

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

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

C86185 JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM
C71688 RODNEY GROSS
C68879 JAMES TAYLOR
C81531 JERRY DUNIGAN
C83534 CURTIS BROWNELL
C63914 WAYNE LINDSAY
C90899 HARRISON CHANCY
C62434 FREDDIE MARTIN
C01375 JOHN STAMPS
C57883 JAMES BAKER
C63078 ERNIE SLAUGHTER
C61896 LARRY HAMILTON
C93447 WILLIE ROBINSON

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	X	
Adam Monreal	X	

14 Present

The Recording Secretary presented the following minutes for approval:
Open Session Minutes from February 27 ,2014. (ADM – CF) Leave

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

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Inmate Name: Harrison Chancy

IDOC Number & Institution: C86185

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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.

Mr. Harrison Chancy was interviewed for parole consideration on February 4, 2014 at the Illinois River Correctional Center. During the interview the following issues were discussed: the facts and circumstances that led to his current incarceration, his version of the events, his previous criminal record, institutional adjustment and parole plans.

Mr. Chancy is currently serving a sentence of 100 to 300yrs for the murder of Mr. Slivinski 25 to 50yrs for armed robbery and 5 to 15 years for burglary. He is A grade and low escape risk. He is currently assigned in healthcare.

Facts of the offense are as follows. Mr. Harrison and two co-offenders committed a home invasion and placed pillow cases over the elderly victims' heads while they robbed the home. They shot the husband in the head and he passed away two months later. The surviving victim identified Inmate Chancy as her attacker. Also, after he was convicted in the court room, he turned to her and said "bang bang" as if he were firing a gun. He said he was angry for being convicted of a crime he did not commit. In a previous clemency petition he admitted he was involved in the crime but then withdrew the petition. He now denies any involvement. In the interview, he stated a jailhouse lawyer told him to tell the Board what they wanted to hear but he then regretted that so he withdrew the petition. Accounts of the even have been inconsistent over the years.

Criminal history was reviewed.

Inmate Chancy has been involved in educational and vocational programs throughout his incarceration, such as earning a GED. Institutional adjustment can be described as good. He received a minor IDR in 2011 and 2013.

If paroled, he would go to St. Leonard's in Chicago and then live with his sister in southern Illinois.

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

Motion to return to open session. (ADM – CF). Leave.

Past votes were reviewed. It was noted that Mrs. Slivinski identified Inmate Chancy by sight and voice.

Discussion:

Chairman Monreal noted the petitioner admitted to feeding them information he believed they wanted to hear.

Member Shelton stated he is troubled with the “bang bang” incident and will not support parole.

Cook County Assistant State’s Attorney David Weiner stated the Appellate Court found the evidence in this case to be overwhelming. The trial judge intended this to be a life sentence. The petitioner has provided multiple versions of the event and is manipulative.

The petitioner’s attorney stated he got bad advice from a jailhouse attorney. Mr. Chancy has expressed regret for that as well as the “bang bang” incident.

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 this crime and offense and would promote a lack of respect for the law.

Motion to deny parole. (WS – CF). Motion carries 10 – 4. Members Crigler, Findley, Harris and Tyler dissented.

Board Members also felt they would not vote for Inmate Chancy in the next three years.

Motion for a three-year set. (WS – JP). Motion carries 10 – 4. Members Crigler, Findley, Harris and Tyler dissented.

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Inmate Name: Curtis Brownell IDOC Number & Institution: C83534

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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.

Member Edith L. Crigler at Dixon Correctional Center interviewed Mr. Curtis Brownell for parole consideration on February 10, 2014. Present was Inmate Brownell and Ms. Crigler. Factors considered include, but not limited to, are his testimony, file review, parole plans and institutional adjustment.

Mr. Brownell is serving time for the following:

- Agg. Kidnapping 30 to 90 years
- Murder 100 to 300 years
- Rape 30 to 90 years
- Rape 50 to 100 years
- Agg Kidnapping 50 to 150 years
- Armed Robbery 50 to 150 years
- Attempted Murder 50 to 150
- Aggregate sentence 200 to 300 years

On or about September 27, 1977, inmate Brownell kidnapped and raped 17-year-old Louise Betts. He drove her to an isolated rural area and put a knife to the young woman's throat and raped her. He then strangled her to death and left her body in the cornfield.

