

**Illinois Prisoner Review Board  
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET  
MEETING OF June 21, 2012**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on June 21, 2012, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

C02290 JOSEPH BIGSBY
C02206 OTIS WILLIAMS
C73173 CURTIS ZACHARY
C02316 HARDY LEWIS
H39616 LEE MOSELY
C73732 DUANE INGRAM
C73715 DWIGHT MATTHEWS
L00060 BRIAN THOMPSON

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

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Eric Althoff	X	
Angela Blackman-Donovan		X
Edith Crigler	X	
Ed Bowers	X	
Salvador Diaz	X	
Craig Findley	X	
Jesse Madison	X	
Jennifer Parrack	X	
Mary Reynolds	X	
William Simmons		X
Norman Sula	X	
Geraldine Tyler	X	
Adam Monreal	X	

**13 Present**

The Recording Secretary presented the following minutes for approval:  
Open Session Minutes May 24, 2012.

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

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Inmate Name: **Otis Williams**      IDOC Number & Institution: **C02206**

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Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Althoff, E. Bowers, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, C. Findley, J. Madison, J. Parrack, M. Reynolds, N. Sula 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.

Otis Williams was interviewed for parole consideration at Danville Correctional Center on May 22, 2012. No one other than Mr. Williams and Member Diaz was present.

Mr. Williams is a 57 year old male and has been in IDOC since 1957 (37 years). He has been at Danville for the past ten years. He has been convicted of Murder and Burglary, for which he received a sentence of 800-2400 years. His projected out date is in March 3166.

In the early hours of March 30th, 1974, 19year old Otis Williams along with A.D. Clark and his brother stole a station wagon from General Johnson, broke into the Pembroke Market in Pembroke, Illinois (Kankakee Co.) taking 180-200 lbs. of meat, candy, and other goods. The wagon broke down so they borrowed a car from Clark's family and drove to William's father's home where he refused to store the stolen meat. 71 year old General Johnson agreed to house the meat in his freezer. However, the subsequent police investigation posed a problem for Williams and the Clarks as Johnson was questioned by the police putting them at risk for discovery. Clark and his brother-in-law broke into Johnson's trailer and removed the meat prompting Johnson to contact Williams to complain about the meat being taken.

According to Williams, he and Clark went to Johnson's trailer on 11 April, 1974 to discuss Johnson's anger and fear. Per Inmate Williams, the discussion became heated and Johnson become angry grabbed an axe he kept under his bed and swung the axe at Williams. Williams stated that he was able to take the axe and struck Johnson once across the neck. Apparently upon hearing the commotion, 57 year old Althea Covington entered from another part of the trailer surprising Williams whereupon he turned and struck her about the head with the axe. Assessing the dire nature of the situation, he decided to set fire to the trailer in an attempt to hide the crime. The investigation

determined that both Johnson and Covington died from blunt trauma and not the fire. Williams and Clark were arrested for the murders on May 21, 1974. Inmate Williams initially pled innocent and was found guilty in January 1975 and sentenced to Death.

In 1978 the death penalty was found to be unconstitutional and Inmate Williams was re-sentenced to 800-2400 years.

Inmate Williams stated that in regard to the event, "General Johnson was my friend", "nothing I can say to change or justify my actions", "and I am a convicted murderer". Inmate Williams admits to all of the charges against him.

Inmate Williams' institutional adjustment has been excellent. He is Grade A, Low Escape Risk. He received one serious IDR in 1982 (weapon and marijuana), and his last ticket was in 2006 for having a picture housed in plastic. His adjustment has been exemplary and he is well liked by the staff.

IDOC Vocational Education/Training: Industrial Wiring, Carpentry, Roofing, Brick Masonry, Concrete Finishing; Certificates in Construction Building, Food Service and Sanitation, Optics Lab. Tech. and Optician; Anger Management; Lifestyles Redirect  
IDOC Education: GED, AS (Saulk Valley), BA, Gen. Studies, Roosevelt U., presently enrolled in U of I Education Justice Project.  
Spiritual: is active in the AI Islam religion.

New Job: on August 2011 Mr. Williams was selected to be a Tutorial Aide in the new Construction Class, a certificate class for 17 inmate students.

Inmate Williams expresses sincere remorse for his actions.

If released, inmate Williams' parole plan is to reside in Champaign, Illinois in an apartment owned by friend Sandra Athen. He would seek employment in the construction field through the Life Skills Center, the Central Mosque in Champaign, and the Fair and Honest Enterprises of Champaign.

#### Discussion:

Board Members noted that Mr. Williams is a very impressive inmate. He is very bright and well liked by the staff. He is worthy of support in the future. He admits his guilt and is vocationally trained. The official statement of facts indicates the victims were struck multiple times with the murder weapon. Inmate Williams stated that it was one time each. His last major ticket was in 1982.

It was determined at this time that parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and would promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to Deny (SD – CF).  
Motion carries 9-2.

Members Crigler and Madison dissented.

Parole is therefore 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: **Duane Ingram** IDOC Number & Institution: **C73732**

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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.

Duane Ingram was interviewed for parole consideration on May 1, 2012 at the Illinois River Correctional Center. Factors considered were but not limited to the instant offense, intuitional adjustment, parole plans, etc.

