers this incident. It is still a big deal in that neck of the woods.

Previous votes were reviewed.

GT: In her experience going to Stateville, the Staff advocate for Mr. Bassett's parole. He is a good inmate.

Motion to grant parole. (SD – GT). Motion carries 9 – 3. Voting in favor of the motion were Members Crigler, Diaz, Findley, Harris, Johnson, Parrack, Shelton, Simmons and Tyler. Members Gregg, Norton and Chairman Monreal dissented.

Parole is granted.

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Inmate Name: Danny Lillard

IDOC Number & Institution: C71613

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Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

Mr. Danny Lillard was interviewed for possible parole at the Illinois River Correctional Center on January 27, 2014. Present at the hearing inmate Lillard and board member Edith Crigler

Mr. Lillard is now a 62-year-old African American male having served 38 years of a 100-150 year sentence for murder and 10-30 years for armed robbery. Mr. Lillard withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty and does not dispute the facts.

On December 2, 1976 after taking his grandmother to the store he took a crow bar off the porch and went across the street to a gift shop, he committed the forcible felony of armed robbery and stroked and killed Mrs. Mary Huffman with a crow bar. Hitting her more that seventeen times and took money and a radio.

Inmate Lillard stated he had previously had a dream he was going to kill someone and get locked up. He robbed and beat the victim. He stated he knew he did wrong and confessed. He regrets his actions.

His institutional adjustment is good and he has taken some college courses and received a commercial custodial certificate and sanitation license that have both expired. His last ticket was in March of 2011.

Family history was discussed. He has eight siblings and keeps in contact with some via mail and phone calls.

Parole plan was discussed.

EG: Inmate Lillard stated he is a loner and keeps to himself. He feels he has served enough time and should be released.

Member Parrack asked if the crime was premeditated. EG: He claims he didn't plan it.

Graylen Lillard, Randy Lillard, and Craig Lillard were present. They stated the Robbery charge was vacated in August of 2009.



Chairman Monreal asked the family about an Interstate Compact. The family stated they have started the process with DOC.

CF: Any other violence? EG: No. Also no known mental health problems.

EG: After careful review and consideration, it is of opinion that parole would deprecate the seriousness of the crime and promote disrespect for the law at this time.

Motion to deny parole.

Motion carries 12 – 0.

Parole is denied.

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Inmate Name: Duane Franklin

IDOC Number & Institution: C80688

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

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

The 65 year old Duane Franklin was interviewed for parole consideration on January 23, approximately nine weeks after being released from a six month segregation placement for threatening a correctional at the Stateville Correctional Center.

In 1976 Mr. Franklin was convicted of burglary and of the rape and murder of Susan Greer in Chicago. At the time of the instant offense he was on parole from a 1970 rape conviction and 5-15 year sentence.

He was 29 years old when he entered the 2616 North Hampden Court residence of Ms. Greer. The victim was sexually assaulted and her body was marked by severe trauma. According to prosecutors, the body had lacerations consistent with rape and sodomy. She was severely beaten, strangled with deep lacerations and fractured neck bones. Cause of death was strangulation in association with sever neck trauma.

At sentencing, Judge James Bailey wrote, in part," There is no question in my mind you should never, never leave the penitentiary again. Society... took one chance, and it cannot take another."

Petitioner's criminal history also includes a 1975 charge of rape that prosecutors say was dismissed because the victim refused to testify, a separate theft and battery in 1969 and a 1968 disorderly conduct.

Mr. Franklin is housed at Menard CC, serving concurrent sentences of 200-600 years for murder and rape and 6-20 years for burglary. He will discharge on parole in 2269. He has received maximum sets since 2002 and has never received a vote in favor of parole. Additional IDRs since his last review include a commissary restriction for theft and a one month seg placement for disobeying a direct order. He has not held a job or educational assignment since his last PRB hearing.

If paroled petitioner wishes to reside with a brother in Minnesota, a cousin in Ohio or a Chicago halfway house. He has received one visit over the past ten years, from a friend Mary Cummings.

Concerning the 1969 rape, Mr. Franklin says he was present with two girls were sexually assaulted by his two co-defendants, but he did not participate. Each of the men received identical 5-15 year sentences.

Asked about the murder, Mr. Franklin replies, "what is there to deny? More than 38 years have passed since this crime took place," he says. "I must accept it for what it is.