On January 31, 1978 Inmate Brownell observed victim Kathy Brickey washing clothes in a Laundromat and he came in asking about a load of towels he had left there earlier. He struck victim on the back of the head with a hard object and pulled her up against him and put a gun in her side and forced her into his car. He then asked her questions regarding her age, if she had a checking account was she married and if she had a savings account. She refused to answer him and he put the gun to her head and told her he would blow her head off. She then told him she had \$1,000 in a savings account and that she was seven months pregnant and asked him not to hurt her. He drove to the country and told her he wanted to make love to her. He told her if she allowed him to do so he would take her back to the Laundromat when they finished. She refused and he said he would kill her. He said, "take your choice" she permitted the rape and when he finished he took the gun and put it against her head and told her to get out of the car. She asked him to take her back, but he hit her two or three times with the butt of the gun on her

head. She was knocked to the ground and pretended to be unconscious. He kicked her several times and then backed up and drove at her. She screamed as the care drove over the lower portion of her body, but due to the snow it did not break any bones. He then backed up again about a 100 yards and she got up and ran across the snow-covered road and climbed a mountain of snow and ran into the fields jumping fences until she found a house and was given help.

His institutional adjustment has been described as good. He has achieved and completed two associate degrees and a BA degree and has several certificates. He has also completed sex offender treatment and continues counseling to this day. His parole plans are to reside in a half-way house in East St. Louis Another Chance Center.

Motion to enter Executive Session. (JP – DS). Leave.

Motion to return to Open Session. (JP – ADM). Leave.

Joseph Bruscato, Winnebago County State's Attorney, objected. He stated he is joined by the brother and sister-in-law of the victim, Louise Betts. She was only 16 years old at the time of the crime. They ask that parole be denied.

A member of the Attorney General's office stated Inmate Brownell has been interviewed for SVP status.

In conclusion, based on the aforementioned interview of Mr. Brownell and a review of all relevant factors. Inmate Brownell expressed remorse and has spent years in therapy. He said all of the things a person in sex offender therapy learns to say. However, to parole at this time would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny parole. (EC – DS). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Motion for a five year set. (JP – CF). Motion carries 14 – 0.

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Inmate Name: Freddie Martin IDOC Number & Institution: C62434

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

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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.

Mr. Freddie Martin is a recidivist offender serving a 150-450 year sentence for the murder of an elderly Chicago couple. He presented himself for parole February 2, 2014 at IL River CC, his 28th appearance before PRB and the third occasion this board member has heard his petition. Like Mr. Madison, who interviewed him last year, I have always been impressed by his calm and polite demeanor, his generally excellent institutional adjustment for more than 15 years and what I believe is a sincere desire to become a useful citizen.

He spoke candidly about his past gang involvement and its history, beginning as a Blackstone Ranger, later a Micky's Cobra and rising to a senior leadership position he called Sultan Supreme. He claims to have renounced gang membership more than 25 years ago, and his record shows no IRDs for violence, and a single 3 month GCC for marijuana possession in the late 1970s. During the 1970s and 1980s he was placed in segregation many times for lesser offenses.

Now 65 years old Mr. Martin has been incarcerated since he was 21 years old. He has a good work record and as recently as 2012 was employed as a clothing house specialist. He has also worked as an IRI baker. Currently unassigned, he says he suffers from hepatitis, liver disease and has had the prostate gland removed.

According to his counselor Mr. Martin has an AA degree in applied science and has an employment offer from Mr. James Kramer, a used car dealer and ex-offender he has known since 2005. He would seek to live at St. Leonard's House if paroled.

Petitioner says he's sorry for the life he lived and for the people he killed.

"I've made the transition from a bad person to a good person... and I think now." He says he used alcohol and pills, but makes no excuses for his crimes. "I don't want anyone to lose their life and I will never commit another crime."

The facts of the case and his long criminal history are fully detailed in the SA petition, but I will offer a brief summary of a difficult life that began with juvenile custody in Illinois and Indiana, four separate burglary convictions in 1968 and a 1969 theft--all of which were consolidated into

a single 1-8 year sentence. Six months after release on parole in 1971, Mr. Martin committed the robbery of a 70 year old woman while caring for grandchildren at her daughter's house. He assaulted the victim and fled. Soon arrested, he was sentenced to 5-10 years.

He was paroled a second time in 1975, and again, free this time only four months, he murdered Herbert Alferink, 79, and his 76 year old wife Catherine. He tied and bound both victims, stole jewelry, cash and a television. Both victims were stabbed repeatedly and the murder weapons were embedded in their chests.

Days after the murders, Martin committed yet another crime. Spotted driving a stolen car, he was apprehended, subsequently convicted and sentenced to 1-4 years. While in custody for the auto theft, Martin was implicated in the murders by an informant. Property belonging to the murder victims was recovered and Martin was charged and convicted by a jury.