Duane Ingram is 55 year old African American male who is serving a term of 20 – 50 years for murder and 10 – 25 years for attempted murder. He was on probation for burglary at the time of the instant offense. On June 21. 1977, the inmate Duane Ingram went to the Foley's Arco service station in Loves Park, Illinois to commit a robbery and murder. During the robbery he killed George Boatman with a claw hammer and when William Harrolle entered the station he beat him with the hammer, Mr. Harrolle survived the beating.

During his incarceration he has acquired his GED and taken college and vocational courses. He has held several job assignments with the latest being laundry clerk. Since his last PRB hearing Inmate Ingram has received no IDRs, he is A grade, minimum security and low escape risk.

His parole plans are to transition to St. Leonard's house and eventually live in Rockford, Illinois with his sister and work in his brother's auto mechanics business.

Joseph Bruscato, Winnebago County State's Attorney, stated that this crime occurred 35 years ago today. The victim was bludgeoned to death for a small amount of money. A second victim entered and Inmate Ingram attempted to bludgeon him to death as well. He cleaned the hammer and fled the jurisdiction. He was found hiding. Their community has not forgotten this crime. They strongly oppose the return of Inmate Ingram to their community.

Member Reynolds noted that Duane's family is in Rockford and that is where his support is.

Discussion: Member Tyler noted that Inmate Ingram has been accepted by St. Leonard's House. There are not letters on file from the victim's family.

Motion to Grant Parole to St. Leonard's House. (GT – JM).

Motion approved 8-3.

Members Althoff, Sula and Chairman Monreal dissented.

Parole is granted.

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Inmate Name: **Joseph Bigsby** IDOC Number & Institution: **C02290**

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

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

Inmate Joseph Bigsby was interviewed for parole consideration on May 22, 2012 at Danville Correctional Center by a Member of the Prisoner Review Board. No other persons were present at the hearing.

Inmate Bigsby is a 55 yr old African American male. He was sentenced to 100-200 years for murder, 20-50 years for three counts of Attempt Murder and 5-20 years for two counts of Armed Robbery. He has served 39 yrs in the Department of Corrections. Inmate Bigsby was 16 years, 9 months old at the time of the offenses. He is A grade, Low escape and is presently working in the kitchen at Danville. His projected max date is June 4, 2065. He just completed an English course through the U of I. He stated he has enough credits to qualify for a bachelor degree from Roosevelt University. He has an Associate's degree in electronics, and has various certificates in welding, painting and small engine repair. He has had support from Board Members in the past.

In September 1973, Inmate Bigsby was involved in the armed robbery of two separate individuals, one being a 70 year old citizen. Police responded to the calls and two uniformed Chicago officers pursued Inmate Bigsby. Inmate Bigsby fired at one of the officers, Officer Ed Barron, the bullet striking Officer Barron in the head, killing Officer Barron. Inmate Bigsby continued shooting at Officer Barron's partner, Officer Abate, as he was attempting to aid Officer Barron. Inmate Bigsby also began shooting at two other officers who arrived on the scene. Officers returned fired, one bullet striking Inmate Bigsby in the lower leg. Inmate Bigsby continued shooting at the officers until he subsequently ran out of ammunition discarded the weapon and surrendered himself to police. According to case information, at the sentencing of Inmate Bigsby the presiding Judge told Inmate Bigsby that he wished he could sentence him to 1000 to 2000 yrs, and that he would consider giving him the death penalty if it had been applicable at the time of the offense.

Inmate Bigsby has done exceptionally well in advancing his training and education. Inmate Bigsby has obtained his GED, and states he has enough credits to qualify for a bachelor degree from Roosevelt University. He stated he is currently taking classes through the U of I and recently completed an English course. He has certificates in welding, small engine repair, data processing, electronics and painting. He states he has obtained an associate degree in electronics. He currently works in the kitchen at Danville. His last ticket was in 2009 and it was a minor for theft and unauthorized movement. His last major ticket was in 2001.

Inmate Bigsby stated in 2000 he was transferred from Galesburg to Lawrence, because IDOC was identifying him as a dangerous gang member. He said he received a three year set in 2000 as a result of the alleged gang involvement, but records indicate the three year set was in 2002. He has not received a three year set since 2002. He stated the Security Threat Group has information in his file that he is in the Black Gangster Disciples. He stated he has never been a member of a gang. He said he filed a grievance, but was notified he filed his grievance too late.

If paroled, Inmate Bigsby states he would live with his sister in Lynwood, Illinois. He stated his sister in Lynwood has properties and would hire him to maintain the properties. He stated he would later like to transfer to another sister's home in the state of Virginia. He said he would work to develop his own business of repairing hearing aids.

Inmate Bigsby's recent institutional adjustment has been good. He has not received a ticket since 2009, and no major tickets since 2001, although from 2002 to 2009 he has received 13 minor tickets. He denies any connection with a gang.

He describes his parole plan, but I did not see any current documentation in his file from family or others supporting his parole plan. The issue of his tickets, any possible gang association, or the unsubstantiated parole plan is issues that frankly do not concern me nearly as much as the crimes he committed. Inmate Bigsby had been exposed to the justice system on numerous occasions prior to the incident offense. He was on Juvenile Probation at the time of the murder of Officer Barron. I believe he knew right from wrong. It was not an accident that Officer Barron was killed. Inmate Bigsby, only by the grace of God, did not kill any other officers that day. All this took place on the birthday of Officer Barron's wife.