He makes reference to personal and psychological changes over the decades in custody that make him an acceptable risk for parole. He says he has done the best he could and has tried to teach others things that he did not know when he was young.

Petitioner spoke little of parole objectives, saying, "decide what you think is fair and I will do what is required of me."

What is fair and what is required is that Mr. Duane Franklin remains in custody until such time he is able to convince this board that he can safely and productively be returned to society. At this time his institutional adjustment, life skills and parole plan are such that parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law. His unwillingness to accept responsibility for his criminal actions suggests that he is not an acceptable risk for parole.

I welcome your comments and questions, and my motion is to deny parole and if the motion prevails I will offer a second motion. (CF – JP).

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney objected to parole. Noted Inmate Franklin was on parole at the time of this murder.

Samantha Hodapp, Attorney General's Office, stated Inmate Franklin would be evaluated for SVP status if paroled. He is a recidivist rapist.

Roll call for motion to deny. Motion approved 12 – 0.

Motion for a five-year set. (CF – WN). Motion approved 12 – 0.

Parole is denied for five years.

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Inmate Name: Robert Dominique

IDOC Number & Institution: C71009

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

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

Robert Dominique was schedule to interview on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at Menard Correctional Facility located in Chester, IL. Let the record indicate that Inmate Dominique declined the interview. His reasoning was; "The interview would be a waste of time because we are not going to parole him anyways." However, Inmate Dominique presented three letters; two of them in support of parole and the third, of which, he wrote explaining why his parole should be granted.

Heretofore, the Board's decision was based upon evidence and facts presented through trial and testimony. Robert Dominique was convicted of Attempt Murder/Intent to Kill and sentenced to 100 years. His date of inception was December 21, 1973 in Cook County. His current maximum release date is 2068. He has currently served a total of 39 years in prison and is 68 years of age. Facts of the offense are as follows: Inmate Dominique approached the victim as she walked down the alley of her apartment, grabbed the victim's right arm and demanded that she perform an act of oral sex upon him. As she refused, the inmate told her that he would kill her and then stabbed the victim multiple times. During the assault, Inmate Dominique was startled by a traveling vehicle and immediately fled the scene. The victim was later taken to the hospital where she spent three weeks in recovery and one of those weeks in intensive care.

Inmate Dominique fled the scene and boarded train where he was later apprehended by an undercover police officer due to his suspicious behavior. The murder weapon, a hunting knife, was found on inmate Dominique. He (Inmate Dominique) confessed to the egregious act and led the police to the crime scene. Inmate Dominique elected to be tried by jury of which a guilty verdict was given. At the hearing, three additional women testified that Inmate Dominique had attacked them. One victim testified that she was successfully raped and struck multiple times in the face and head with a hatchet. She has had over 70 surgeries to repair severe nerve damages and lost an eye as a result of the attack.

Inmate Dominique's criminal history dates back to 1968. He was a troubled youth who was confined to a mental institution at the ages of 12 through 20. He states that as a child growing up, family members rejected him and his mother because she remarried after his parents divorced. Inmate Dominique believes the rejection he received from his family is what led to the anger and resentment he has bottled inside. Inmate Dominique was asked why did he strike

the attacks against the victims and he stated, "he didn't know- he just wanted to hurt somebody." Inmate Dominique has not received any visitors since 2005.

Institutional adjustment: Inmate Dominique, since incarceration, has earned his GED and a food sanitation license. He has also completed substance abuse counseling and sex offender counseling. However, he has received two disciplinary tickets since his last parole hearing in 2011: 10/17/12 and 2/06/13. The last ticket was of dangerous contraband: paper clips made into needles, damage and misuse of property and contraband/unauthorized property. He does not have an approved host site but would like to be paroled to a Halfway House.

Tom Driscoll, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney, stated Inmate Dominique committed four rapes within 11 days. He beat and harmed his victims.

VH: Motion to deny parole in that to grant parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law. (VH – CF). Motion carries 12 – 0.

Motion for a five-year set. (VH – CF). Motion carries 12 – 0.

Parole is denied for five years.

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Inmate Name: Richard Baske      IDOC Number & Institution: C64129

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

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

Richard Baske (C64129) was interviewed for possible parole on January 9, 2014 at the Dixon Correctional facility. Factors considered for parole include, but are not limited to, the nature of the crime, a review of the file, institutional adjustment and parole plans.