In addition to the 150-450 year murder sentence, he was also sentenced to 2-60 for armed robbery and 3-9 for burglary-- all concurrent.

Police also discovered evidence that Mr. Martin was found to have been in possession of items owned by the victims of two additional murders. Evidence of one of the unsolved murders was offered at Martin's murder trial.

Is Freddie Martin an acceptable risk for parole? A 2009 psychiatric interview conducted at PRB's request concludes that Martin does not suffer from a psychiatric disorder, that he presents with a good mood and affect, that his concentration, insight and judgment are fair and that he appears somewhat genuine in his approach. But the psychiatrist could not predict the potential for violent behavior.

Freddie Martin has spent his entire adult life in the custody of IDOC. And he has done well there. Last year, Mr. Madison told the board that he could see himself voting for Mr. Martin sometime in the future. I am less confident in Mr. Martin's ability to succeed in free society.

To parole at this point would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to enter Executive Session. (JP – ADM). Leave.

Motion to return to Open Session. (JP – ADM). Leave.

Motion to deny parole. (CF – EB). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Motion for a five-year set. (GT – JP). Motion carries 14 – 0.

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Inmate Name: Joseph Cunningham IDOC Number & Institution: C86185

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

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

Joseph Lee Cunningham was interviewed for parole consideration on February 24, 2014, at Danville Correction Center. Factors considered by the Board included current and previous testimony of the inmate, a review of the case file, and assessment of the parole plan. There were no witnesses presented in favor of the inmate's parole.

Mr. Cunningham pled guilty and was sentenced to 35 – 100 years in the penitentiary for the murder of 75-year-old Emma W. McKinley on December 16, 1977. A co-defendant, William A. Howell, was also convicted and received the same sentence and remains incarcerated. Cunningham was 18 years of age at the time of the crime; Howell was 21 years of age.

Mr. Cunningham does not dispute that he and Howell had been drinking beer to excess prior to the crime. Cunningham claims to have also been under the influence of a barbiturate. Having run out of beer, and wanting more, Mr. Cunningham decided to ask the victim for money. Mr. Cunningham was well acquainted with the victim, having done odd jobs for her and having borrowed money from her previously. The victim had been Cunningham's babysitter when he was a child and she had, at times, allowed Cunningham the use of her car.

Mr. Cunningham admitted to the following facts during his hearing conducted at the Danville Correctional Center on February 24:

Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Howell walked to the victim's residence where Cunningham asked the victim for \$10;

The victim refused;

Mr. Cunningham physically attacked the victim, at one point, striking the victim with an ashtray and, at another point, wielding a paring knife;

Mr. Howell attacked the victim, wielding a two-pronged meat fork;

Mr. Cunningham prevented the victim's attempt to call for help, using her telephone, by cutting the phone wire;

Mr. Cunningham took the victim's car keys, drove the car from the scene, and crashed the car (although he claims to have no memory of the car theft prior to waking in a hospital).

Additional facts of the case are that the victim was sexually assaulted, although Mr. Cunningham was not charged with this offense. Mr. Cunningham denied during this year's hearing any knowledge of sexual contact with the victim, however, he made a detailed admission of having attempted sexual intercourse with the victim following his sentencing in 1978. He claimed, during this admission that he believed the sexual contact to be consensual until he saw the victim crying.

Mrs. McKinley sustained two (2) skull fractures, more than sixty (60) lacerations or punctures, and seven (7) broken ribs.

The Board is troubled by both the brutality of this attack and by Mr. Cunningham's amnesia regarding his own admission of the sexual assault.

Motion to deny parole. (DS – CF). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Motion for a three year set. (DS – EG). Motion carries 14 – 0.

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Inmate Name: Rodney Gross IDOC Number & Institution: C71688

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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: By PRB S.Z. Diaz 28Feb14, 1030hrs, at Danville C.C.

Present: Mr. R. Gross and S.Z. Diaz
Current Facts and Information:

Serving a 75-100 year sentence for the 1976 Rape and Murder of 23 year old female Della Masengarb in Rock Island County.

In his 36th year of incarceration (admitted IDOC 5/25/77).

Projected out date is 13Sep2018.

This is his 24th appearance before the PRB, has never received a vote.

There are two current letters of protest from police personnel.

The Event:

On 28Aug1976, Rodney Gross went to the home of acquaintance Della Masengarb. He related that he had dated the victim in the past, the statement of facts reflected that he had also been an acquaintance of the victim's husband who was out of town. He related that he was under the influence of alcohol and marijuana when he entered the apt., raped, and stabbed the victim to death. W/re to the victim's two children, he claims that the kids were not present in the room when the attack took place. He left the home shortly after the attack and was arrested the next day. He went to trial, and was found guilty.