Motion to enter executive session. (SD-CF).  
Leave

Motion to re-enter open session. (SD – ADM).  
Leave

Discussion:

Member Findley noted that Inmate Bigsby was a wild kid when the instant offense occurred, and it is possible he was high on drugs. There are kids shooting on the streets of Chicago everyday and many police officers have been killed. It is awful. He supports Inmate Bigsby. The PRB is required to look at all factors. If released, the victim's family will be 800 miles away and he doesn't believe Inmate Bigsby would commit another crime.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Maureen O'Brien stated that Inmate Bigsby was not an automatic transfer to adult court. He was tried as an adult because the record showed his intent to kill. One of his robbery victim's was 70 years old. He shot a police officer in the head and was on probation for prior crimes at the time. He has had 75 tickets since incarcerated. He has had problems conforming to the rules of incarceration. The victim was a 35 year old man and a father and a husband.

Member Diaz noted that Inmate Bigsby emptied a 9 MM German Luger and only stopped shooting because he ran out of bullets. The police officers were in uniform and identified themselves. Not all kids should be blanketed under the "they're just kids". Some 16 year olds have the mentality of a 25 year old.

The Board noted that the file indicates the petitioner only went to school through the eighth grade, but he excelled his education while incarcerated. Also, Inmate Bigsby denied ever being a gang member.

Attorney Dresdin stated that he has represented Mr. Bigsby since 2006. He only takes cases with individuals who were convicted when a minor and that have good parole plans. He petitioner has a strong family. He could start out with his sister in Lynwood, Illinois then go join his other sister and family in Maryland. His family are good, hardworking people. Also, the petitioner was under the influence of drugs at the time of the instant offense. The public defender found drugs in his jacket. The doesn't excuse what happened, but he just wanted it to be noted. Joe's father's side of the family is a long line of Chicago Police Officers. His father was a Chicago P.O., and so were both of his grandfathers. He has spent 39 years in the Department of Corrections. This Board has released inmates who were older at the time of the instant offense and served less time.

Member Bowers stated that he believes Inmate Bigsby knew right from wrong at the time of the instant offense. Although Inmate Bigsby expresses remorse for his actions and understandably was a juvenile at the time, he agrees with the sentencing judge and find the blatant killing of a police officer to be a crime so heinous that to grant parole would most certainly deprecate the seriousness of the crime and show disrespect for our laws.

Therefore, I would recommend that parole for Inmate Bigsby be denied. (EB – CF).

Motion carries 6-5.

Voting in favor of the motion were Members Althoff, Bowers, Diaz, Parrack, Sula and Chairman Monreal.

Members Crigler, Findley, Madison, Reynolds and Tyler dissented.

Parole is denied.

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Inmate Name: **Brian Thompson**

IDOC Number & Institution: **L00060**

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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.

Inmate Brian Thompson was interviewed for parole consideration on May 23, 2012 at Pinckneyville Correctional Center. Persons present were Board Member Jennifer Parrack, Brian Thomson and Bruce Thomson (Brother). He has been convicted of Murder and was sentenced to 40 to 80 years. He has been incarcerated for a little over 32 years at this point. His current Maximum Release Date is October 18, 2018.

Mr. Brian Thompson is a 58 year old male born on 2/12/1954, to Mehran and Susan Thompson. He has a younger brother and sister. Mr. Thompson has never been married and has no children. He currently does not receive treatment for mental illness and currently does not take any mental health medication. Mr. Thompson currently takes medication for heart disease and high blood pressure.

During Mr. Thompson's childhood on the recommendation of their family counselor, Mr. Thompson spent 3rd and 4th grade at a junior military academy. He returned home in 5th grade and was first hospitalized around 6th grade. He spent a year living at the Hawthorn Center for Disturbed Children, in Plymouth, Michigan. In the file, it states that he was hospitalized for his aggressive behavior towards his younger brother. Mr. Thompson states he remembers being at Hawthorn for a summer to help with his adjustment within in his family. After Hawthorn, he attended 7th and 8th grade at a prep school in Massachusetts. Mr. Thompson returned home for high school and attended Michigan Public Schools. He stated he completed high school, but was short an American History credit. In 1972, he took the GED Test and passed in the top 90th percentile.

Mr. Thompson was 23 years old at the time of the murder of Mark VanDellen. At the age of 15, Brian Thompson began dating Angela Morgan. After years of dating, in 1976, they moved in together in an apartment building owned by Brian Thompson's parents. During the course of the relationship with Angela Morgan, the defendant

threatened to kill any future boyfriend in the event that he might take his place. In the late months of 1976, Angela decided to move to Chicago, and in fact did move in the early months of 1977. In the spring of 1977, the defendant came to Chicago in order to convince Angela to either marry him or return to Michigan. She refused, and a few weeks later she met the victim, Mark VanDellen. After a short time, Mark moved into Angela's apartment, a fact which was discovered by the defendant during a subsequent phone call to Angela. The day after discovering this, the defendant drove from Ypsilanti, Michigan to the apartment complex where Mark VanDellen and Angela Morgan were living.