At the time of the interview, Mr. Baske was 62 years of age and per the interview in pretty good health. He has served 40 years of a 100 to 300 year sentence for the murder of 84 year old Loretta Hoppe on March 23, 1974. According to the statement of facts he entered the victim's home with the intention of committing a burglary when he encountered Ms. Hoppe. He stabbed her numerous times with a hunting knife and then set the home on fire. Over the years he has blamed others for the stabbing to which he explained was for legal purposes per advice of counsel.

His institutional adjustment has been good, having received no tickets since 2005. He is currently employed as a clothing house specialist. He has been a licensed barber, dental technician and substance abuse counselor while incarcerated. He has proficiency with skills in plumbing, carpentry, masonry, electric among others. Were he to be released he would like to go to St. Leonards, Ritas or NASA.

Tom Driscoll, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney, stated are opposed to parole. Prior to the instant offense, Inmate Baske cut the phone lines at the victim's residence. It was premeditated.

Member Tyler stated she has interviewed Inmate Baske in the past and she has never been able to verify all of his claims of education certificates and degrees. He cannot provide proof either.

Member Johnson concluded and stated to parole Inmate Baske at this time would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny parole. (TJ – CF). Motion carries 11 – 1. Member Findley dissented.

Parole denied for one year.

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Inmate Name: Edward Murphy    IDOC Number & Institution: C70640

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

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

Inmate Edward Murphy was interviewed for parole consideration on 1-27-14. Factors considered by the Board, but are not limited to, testimony of the inmate, a review of the file, parole plans, institutional adjustment and the nature and sentence for the offense.

Facts of the case revealed that on May 17, 1975, Edward Murphy along with two co-defendants in the case, forced 14 year old Stanley Beck into a laundry room on the 5th floor of the apartment building where his mother lived. Inmate Murphy and the two other offenders attacked Stanley Beck. He was stabbed, beaten, and had trash thrown on him which was set on fire. The 14 year old died as a result of the brutal attack. His own father was unable to identify him at the morgue.

Inmate Edward Murphy was convicted of the crime and given a sentence of 75-100 years for murder and the intent to kill. His maximum sentence release date is November 2016.

Inmate Murphy is 54 years old and has served 39 years of his sentence. He was 17 at the time of the instant offense. His work record, disciplinary record, and educational accomplishments are very good. He is in excellent health.

When interviewed, Inmate Murphy was very remorseful and cordial. He stated it was a terrible crime. He takes some responsibility. He says now says he didn't take part in the beating or stabbing of the victim, but in the past he did. His story has changed over the years. He does state he is accountable.

Upon his release, Inmate Murphy is planning to reside with his father in Chicago, Illinois. He also plans to seek employment.

After a complete review of the relevant factors surrounding the brutal murder of Stanley Beck, parole cannot be supported. To grant parole at this time would deprecate the serious nature of the offense and show disrespect for the law.



Cook County Assistant State's Attorney stated the victim was tortured and his story has changed over the years as to his culpability. Also changed over the years has been their motivation for committing this heinous act and how involved he was.

Motion to deny parole. (EG – EC). Motion carries 12 – 0.

Motion to continue case to max out date. (EG – JP).

Member Tyler stated she won't support an extended set because Mr. Murphy has been a good inmate and deserves to be seen.

Motion does NOT carry by a vote of 6 – 6. Voting in favor of the motion were Members Gregg, Norton, Parrack, Shelton, Simmons and Chairman Monreal. Members Crigler, Diaz, Findley, Harris, Johnson and Tyler dissented.

Parole is denied for one year.

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Inmate Name: Joe Willhite

IDOC Number & Institution: L11790

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

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

Joe Willhite was interviewed on January 9, 2014 at the Dixon Correctional Center in Dixon, Illinois by Board Member William Simmons.

Inmate Willhite has been convicted of two counts Murder and sentence to two terms of 100 to 300 years to be served concurrently. His MSR date is 2127.

The facts of the case indicate that inmate Willhite brutally killed two women in the presence of one the women's four year old child. There was a witness who lived in the building saw Willhite chase one of the victims out of the apartment. He denied killing the victims and he doesn't remember anything about it.

Inmate Willhite fled the state. When he returned to Illinois he was arrested for the Murders. He had previously been convicted of manslaughter and other crimes.