Protest letters from the police officer who investigated the case detailed that Mrs. Masengarb had been raped, posed, and stabbed fifteen times.

History: Had several contacts as a juvenile, two guilty findings related to female assaults.

Adjustment:

At Danville CC since 2011, has had no IDR's at Danville, his counselor reports as having a consistent work and class schedule.

His last IDR was for Smoking/Contraband at Hill CC in 2008

While at other IDOC institutions his adjustment reflects a consistent pattern of infractions mostly minor in nature with the most serious in the last fifteen years being: stinger 2004, possession of homemade intoxicants 2002, and possession of a razor 2000.

Currently assigned as a Unit Laundry Man.

Completed GED, has over 100 college credits, certificates in Construction, Computers, Business, Plumbing, Wiring.

Completed Anger Management Program at Danville, Sex Offender Program at Mt. Sterling C.C.

Parole Plan: if released he wants to be paroled to a half-way house in East St. Louis area.

Summary/Impression

Mr. Gross has made progress w/re to adjusting to the institution. His behavioral history record reflects significantly fewer contacts since arriving at Danville CC (2011). While at Hill he commenced his reduction of behavioral contacts and if we look at the last fifteen years the number of tickets acquired appears though appearing plentiful, the large number of infractions that did not necessitate solitary confinement dominate the record.

The pursuit of acquiring skills through vocational and academic programs leading to numerous certifications and college credits is to be commended. He's done much work.

The remorse: Rodney Gross presented in a calm and ordered manner. His responses w/re to the crime were appropriate, taking responsibility for the brutal attack, expressing a painful remorse which he claims is re-lived on a regular basis. He shared that he was ashamed for his acts and asked for forgiveness from the victim's family and the community.

Recommendation:

Mr. Gross has made a strong attempt to adjust appropriately to the institution. At Danville he has in essence been an ideal inmate (since 2011). He has taken advantage of the vocational and educational opportunities afforded to him. He has been assigned and works consistently according to his counselor.

His parole plan is weak, if had a solid plan that would provide the necessary components for a successful re-entry, his consideration for parole would be bolstered significantly.

Because the parole consideration package lacks a critical piece, the recommendation is to deny at this time.

A representative from the AG's office stated they would pursue him for SVP if released.

Motion to deny parole. (SD – WS). Motion carries 14 – 0.

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Inmate Name: Jerry Dunigan IDOC Number & Institution: C81531

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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.

DOC Facility: Danville C.C.

Interview Date: January 28, 2014

Present at the Hearing: Member Bowers and Inmate Dunigan

CURRENT STATUS

Inmate Dunigan is a 65 yr old Afri-Amer male serving a 1976 sentence of 100-300 yrs for rape, also having been sentenced to 6-18 yrs for Att Murder, 5-15 yrs for Burglary and 3-9 yrs for Agg Battery. He was 22 yrs old at the time of the crime. He has been in IDOC for 37 yrs. He is A grade, low escape and has been at Danville C.C. since 2004. Prior to Danville he was at Logan and before Logan he was at Pinckneyville for 5 yrs. He has been in numerous IDOC facilities over his incarceration. He had been working as a laundry porter at Danville, but completed his 6 months in that job and is waiting for his next eligible date for a job, which he believed is sometime in February.

Inmate Dunigan has a projected discharge date of February 20, 2118. He is coming off a three year set in 2011 and also had three year sets in 2007 and 2004.

Prior votes were 2011-Madison and Reynolds. No votes in favor of parole prior to 2011.

Protest letter from Cook County S.A.

No current support letters in the file

STATEMENT OF CASE/FACTS

Inmate Dunigan stated to me that at the time of the crime (December 25, 1970, he was a member of the Black Panthers. He stated after the death of Mark Hampton, inmate Dunigan went "underground." Records indicate Inmate Dunigan was security chief for the Black Panthers. He stated his wife had died from drugs and he was seeking some revenge. Dunigan alleges there was an FBI informant in the Black Panthers named William O'Neil, who was telling Dunigan the victims (Mr & Mrs Silverstein) were major drug dealers and were responsible for Dunigan's wife's death. Inmate Dunigan stated this is why he went to the Silverstein residents and subsequently committed the acts for which he was charged. However, there was nothing found in the file to support this claim.