Brian Thompson and Mark VanDellen had never met each another, but VanDellen did use Angela Morgan's car on the day of the killing. At about 6:00 pm on July 7, 1977, Mark VanDellen returned to the apartment complex from work. Angela was in the apartment cooking dinner. As VanDellen approached his doorway and took his keys out, the defendant attacked him. Since the victim had never met the defendant, the defendant was able to surprise him. Thompson proceeded to stab the victim to death, the autopsy revealed an excess of forty stab wounds. The defendant then fled the scene. He went to a nearby stream and washed the blood from his hands and then started back to Michigan. On the way back, his car broke down and he was unable to have it repaired. He sold it to a junkyard dealer in Franklin Park, and after making a few phone calls was picked up in that suburb by a vehicle with Michigan plates on it. On July 8th the defendant was arrested at his home in Michigan after his fingerprints were found in the blood at the scene.

Mr. Thompson reported that he met Angela Morgan in the 9th grade and they immediately began dating and were extremely close. They treated their relationship like a marriage and considered themselves engaged from the 10th grade on. Around the age of 18 they moved into together and were living together, until Angela moved to Illinois. Mr. Thompson states that he did not think they were broke up while Angela Morgan was living in Illinois and he stated she was there for her own safety. He reported 2 months prior to Angela moving his auto salvage business had been robbed and one of the defendants tried to rape Angela. He also reported some individuals had set fire to his business. During the time Angela was living in the Chicago area, Mr. Thompson states he was regularly visiting Angela and was in the process of moving to Chicago to be with her. 2 to 3 days prior to the murder, Brian Thompson found out that Angela Morgan was dating Mark VanDellan. He states that he was living out of his car during these couple of days and vaguely remembers the drive and being in the car outside Angela's apartment waiting to talk to her. He was not using any alcohol or drugs during this time. He remembers going into the apartment and confronting Mark and telling him Angie is mine. He maintains the victim had the knife and he remembers the struggle between them and smelling blood and beer. Afterwards he left the apartment and walked to the Des Plaines River and washed the blood off of him and changed clothes. He does not know what happened to the knife. I asked if he sustained any injuries, since he stated that Mark VanDellan attacked him first and he stated that he had a few minor cuts and scrapes. I pointed out that mark Van Dellan had over 40 stab wounds, some of them being to his back and he only had minor

injuries. He believes the testimony stated there were only 10 stab wounds; however he acknowledged 10 or 40 it was excessive. He believes his experience in wrestling and martial arts was how he was able to defend himself and disarm Mark VanDellan.

Mr. Thompson was arrested a few days later Michigan and extradited back to Illinois. After spending some time in Cook County Jail, he was granted bail and allowed to return to Michigan for over a year while they waited for trial to begin. During this year, Mr. Thompson attended community college and worked. During his trial multiple psychiatrists testified to his state of mind at the time of the crime. Psychiatrist for the defense supported his NGRI defense, as the states psychiatrist did not. This information was from Mr. Thompson's interview, the actual testimony of the psychiatrist is not in the file.

Mr. Thompson believed the jury was instructed on NGRI, Manslaughter, and Murder. The jury convicted him of murder. Mr. Thompson was sentenced by Judge James Bailey on December 31, 1979, to a term of 40 to 80 years. He had the choice of being sentenced under the new code or the old code and he chose to be sentenced under the old code. If sentenced under the new code he believes his max would have been 40 years at 50%. Mr. Thompson appealed his conviction and sentence and the appellate court affirmed his conviction. He has also filed a post conviction petition and other appeals which all have been denied. Mr. Thompson petitioned for a commutation of sentence in Jan 1998, and was denied in September 1998.

Mr. Thompson does not have a juvenile criminal history. This case was his first criminal conviction and incarceration. He had a few arrests, but all charges were dismissed.

I feel regarding the facts of this case it is important to summarize Mr. Thompson's mental health treatment while in IDOC. Mr. Thompson has been treated for what the IDOC psychiatrist describe as moderate depression during the 80s. However, he was never formally diagnosed with an axis I clinical disorder. Under impressions it often stated no formal mental illness found. They described his behavior as schizoid in nature. He was prescribed Elavil (ranged from 50 mg to 100 mg at night) upon admission and continued it until 1990. Elavil is most often used to treat depression. On occasion he was prescribed 2 mg of Trilafon, which is an anti-psychotic. Mr. Thompson's stopped receiving psychiatric services in May 1990. His last mental health evaluation on that date stated he was exploiting more vulnerable patients and for that reason was discharged to general population. His diagnosis on that evaluation was Axis II Personality disorder, schizoid and anti-social traits.

In 2011, Mrs. Blackman-Donavan requested a psychiatric evaluation on Mr. Thompson. Summarize the report.

Mr. Thompson himself states during multiple IDOC mental health evaluations; he only used the NGRI defense upon the recommendation of his lawyer. In his current lawyers petition, submitted in 2011, it states, Brian is not psychotic, mentally ill, or otherwise dangerous. Any suggestion by the S.A. to the contrary is completely unsupported, and

unsupportable. While Brian asserted a mental health defense at his trial 34 years ago, that was a legal argument, based on a dispute about his state of mind at the time of the crime he was convicted for (and, therefore, an argument that the jury rejected).