While incarcerated, inmate Willhite has earned his high school diploma and an associate degree. His last Ticket was in 2013 for fighting he received 15 day seg. time.

His parole plan is to live with Wife if she would take him back.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney stated there were witnesses that saw Inmate Willhite chasing the Victim and her four year old son also identified him. The four year old hid a six month old baby in a closet so she wouldn't be harmed.

Motion to deny parole in that to grant release would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law. (WS – GT). Motion carries 12 – 0.

Parole is denied for one year.

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Inmate Name: Edward Spicer    IDOC Number & Institution: C66263

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

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

A parole assessment interview was conducted with Edward A. Spicer on February 3, 2014. Mr. Spicer was born on June 8, 1950 and is currently sixty-three (63) years of age and was a resident of Lawrenceville Correctional Center on the date of the interview. According to the file, Mr. Spicer is serving an aggregated sentence of 410-830 years for two (2) counts of Murder, and one (1) count of Attempted Murder and one (1) count of Armed Robbery. (St. Clair County, IL 75-CF-1040). Following the above convictions, Mr. Spicer was also convicted of Murder in Cook County, IL (75-7383), and was sentenced to 25-45 years of incarceration to run concurrent with the aggregated sentence of 410-830 years resulting from the St. Clair County, IL convictions. Factors to be considered by the Board include, but are not limited to, testimony of the resident, a review of the file, the nature of the crimes and offenses, institutional adjustment and parole plans.

The file and record would indicate that the Murder spree of Mr. Spicer began on or about November 10, 1975 when Mr. Spicer was twenty-five (25) years of age and on parole for a prior Rape conviction. This first incident took place in a tavern in Chicago, Illinois when Mr. Spicer and a Co-Defendant by the name of Earl Good shot four (4) men after ordering them to lie face down after a Robbery. Two (2) of the victims died from the gunshot wounds and the other two (2) victims suffered severe injuries from their gunshot wounds. Mr. Spicer and Co-Defendant Earl Good then left for East St. Louis, Illinois. Five (5) days later, on or about November 15, 1975, Mr. Spicer, Co-Defendant Earl Good and a new Co-Defendant James Phillips participated in the Armed Robbery of the Leading food Store. Following the Armed Robbery, the two (2) owners of the store were shot in the back of the head and both men died as a result of their gunshot wounds. While leaving the scene of the crime, the trio was confronted by a police officer and Officer Moore was shot in the neck but survived his gunshot injury. Mr. Edward A. Spicer was located in Michigan on or about December 10, 1975 and was returned to Illinois to stand trial for his criminal offenses.

Following a jury trial for the St. Clair County offenses, Mr. Spicer was found guilty of two (2) counts of Murder, and one (1) count of Attempted Murder and Armed Robbery which resulted in his aggregate sentence of 410-830 years on June 8, 1976. Following this conviction and sentence, Mr. Spicer entered a plea of guilty to the offense of Murder based upon the Cook County incident and offense and received a sentence of 25-45 years on July 7, 1977.

Mr. Spicer admits his involvement and participation relating to the Cook County Murders and offenses, but Mr. Spicer continues to deny any direct involvement relating to the St. Clair County murders and offenses other than stating that he had knowledge that Mr. Good and Mr. Phillips were planning an Armed Robbery of the store in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The parole assessment as completed by the Illinois Department of Corrections would report that Mr. Spicer has had a positive adjustment during his past 37 1/2 years of incarceration. The current job assignment of Mr. Spicer is as a janitor /porter. Mr. Spicer has only had three (3) IDR tickets since 2001. In 2010, Mr. Spicer had a major IDR ticket for fighting. Mr. Spicer has not advanced his education past the 11th grade level and Mr. Spicer has not participated in other available programs. The file and record would reveal that Mr. Spicer has had gang involvement in the past but Mr. Spicer denies any gang involvement since 1996. Mr. Spicer appeared to be in good health but reported certain issues with his heart, with diabetes and arthritis. Mr. Spicer reported that his parents are deceased but advised that he has living four (4) sisters and three (3) brothers. Mr. Spicer reported that he has not had a visit since 1985. Mr. Spicer was pleasant, polite and attentive during the parole interview. Mr. Spicer advised that if granted parole he would plan to reside with his brother, Bobby Spicer, in Chicago, Illinois.