The Cook County S.A. protest report states in part, that Dunigan went to the Silverstein's apartment just after the Silverstein's had returned home from Christmas church services. Inmate Dunigan was armed with a 9mm handgun. He forced the victims into their apartment and began a period of brutalizing the victims, to include threats to kill them, making them remove their clothing, and raping Agnes Silverstein numerous times in the presence of her husband, as well as making her perform deviate sexual acts. Inmate Dunigan then took a knife and prepared to cut off Mr. Silverstein's penis, at which time Mrs. Silverstein crawled to the door. Inmate Dunigan then grabbed Mrs. Silverstein and said he would kill her. He then shot her behind her ear with a hollow point bullet, blowing out her teeth, bones and mandible and leaving a hole in her face. Mr. Silversteins was able to get into a bedroom and yell for help from the window. A police officer subsequently heard the yell and went to the apartment to find the victims. The following day the 9mm gun was found near the apartment building and the gun registered to Inmate Dunigan. Inmate Dunigan was not located until July, 1976, when he was arrested in Copenhagen, Denmark, where he had been living under the name of Lark Daniel. He was deported back to the U.S. and subsequently arrested and charged for the aforementioned crimes.

INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMNET

Inmate Dunigan had his high school diploma when he came into the DOC and some college credits. He stated he does not have any degree. He received a computer program and operations certificate. He said he has worked in various IDOC libraries. Mostly he has worked in janitorial, laundry and porter jobs. He has not completed any vocational courses, or counseling in anger management, substances abuse, nor sex offender counseling. The file shows the last IDR received by inmate Dunigan was 2006. The file does not indicate any serious infractions since the inmate's last En Banc.

RELEASE PLANS

Inmate Dunigan states if paroled he would live with his daughter, Renatta Frazier in Duluth, Ga. He said if not with his daughter, then with a niece, Tonya Dunigan, who lives in Stockbridge, Georgia. He stated he would like to continue his education in computer services. He would try to find any work available to him, but has no specific job offers. Inmate Dunigan stated he thinks

his daughter and niece sent letters of support, but the files do not contain any correspondence from his daughter or niece indicating their desire to support Inmate Dunigan.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney David Weiner stated Agnes Silverstein is still alive. They object.

SUMMARY

Inmate Dunigan expressed to me his remorse for the crimes he committed against the victims. He did not deny his actions. He stated it was horrible what he did to the victims. I would not disagree with Inmate Dunigan statements, but in reviewing the entirety of the file I am not sure horrible even comes close to describing what he did to Mr. and Mrs. Silverstein. To this day the Silverstein's suffer from nightmares, not to mention the numerous surgeries Mrs. Silverstein endured as a result of the horrific injuries inflicted on her by Inmate Dunigan. I firmly believe that to grant parole in this matter would most certainly deprecate the seriousness of this crime and show complete disrespect for the law.

Therefore, my motion is to deny the petitioner's request for parole. (EB – WS). Motion carries 13 – 1. Member Crigler dissented.

Motion for a three year set. (EB – ABD). Motion carries 12 – 2. Members Crigler and Findley dissented.

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Inmate Name: Ernie Slaughter IDOC Number & Institution: C63078

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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.

On February 20, 2014, Inmate Ernie Slaughter was interviewed at the Menard Correctional Center and testimony was taken for parole consideration at the En Banc Hearing on March 27, 2014. Factors considered included, but were not limited to; his testimony, a review of the file, parole plans, and institutional adjustment.

The record indicates that Inmate Slaughter was convicted of Murder with a sentence of 100-300 years, Burglary 6-20 years and Escape 5 years. He was also given 2 years for intimidation. He has an out date in 2118.

The murder conviction was given for an incident which occurred on August 17, 1973 during the course of a burglary at the place of work for a young female named Susan Hebel. As Inmate Slaughter was going through a purse he was startled by Susan Hebel. Seeing Miss Hebel, he grabbed a knife from the kitchen sink and proceeded to stab her multiple times. After doing so, Inmate Slaughter fled the premises. He was on supervision for theft when he committed the murder.

Prior to the instant offense he had attempted to burglarize another woman and told her he was going to kill her. He was startled by a television and fled.

Inmate Slaughter expressed deep remorse for his actions in taking Susan Hebel's life. He stated he understands it was a mistake and he wishes he could take it back. He stated he was a boy and is now a man. He learned from his mistake and became a better person. He thanked the Board for any consideration.

Motion to enter Executive Session. (EG – ADM). Leave.

Motion to return to Open Session. (EG – ADM). Leave.

Member Gregg continued to present and stated the petitioner is coming off a three year set and has had no prior votes. His escape was discussed. He has been at Menard for 13 years and has taken vocational classes and attends church.