Mr. Thompson is currently at A grade, his last major ticket was in Feb 2012, for disobeying a direct order. Overall, Mr. Thompson has had 13 major tickets and 26 minor tickets during his incarceration.

Mr. Thompson has been at the following institutions: Joliet, Stateville, Logan, Shanwee, Menard (disciplinary transfer, sexual misconduct with staff member), Galesburg, Centralia, Pontiac (disciplinary transfer in 2010 for drugs (101 aspirin), damage or misuse of property, theft, contraband, abuse of privileges, and giving false information to an employee). He is currently at Pinckneyville Correctional Center.

Mr. Thompson currently does not have a job, but is a vocational student. Previous jobs he has had are: 24 hour electrician, Clerk for the school building, Law library clerk, law clerk for death row at Menard, vocational school specialist (teacher's aide), labor pool, clean-up crew, clothing house, and porter.

Inmate Thompson has earned an Associate's degree in Science and is 3 courses short of his Bachelor's degree in vocational education – states he will finish on the outside. He has earned numerous vocational certificates and is currently enrolled in a construction occupations course. His instructor of this course wrote a letter on his behalf and stated that he is an excellent student and feels he would be a great instructor if given the opportunity. He is also a Certified Paralegal and Completed lifestyle re-direction course in 2009. He is a member of the chess club, art club, and the prisoner support coalition. He is Vice-President of the lifer's club. He has volunteered in the learn to read program – taught other inmates to read. He has also has participated in the re-entry summit at Centralia. In 1993 he has a letter in his file that stated that he stopped an attack on a guard at Menard Correctional Center.

Mr. Thompson's current parole plans are to parole to his brother's home in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His brother and his wife are both licensed psychotherapist and run a private counseling service out of their home. Most of their therapy work specializes in recovery and addictions. In talking with his brother, I feel his brother would be able to provide needed emotional support to Mr. Thompson and would have knowledge of the community resources available to assist Mr. Thompson if he was granted parole.

Mr. Thompson plans to support himself by working for his brother's other business which handles apartment and building maintenance. He would work as one of their maintenance men. He would also like to teach vocational education at a community college. He was a teacher's aide in a variety of vocational areas while in the Department of Corrections.

His second parole option, if he could not go to his brother's home in Michigan, would be to parole to a friend's home in Lincoln, Illinois. Her name is Mary Doyle and she has

multiple houses on her property and could provide Mr. Thompson his own home. He states that he does have a job offer if he was paroled to Lincoln working in Heating and Air Conditioning.

Discussion:

The Board noted that the petitioner had a 2010 ticket for possessing 101 tablets of Aspirin. He received 180 days in segregation and a transfer. He has a 2012 ticket for disobeying a direct order. It should also be noted that in 1998 he helped prevent an attack on a guard. Member Tyler stated that IDOC is not doing what they are supposed to be if he had 101 tablets of Aspirin. Member Parrack also noted that Brian admitted that he did tell Angela he would kill anyone she dated.

Motion to enter executive session. (NS – CF)

Leave

Motion to re-enter open session. (SD – NS)

Leave

Inmate Thompson's attorney indicated the Aspirin he was found to be in possession of was old and in a packed box. He is having back problems and is 58 years old. He has done everything he can to do better and has the support necessary to be successful outside of prison. He will be in Michigan if released.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Maureen O'Brien stated the Angela Morgan moved to Chicago and Inmate Thompson hounded her. She refused his advances to reconcile. She got a new boyfriend and he took action. It was a heinous crime and the insanity defense was a ruse.

Member Parrack noted that it is clear mental illness was there at the time of the crime, but it is hard to say just how sick he was. He says he was disassociated.

Member Parrack closed with the following statement: After thoroughly reviewing the file and conducting an interview with Mr. Thompson, I have weighed the factors regarding the facts surrounding his conviction, his institutional adjustment, and his current parole plans. In my opinion, Mr. Thompson has done well while incarcerated, attending school, being involved in programs, and for the most part stayed out of trouble. In looking at the facts of the case, Mr. Thompson told Angela Morgan that he would kill anyone she dated, and he did exactly that, ambushing Mark VanDellan, stabbing him so many times his stomach and intestines were laying on the ground beside his body. When I asked Brian Thompson if he ever told Angela Morgan he would kill anyone she dated, he smiled and in a joking/half laughing kind of way stated, "did a teenage Brian ever say anything in the middle of a relationship that he would kill somebody if you date somebody else, I am sure I probably did. I don't know any teenager that hasn't". I responded by saying I do, those are pretty serious words to say. His response was,

“you do, and as it turned out they were a terrible thing to say because it ended up in this horrible mess. Yes at some point I probably said that”.

Member Parrack felt at this time to parole Mr. Thompson would deprecate the seriousness of the offense, and promote disrespect for the law. I therefore move that the parole consideration for Brian Thompson be denied.

Motion to Deny Parole. (JP – CF)

Motion carries 7 – 4.

Voting in favor of the motion were Members Althoff, Bowers, Crigler, Diaz, Parrack, Sula and Chairman Monreal.

Members Findley, Madison, Reynolds and Tyler dissented.