After a complete review, and after giving consideration to all factors, the Board voted to deny parole. The Board feels that a release at this time would deprecate the serious nature of these crimes and promote a lack of respect for the law.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney stated there is a pattern of criminal history including serious crimes. Inmate Spicer killed the victims within a four day period. He shot seven people. They are strongly opposed.

Motion to deny parole. (WN – JP). Motion carries 12 – 0.

Motion for a three year set. (WN – JP). Motion carries 11 – 1. Member Crigler dissented.

Parole denied for three years.

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Inmate Name: Eddie Driver      IDOC Number & Institution: C63379

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

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

In December, 2013, at the Western Correctional Center, Eddie Lee Driver appeared before a member of the Prisoner Review Board for parole consideration. Factors considered include, but are not limited to, a review of the file, facts of the case, parole plans, and institutional adjustments.

Mr. Eddie Lee Driver is currently 61 years old, and is serving a sentence of 75 to 150 years for murder that was ran consecutive to a 2 to 6 year sentence for a robbery conviction. The facts of the case are on January 22, 1976, Mr. Eddie Lee Driver, who was 23 years old was stopped for a traffic offense by Danville Police Officer David Farnsworth in front of the Carver Park Projects where Mr. Driver lived. After Officer Farnsworth had obtained his driver's license and handcuffed the defendant, the defendant grabbed Officer Farnsworth's coat and struggled with him while his brother, McKinley Driver, struck the police officer and beat him with the officer's metal flashlight. In the States Attorney's statement of facts, they state that Eddie Driver admitted to kicking Officer Farnsworth while the officer was down on the ground and evidence was introduced that Eddie Driver commented that, "we must kill him so he can't identify me". The evidence showed after that point they continued kicking and beating Officer Farnsworth which resulted in massive skull fractures and injuries throughout his body and resulted in Officer Farnsworth's death several days later.

Mr. Driver denies committing the robbery prior to this incident and states that he was sitting in front of his mother's home alone in the car when Officer Farnsworth pulled up behind him. Officer Farnsworth asked for his driver's license and asked him to step out of the car. He states as Officer Farnsworth was handcuffing him with his hands behind his back he began to resist and Officer Farnsworth struck him in the head with his metal flashlight knocking him unconscious. He states that it was his brother, McKinley Driver (co-defendant) that ran out of the apartment and began beating Officer Farnsworth. Mr. Driver denies hitting or kicking Officer Farnsworth.

During Mr. Driver's thirty-eight years of incarceration, he has not pursued any additional education, but has maintained a strong work history. At the time of his interview he was unassigned, but was waiting on a work assignment. He is currently on A grade and his last disciplinary ticket was a minor in 2006.

His parole plan was to live with his daughter, Shawna Driver, in Danville, Illinois. His daughter has grown children and owns her own home. He would also have support from his brother, Jessie Driver, who lives in the area. He indicated he could find employment.

Member Norton asked what was the actual sentence? JP: 75 – 150 years. His brother died in DOC.

Conclusion was read. Inmate Driver takes no responsibility. His good work in DOC is recognized, but to grant parole at this time that parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and would promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny parole. (JP – EG). Motion carries 12 – 0.

Parole is denied for one year.

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Inmate Name: Franklin Johnson

IDOC Number & Institution: C10644

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

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, E. Gregg, C. Findley, V. Harris, T. Johnson, W. Norton, J. Parrack, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

Other(s) present: K. Knappmeyer, Recording Secretary

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

Interview Date: January 9, 2014.

Persons Present for Interview: APM & Inmate Franklin D. Johnson.

Projected Release Date: 4/6/2021

Maximum Release Date: 3/6/2022

**CURRENT STATUS:**

Inmate Franklin Douglas Johnson, C-10644, is a 64 year old African American male with the date of birth of March 10, 1949. Inmate Johnson was born in the State of Tennessee. At the time of his incarceration he was married to Mrs. Anna Mae Johnson and had two daughters from the marriage.