His institutional adjustment continues to be very poor. In 2012, Inmate Slaughter was given a ticket for fighting. He has had approximately 23 tickets since 1998, including sexual misconduct in 2004. Prior to 1998, Inmate Slaughter received 183 tickets for disciplinary issues.

If paroled he plans to reside with his mother in Chicago, Illinois.

To parole at this time would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny. (EG – ABD). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Motion for a five year set. (EG – ABD). Motion does NOT carry 7 – 7. Voting in favor of the motion were Members Blackman-Donovan, Bowers, Gregg, Johnson, Norton Simmons and Tyler. Members Crigler, Diaz, Findley, Harris, Parrack, Shelton and Chairman Monreal dissented.

Motion for a two year set. (ADM – ABD). Motion carries 12 – 2. Members Diaz and Findley dissented.

Parole is denied for two years.

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EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
OPEN SESSION March 27, 2014

Inmate Name: Wayne Lindsay IDOC Number & Institution: C63914

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on March 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, A. Blackman-Donovan, E. Bowers, 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 Bowers presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

DOC Facility: Hill C.C.

Interview Date: January 8, 2014

Present at the Hearing: Board Member Bowers and Inmate Lindsay

CURRENT STATUS

Inmate Lindsay is a 57 yr old Afri-Amer, who is serving a sentence of 100-200 yrs for two counts of Murder and 50-100 for Attempt Murder. He is A grade, low escape. He has been in custody for close to 39 yrs. Inmate Lindsay was 18 yrs old at the time of his arrest. He has been at Hill C.C. for the past seven yrs, and holds a job as a porter. Prior to Hill, he was at Dixon, Pontiac, Menard, Centralia and Ill. River.

His last Board hearing was in 2011, in which parole was denied and he received a three year set. He was presented by Member Reynolds with a motion to deny parole. In that hearing, he received one favorable vote for parole from Member Tyler. He also received a favorable vote from Member Tyler in 2010, but had not received any favorable votes prior to 2010.

His Projected Max Discharge Date is January 27, 2218.

There are no current letters of support in the file. There are protests by the Cook Co. S.A.

STATEMENT OF CASE/FACTS

On June 13, 1975, Inmate Lindsay, along with Michael Baptist, John Perkins and Lennox Lawrence confronted Leslie Scott, and brother's Leo and Henry Carter. Scott and Leo Carter

had previously testified in the preliminary hearing of Elijah Baptist, who had been charged with the robbery and murder of Mr. Sam Blue, which occurred on July 29, 1974. Elijah Baptist trial had been set for July 15, 1975, and Leslie Scott and Leo Carter were scheduled to testify as witnesses for the State.

Inmate Lindsay, Michael Baptist, Perkins and Lawrence planned ahead to eliminate the two witnesses prior to the trial. They had invited the three victims to a party, at which time they forced the three victims outside by gun point. Inmate Lindsay put a gun to the bridge of Leo Carter's nose and pulled the trigger. After shooting Carter between the eyes and Carter falling to the ground, Lindsay shot Carter in the back. Lennox Lawrence then shot Henry Carter in the head and chest. Leslie Scott was executed next. Leo Carter survived the wounds and crawled about two blocks to his cousin's house, where upon police were called. Leo Carter was able to identify the assailants. The weapons were also recovered.

Inmate Lindsay's version to me was sum-what different. He stated that prior to the shooting, Inmate Lindsay was pushing his son in a stroller, when Leo Carter came out on a gangway between two buildings and threatened Lindsay with a shotgun. Lindsay stated Carter was going to shoot him. Inmate Lindsay said he later agreed to get involved in confronting Carter and the others, because Leo Carter had earlier confronted Lindsay with a shotgun.

Inmate Lindsay said he and John Perkins both had guns. Inmate Lindsay said when they took the victims outside, after luring them to the apartment on the pretence of a party, Inmate Lindsay stated he shot both Leo Carter and Leslie Scott. He said Perkins shot Henry Carter. Inmate Lindsay stated the purpose in the shooting was to prevent the victims from testifying against Elijah Baptist, but also alleges he wanted to get even with Leo Carter for earlier threatening him with the shotgun.

INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMNET

Inmate Lindsay did not have a high school diploma upon entering IDOC. However, since his incarceration he has obtained both his GED and an associated degree. He states he is working toward a bachelor's degree from Roosevelt University, but needs to complete some papers and a written exam. He stated his last ticket was two and a half to three years ago (2011) for non-compliance. He said he did not have some magazine in the proper place upon inspection. His adjustment appears to have improved, having received six tickets in 2006, but only one in 2007 and 2008. He has been in his porter job since November, and prior to that he was in yard maintenance.