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Inmate Name: **Curtis Zackery** IDOC Number & Institution: **C73173**

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

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

On May 8, 2012, Inmate Curtis Zackery was interviewed for parole consideration at Dixon Correctional Center. Present at the hearing was Board Member Edith Crigler, Ex Wife Shirley Jones, Niece Debra Lawrence, Daughter Latasha Lawrence and Attorney Tom Krebs. Inmate Zachary is serving 50 to 100 years for murder and 20 to 60 years for armed robbery. He is currently 58 years old.

The facts of the case indicate that inmate Zackery and his nephew accosted beat and stabbed to death an elderly married couple. He expresses great remorse for taking the lives of both victims. His co-defendant and nephew was released in 2010.

Inmate Zackery's institutional adjustment has been good. He has earned his GED and an Associate degree in liberal arts. He is assigned to the optical unit where he is learning to make glasses. Inmate Zackery stays in touch with his family wants to work in the community. He is A-Grade, low escape risk.

Member Sula stated the Inmate Zackery's nephew, who was paroled in 2010, did not do the murders. He was convicted under the accountability theory. He heard the protest at the Cook County State's Attorney's office.

If paroled, he would live at St Leonard's House in Chicago. A letter from St Leonard's dated April 10, 2012 accepting Mr. Zackery into their program. He truly is very remorseful.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Maureen O'Brien stated that the petitioner's out date is in 2019. He has been receiving tickets while incarcerated. He brutally killed two people in their own home. He has had violations and a major violation.

Member Crigler stated that Mr. Zackery admits to doing the stabbing and he plead guilty. He is remorseful and his parole plans are solid.

Motion to Grant Parole. (EC – GT).

Motion does NOT carry (5-6).

Voting in favor of the motion were Members Crigler, Findley, Madison, Reynolds and Tyler.

Members Althoff, Bowers, Diaz, Parrack, Sula and Chairman Monreal Dissented.

Motion to reverse the vote so the minutes reflect the Board Order. (ADM – CF)  
Leave.

Parole is denied (6-5).

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**Illinois Prisoner Review Board  
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET  
OPEN SESSION June 21, 2012**

Inmate Name: **Lee Mosely**      IDOC Number & Institution: **H39616**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on June 21, 2012, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Althoff, E. Bowers, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, C. Findley, J. Madison, J. Parrack, M. Reynolds, N. Sula and G. Tyler

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

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

Lee Arthur Mosely was interviewed for parole consideration on May 2, 2012 at Hill Correctional Center by Member Bowers. No additional persons were present at the hearing.

Inmate Mosley is a 58 year old male, having been sentenced in May 2002 to 25 to 75 years for murder, which occurred in 1974. He has been at Hill C.C. since March, 2004. Prior to that, he was at Statesville. He is A grade. He formally worked as a porter, and most recently held a job in the kitchen. He stated about a month ago, he walked away from the kitchen job, because inmates were hiding contraband. He has not been married, but has two adult children. He has not had any visitors since he left Statesville. His maximum discharge date is 2-11-2036.

Inmate Mosley was last considered for parole in September 2009, at which time parole was denied and he was given a three year set. This was his only parole hearing to date, and he did not receive any favorable votes.

Inmate Mosley was involved in an armed robbery of an elderly man who had just prior to the robbery, cashed some checks at a currency exchange in Chicago. The 60 yr old victim was confronted by Inmate Mosley and two co-defendants. The three had planned to rob someone and was observing people at the currency exchange, when the observed the victim cash his checks. The three suspects followed the victim, grabbing the victim and forcing him into an ally. The victim attempted to resist the three assailants and in so doing, was shot. Case facts indicate that the victim's common-law wife observed the assault, and after seeing the victim being shot, the common-law wife fired shots at the suspects from a gun she had gotten from her home. The robbery/murder of the victim took place in October 1974. Inmate and a co-defendant were arrested after Inmate Mosley was identified by an eye witness as the shooter. However, charges against Inmate Mosley were later dismissed. Inmate Mosley was again arrested in

2000, and subsequently gave a videotaped statement admitting his involvement in the planning and shooting of the victim. He told me he was tricked into giving his statement. He said police told him his co-defendant had implicated him in the crime. However, Inmate Mosley denied being the shooter, even though he was identified by the witness, who also testified at the inmate's trial. Inmate Mosley attempted to blame the shooting of the victim on a co-defendant, but evidence and testimony identified Mosley as the shooter.

Inmate Mosley denies he was the shooter. Inmate Mosley states that during the robbery attempt he and his co-defendants were shot at by someone, and they ran. Inmate Mosley maintains the victim had not been shot when they ran, and was still standing. He denies that he shot the victim. Case facts and the testimony of the eyewitness at trial would dispute Inmate Mosley's claims.

Inmate Mosley's institutional adjustment has not been good. Since 2004 he has received 14 tickets, five majors and nine minor tickets. He stated his most recent disciplinary ticket was around 2010. He said he wanted a cell change, because he did not get along with his cell mate. He said IDOC would not move him, so Inmate Mosley said he told the Lt. his cell mate threatened him. Inmate Mosley stated was taken to Seg for two weeks and then placed back into general population. HOWEVER, records indicate Inmate Mosley received the refusing housing ticket in 2008, for which he was placed in Seg for one month. His most recent ticket, which has been since his last Board Hearing, was March 26, 2011, for Damage or Misuse of Property and Health/Smoking violations. Inmate Mosley is currently serving his fifth incarceration in IDOC. He has completed anger management counseling. He has taken his GED test, but did not meet the minimum required score. He has no other training or education.