Inmate Johnson has been incarcerated since the age of 19 dating back to September 1968. Inmate Johnson was found guilty of murder and aggravated kidnapping in 1968 and sentenced to 50 to 75 for murder and 2 to 20 years for the aggravated kidnapping. The sentences were ordered to run consecutively making an aggregated sentence of 52 to 75 years incarceration. This is the inmate's 27th time for parole consideration. He has never received a vote in favor of parole.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS/CASE:**

On September 9, 1968, inmate Johnson accompanied by three co-offenders (Andrew Allen, Steven Tillman & Earl Lee Mims) attempted to steal a car from Mrs. Beatrice Smith. Mrs. Smith and her companion, Mr. George Minard had stopped at an interstate rest stop when the offenders (inmate Johnson & co-offender Allen) approached the vehicle with the intent to steal it. The offenders shot and killed Mrs. Smith and wounded Mr. Minard but not fatally. He was able to escape though the wooded area and eventually walked to the Village of Tolono and notified the police as to what had occurred. The police responded by placing a road block and inmate Johnson and co-offender Allen were apprehended. Co-offenders Tillman and Mims were later apprehended and returned to Champaign County. All offenders were charged with murder and auto theft in Champaign County.

On November the 4, 1968, inmate Allen was returning to Champaign County jail and was placed in the cell with inmate Johnson and another inmate Earl Robinson (previously convicted of a different murder). One of the three grabbed the jailer and held a ball point pen to his throat and threatened to stab him with the pen. Inmate Johnson and the other two co-offenders forced themselves into another portion of the jail where they confronted a deputy sheriff and took his revolver. The offenders locked the deputies and other office personnel in a cell. The offenders kidnapped Sheriff Russell Chaney and forced him to take one of the Sheriff County squad vehicles. The Sheriff was the driver and inmate Johnson and his two co-offenders were passengers in the police vehicle. While en route, they were being pursued by the police. The vehicle eventually came to a stop after the driver crashed into a light pole. Inmate Johnson and his two co-offenders were taken back into custody and charged accordingly.

#### INMATE VERSION:

I received notice from the Correctional Officer that inmate Johnson did not want to come out of his cell and speak to me or conduct the interview. After finishing the call I requested to go and see inmate Johnson and was taken to his cell. After getting his attention inmate Johnson stated that he has nothing to me or the to the parole board because he knew that he will never be paroled. He further stated "I am the son of GOD, I have flames of fire in my eyes and I will disappear from this cell one day." Thereafter inmate Johnson refused to speak anymore. The interview/conversation was terminated.

#### CASE PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The convictions and sentences were affirmed by the appellate court. No pending litigation. Inmate Johnson has never filed a petition for executive clemency.

#### PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY:

1967: theft 30 days  
1967: robbery 30 days  
1967: DC  
1967 : Burg- DWP  
1968 Murder/Kidnapping etc.

#### INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENT:

Certificates: None noted within the file.

Educational Advancement: None noted within the file. The inmate file reflects that he has been receiving psychiatric treatment shortly after his initial incarceration in 1968.

Institutions: Dixon, Pontiac, Statesville & Menard.

Current Grade: Medium security, B-grade and low escape risk. Housed in the Dixon Psychiatric Ward since 9/16/08 and receives therapeutic services.

Diagnosis/Medication: See attached report marked confidential.

Assignments: Unassigned status due to current mental health condition.

IDRs: 1968 to 2007: 200 IDRs, 16 major since January 2010 (2 in 2012).

Lost Time: None.

#### FAMILY HISTORY:

According to the IDOC Offender Over-view, inmate Johnson has two adult daughters that have visited him in the past. However, family contact appears to have diminished as he has not had a



visit from either daughter since 7/2/2011 at which time he also received a visit from his brother and uncle.

**RELEASE / PAROLE PLANS:**

Inmate refused to participate in the interview after making the irrational statement therefore there is no indication of what, if any, parole plan exists.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is unfortunate that inmate Johnson has reached a continued level of mental instability while incarcerated. As a result, it is clearly unlikely that if paroled inmate Johnson would be able to conform to any reasonable conditions of parole given his current mental health status.

Therefore, it is my recommendation to this Board that inmate Johnson is better off remaining incarcerated and continuing his level of treatment and security. Thus, I recommend that the parole request for inmate Franklin Douglas Johnson, C-10644 be denied. It is believed he would be unable to conform to rules and regulations of society and to grant parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny parole. (ADM – GT). Motion carries 12 – 0.

Parole is denied for one year.

"The Board makes a specific finding that the release of victim protest letters could subject a person to actual risk of physical harm."