RELEASE PLANS

Inmate Lindsay states if he were to be paroled, he would like to go to a halfway house. He said he sent a letter to St. Leonard's four or five months ago, but never heard anything back. He stated he has not talked with St. Leonard's. He also said he would like to get a job, but has no idea as to where he would work or what type of job he would seek to acquire. He said he would like to help support his mother. He also stated he would like to be part of a group that works with youth to improve neighborhoods.

Discussion:

Cook County State's Attorney David Weiner stated Inmate Lindsay murdered two witnesses of another murder that was being prosecuted. That is a strike against our Justice System.

Member Tyler stated when she interviewed him he was close to completing a Bachelor's degree. Maybe he needs a little encouragement and he will put together a better parole plan.

SUMMARY

Inmate Lindsay takes responsibility for his actions, although he alleges one of the victims had earlier confronted him and his child and threatened him with a gun. There is no evidence in the file to support that allegation. He readily admits to being the one who shot and killed two of the victims. He stated when he pulled the trigger; he destroyed a lot of lives, and did a lot of damage. He said he can't take back what he did, and in his words "I just have to deal with it as best I can." I credit Inmate Lindsay with his efforts to improve his education and his improved behavior. I also agree that what he took part in not only destroyed many lives, but also attacked the justice system by killing witnesses who were to give testimony at the murder trial of Elijah Baptist. For that reason, and the fact that parole would clearly show disrespect for the law, I would make the motion that the petitioner's request for parole be denied.

Motion carries 13 – 1. Member Tyler dissented.

Motion for a three year set. Motion carries 11 – 3. Members Crigler, Harris and Tyler dissented.

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Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
OPEN SESSION March 27, 2014

Inmate Name: Willie Robinson IDOC Number & Institution: C93447

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on March 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, A. Blackman-Donovan, E. Bowers, 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 Blackman-Donovan presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

Willie Robinson was interviewed on January 23, 2014, at Menard Correctional Center by Board Member Angelia Blackman-Donovan. Present at the hearing was Board Member Vonetta Harris, and family members on behalf of the inmate as follows: Dorothy Haggard, Dorothy Grisby, Stanley Robinson, Albert Robinson, Michael Robinson and Shamlya Robinson. Mr. Robinson was convicted of Murder (500-1000 years), Attempt Murder (150-300 years), and Aggravated Kidnapping (6 2/3-20 years). He is currently 64 years old and was 31 years old at the time of the crimes. He is divorced and has three children. He has maintained contact with his family and his current MSR date is 2478.

The facts of the case are that on January 19, 1978, Inmate Robinson and his co-defendant, Larry Hamilton, were traveling on Interstate 94 near Harvey, Illinois. Robinson was driving his vehicle and struck the vehicle being driven by Mark Furman from behind. Claudia Furman, Mark's wife, was in the passenger seat. Both vehicles pulled off of the roadway to inspect damage. Claudia Furman wrote down the license plate number and make of Robinson's and Hamilton's vehicle per her husband's request. Sometime later, Robinson and Hamilton drew their loaded guns and fired at Mark and Claudia Furman while they were seated inside their vehicle. Mark Furman died from his injuries and Claudia was wounded. Robinson and Hamilton then removed Claudia from the vehicle and stated "you're coming with us". Claudia struggled and pleaded with them to leave her there to die with her husband. Robinson then beat Claudia in the head with the butt of his pistol. Both inmates then fled the scene. Due to Claudia taking down the license plate and make of the inmate's vehicle, the police were able to locate both defendants a short time later. An autopsy revealed that Mark Furman had been shot 11 times. Claudia Furman had been shot twice and beaten in the head requiring 75 stitches to close her wounds. Both of the guns used in the crimes were located in the home of Larry Hamilton's mother. Testing was conducted on both handguns and it was determined that both were used in the vicious attack on Mark and Claudia Furman. Both Robinson and Hamilton were tried by jury and found guilty. They both received extensive sentences and all appeals have been exhausted and affirmed.

Inmate Robinson's version of the facts is completely different from the official statement that was presented at his trial. He stated he did not get out of the car, and did not fire any weapon

into the Furman's car. He admits to being at the scene but denies participating in the crime. However, three years ago, he admitted firing one shot into the victim's vehicle. He indicated that Ms. Furman could not identify him and he is therefore, innocent. His story changes over time, and he will not own up to his responsibility. He does not express remorse.

Institutional adjustment has been good during Inmate Robinson's last 3 years of incarceration. He has not received a ticket since 2003. He works in sewing and tailoring.