If paroled, Inmate Mosley stated he would like to go to Saint Leonard's. He stated he wrote to Saint Leonard's two months ago and they sent him an information sheet to fill out. He stated he completed the information sheet and sent it back, but has not heard anything further from Saint Leonard's. He stated he does not have any more specific parole plans at this time, but does not want to go back to the area where he previously lived.

I did not find Inmate Mosley to be sincere. He takes no responsibility for the shooting of the 60 yr old victim. He continues to receive disciplinary tickets, even since his last parole hearing. He has no confirmed parole plan. He has multiple prior convictions dating from 1980 to 1997, in which he served various sentences in IDOC. For these reasons, and because granting parole at this time would deprecate the seriousness of the crime and show disrespect for the law

Motion to deny parole. (EB – JM)  
Motion carries 11-0.

Since Inmate Mosley has shown little, if any improvement since his last hearing, I cannot find myself being able to vote for him within the next three years. I would make a motion for a three year set in hopes that Inmate Mosley accepts responsibility for his actions, improves his behavior, continues to work toward acquiring his GED and develops a viable parole plan.

Motion for a three-year set. (EB – GT).

Motion carries 10-1.

Member Diaz dissented.

Parole is denied for a three-year set.

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**Illinois Prisoner Review Board  
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET  
OPEN SESSION June 21, 2012**

Inmate Name: **Hardy Lewis**      IDOC Number & Institution: **C02316**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on June 21, 2012, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Althoff, E. Bowers, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, C. Findley, J. Madison, J. Parrack, M. Reynolds, N. Sula 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.

Hardy Lewis has served 38 years in custody for murder, attempt murder and several counts of attempt robbery. Sentenced to concurrent terms of 100-200, 10-100 and 6-20 years, the 60 year old petitioner will discharge from DOC in 2066.

His co-defendant, John Smith, was paroled by PRB in 2002. Lewis has always denied his participation in the crimes. On appeal, he attempted to discredit inconsistent eyewitness testimony and claimed that photo identification was manipulated by police. Those and other objections were not sustained and the conviction affirmed.

Lewis has strong family support and frequent visitors. At his hearing this year, three of his brothers were present and offered housing and other support at their Chicago homes. He would prefer to reside with his 87-year-old parents at their three bedroom bungalow. The brothers and their parents live within several miles of one another and that they have established a trust fund for petitioner.

He has not received any disciplinary reports since 1999 and counselors report that he has made an excellent adjustment since being incarcerated.

He has been on A grade for 27 years, is in minimum security and presently assigned as a maintenance grounds worker. He has recently worked in the general store, as an equipment operator-- all positions of responsibility, according to his counselor. Of particular note is his recognition by DOC for his efforts in providing assistance to a staff person being assaulted by another inmate. Lewis was stabbed by other offenders in retaliation for his efforts.

Appellate records and written objections from the Cook CO State's Attorney described the events of April 20, 1974. At approximately 12 pm --a time when Lewis says he was elsewhere repairing the washing machine of his daughter's mother, it was adduced at

trial that Lewis, codefendant John Smith and Joseph Garrett went to the home of drug dealer Henry Johnson and his wife, Delois, at 1742 w 77th St. Upon entering the apartment, Lewis and Smith drew handguns and forced Garrett and the Johnsons into the washroom. According to the surviving witness, Mrs. Jonson, the men demanded drugs and money that were allegedly kept in the apartment. When none were produced, the assailants forced the three victims to kneel next to a water filled bathtub and place their arms and heads into the water.

An electric iron was tossed into the water. When the apparent attempt at electrocution failed, the men shot the three victims in the back of their heads. Both men died of their injuries and Mrs. Johnson, although shot in the head and shoulder, survived to identify the men from photos shown to her at the hospital. She later identified the men from police photos and a police lineup.

Mrs. Johnson admitted to authorities that her husband was a heroin user and seller. Mr. Lewis claims that he had gone to the apartment to receive \$10 that he said was loaned to Mr. Johnson the previous week. He received the money and said that all were alive when he left. Although Lewis pointed to inconsistencies in identification, and the lack of physical evidence tying him to the crime, no evidence was presented to PRB that supports his claim of innocence.

His disciplinary history shows no incidents of violence or gang activity. His most serious infractions were for twice being found in possession of marijuana in 1975 and again in 1978.

His criminal history is limited to the instant offenses and an arrest for mail fraud in 1969(no disposition known).

Co defendant Smith has since claimed that Lewis fired the fatal shots.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Maureen O'Brien stated that the defendant fired four shots at three victims and two of them died and the third was seriously wounded. All of the appeals have been upheld. He was sentenced to 100 – 200 years and the judge's decision should be respected.

Member Findley noted that there is one letter of protest on file and many letters of support from family members.

Motion to Grant Parole (CF – MR).  
Motion does NOT carry 6-5.

Voting in favor of the motion were Members Crigler, Findley, Madison, Reynolds, Sula and Tyler.

Dissenting were Members Althoff, Bowers, Diaz, Parrack and Chairman Monreal.

Motion to reverse the vote to reflect the Board Order (ADM – CF).  
Leave.

Parole is denied.

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**Illinois Prisoner Review Board  
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET  
OPEN SESSION June 21, 2012**

Inmate Name: **Dwight Matthews**      IDOC Number & Institution: **C73715**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on June 21, 2012, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Althoff, E. Bowers, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, C. Findley, J. Madison, J. Parrack, M. Reynolds, N. Sula 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.

Dwight Matthews was interviewed for parole consideration on May 8, 2012 at Jacksonville Correctional Center. Present at the hearing was Board Member Parrack and Inmate Matthews. Factors discussed include but were not limited to the instant offense, institutional adjustment and parole plans.

Inmate Matthews has been convicted of Rape (77-CF-3136) 30-90 years, Aggravated Kidnapping 25-50 years, all concurrent. He has been incarcerated for 35 years at this point. His Maximum Release Date is June 13, 2014.

Mr. Dwight Matthews is a 62 year old male born on 10/16/1949, to George Haskins and Ethel Elizabeth Matthews. He has no full siblings, but 14 half brothers and sisters. He attended grammar school at a military academy in Virginia and high school in California, where he dropped out during his sophomore year. He earned his GED in 1968 or 69 while incarcerated in the Federal Prison System in El Reno, Oklahoma. He has one son that is 38 years old and has limited contact with him through his mother. He also reported having a daughter that he believes is deceased. He believes she was killed in the Oklahoma City bombing.

Mr. Matthews has no history of mental illness and reports being in good health.

On May 23rd, 1977, Georgia Paul, age 9, was playing with her younger brother in a parking lot behind their house. Dwight Matthews, age 28, drove into the parking lot where they were playing and asked the two children to help him find his lost dog. Georgia's younger brother got into the car with Dwight Matthews. A few minutes later, Dwight Matthews returned to the parking lot and told Georgia that if she wanted to see her brother again she should come with him. Georgia got into the automobile and instead of going to find her brother; she was driven out into the country by Dwight Matthews. At Edwards, Illinois, they turned around in Jerry Wyatt's driveway. Jerry

Wyatt went over to the car to ask Matthews what he was doing on his property. Matthews stated that he was just turning around. After turning around, Matthews drove Georgia down a deserted road where a new bridge was going through. Underneath the bridge, he stopped the car and raped Georgia. He then told Georgia to get out of the car because his car would not make it to the top of the hill with her in it. He then drove away from the area. Georgia Paul walked to a farm house approximately .8 miles away and reported what had happened.

Mr. Matthews states that he is innocent of this crime. He stated on the day of the crime he was in Peoria getting his haircut, had his car repaired, picked up alcohol, and later in the evening went to the drive-in.

After a jury trial, Mr. Matthews was sentenced on September 15, 1977, by Judge Convey in Peoria County to 30 to 90 years for the Rape and 25-50 years for the Aggravated Kidnapping. All sentences were to run concurrent. Per Mr. Matthews he filed a direct appeal and the conviction was affirmed, he also stated that he filed for executive clemency in 1978 and it was denied. Mr. Matthews also added that he is on the waiting list with Northwestern for them to look at his case.

Motion to enter executive session. (JP – GT)  
Leave

Motion to re-enter open session. (ADM – NS)  
Leave

In 1969, Mr. Matthews was convicted under the Dyer Act in California, I could not find any information on the Dyer Act, but Mr. Matthew's stated is was transporting a stolen vehicle across state lines. He was sentenced to 5 years federal prison, but served 21 months and was paroled to Chicago. He went awol, while on parole and ended up serving another year to year and a half for the parole violation. He was discharged off of parole in 1974.

Mr. Matthews is currently at A grade, his last ticket was on 12/22/2005, it was a major for Forgery and Giving False Information to an employee. He received a disciplinary transfer, 2 months C grade and Segregation. He has received about a dozen tickets since 1977. He did receive a sexual misconduct ticket, along with an unauthorized movement, and unauthorized property ticket in 1989. He reports that he was working at the library at Logan Correctional Center and he fell and a female inmate was helping him, when an officer wrote him a ticket since they were touching. He lost 3 months of good time credit.

Mr. Matthew's has been at the following institutions: Joliet, Pontiac, Logan, Danville (for 25 years) and in the last few months Shawnee, Taylorville, and Jacksonville. He currently works in dietary and previous jobs he has had are maintenance, refrigerator and heating, clerical, floor crew, and industry.

Associates of Arts Degree from Lincoln College – received in 1984 while at Logan CC  
Associate of Science Degree in Custodial Maintenance from Lincoln College – received in 1985 while at Logan CC

Mr. Matthews would like to parole to his father's home in Racine, Wisconsin. His father lives alone and is in his 90s. Other support available to him in the Racine, Wisconsin area is his step-brother. He has not applied for interstate compact at this time.

The Board feels at this time to parole Mr. Matthews would deprecate the seriousness of the offense, and promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny parole. (JP – EB)  
Motion carries 11-0.

The Board did not feel they would vote favorably in the next two years and Inmate Matthew's MSR date is in 2014.

Motion for a two-year set. (JP – CF)  
Motion carries 7-4.

Voting in favor of the motion were Members Althoff, Bowers, Diaz, Findley, Parrack, Sula and Chairman Monreal.

Dissenting were Members Crigler, Madison, Reynolds and Tyler.

Parole is denied for a two-year set.

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