If paroled, Mr. Robinson would like to live with one of his siblings and work in one of their many businesses, including an auto repair shop. His family moved to Mississippi after this incident and they are all doing wonderfully. He has wonderful support through them, but his attitude suggests he isn't really appreciative of all they do for him. He also stated Mrs. Furman could not ID him from a photo. Member Blackman-Donovan stated it is not a case of identification. Inmate Robinson put himself at the scene. Mrs. Furman didn't have to identify him.

To parole Inmate Robinson at this time would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law. He has never fully accepted responsibility and his story changes over the years.

Motion to deny parole. (ABD – CF). Motion carries 13 – 1. Member Crigler dissented.

Motion for a three-year set. (ABD – DS). Motion does NOT carry 7 – 7.

Parole denied for one year.

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Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
OPEN SESSION March 27, 2014

Inmate Name: Larry Hamilton IDOC Number & Institution: C61896

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on March 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, A. Blackman-Donovan, E. Bowers, 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.

Inmate Larry Hamilton was interviewed at Menard Correctional Facility in Chester, Illinois on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. **Inmate Larry Hamilton was charged and convicted of 1250-500 years for Murder, 75-150 years for Attempt Murder, and 5-15 years for Attempted Aggravated Kidnap. He has served 36 ½ years with a Maximum Release Date of April 20, 3231.**

Inmate Larry Hamilton was born in Kansas City, MO on March 23, 1954. Both parents are deceased and he has six siblings: two of which, preceded his parents in death. Inmate Larry Hamilton was married to Maria Hamilton in Harvey, Illinois at the time of his arrests. He has been divorced for more than 39 years. He is the father of two sons: (1) living in Kansas City, MO and the other in Atlanta, GA. At the time of his arrests, inmate Hamilton had only a tenth (10) grade education and worked as a Steel Worker in the Chicago area.

In 1976, Hamilton was arrested and sentenced to 1-3 years for Attempt murder against a former girlfriend. He was released on parole and less than three months later before committing the criminal acts against victims Mark and Claudia Furman. On the early morning January 19, 1978, on interstate 94, inmate Hamilton and a co-defendant alleged to have accidentally hit the Furman's car while traveling on Calumet Expressway. As the Furman's pulled over along with the defendant and co-defendant to examine the damages, the Furman's called the police to file a report. Mrs. Furman testified that Mr. Furman told to her take down the license plate number of the vehicle inmate Hamilton was driving which was crucial to solving the case.

A witness (Marcea Holman) was riding with the defendant and co-defendant testified that at the time of the accident, both inmates looked at each other and said, "Are you thinking what I am thinking". She testified that inmate Hamilton and the co-defendant both were armed with loaded guns during the incident as she was tucked below the seat out of fear. As Mr. Furman entered back into his car after reviewing the

damages, he noticed that inmate Hamilton and the co-defendant tried to enter into the vehicle and Mrs. Furman stated that she was not comfortable with the defendant or co-defendant being inside the car. Shortly after, as both inmates stood on opposite sides of the vehicle, they each began shooting the victims leading to Mr. Furman's death and severely wounding Mrs. Furman.

During the trial, Mrs. Furman recalls her husband trying to protect her while they were maliciously being shot and telling her not to look. Mr. Furman suffered 11 gunshots to his body- dying instantly. Mrs. Furman was shot two times and drug out of the vehicle begging and pleading for her life. She begged the co-defendant to leave her there to die with her husband. During trial, she recalled the co-defendant (Robinson) stating, "we got to get rid of this b---h". He pulled her injured body out of the car and began hitting her over the head profusely with the handle of the pistol breaking the handle by the number blows to her head. It took over 70 stitches to close the wound. As Hamilton and the co-defendant fled the scene, he made a phone call to his wife Maria Hamilton, telling her what happened.

Maria Hamilton (wife of inmate Hamilton) immediately called the police and reported the car as stolen protecting her husband. The inmates took the car, gutted it and set on fire before returning to inmate Hamilton's home. An off duty officer, driving along Interstate 94, pulled over and noticed the victims shot to death and injured. He called for help and Mrs. Furman was able to give the police the license plate number of the vehicle that was registered in Maria Hamilton's name which led the police to the their home. The inmates, Marcea Holman, and Maria Hamilton were all apprehended and taken into police custody. Inmate Hamilton and Robinson were charged with the crimes of murder, attempt murder, and aggravated kidnapping.

A search warrant was granted to the home of Maria and Larry Hamilton. During the search, the police found two weapons that were used in the murder case of Mr. Mark Furman and Mrs. Claudia Furman. The forensic report validates the bullets of a .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol that was found in Mr. Furman's body matched the gun found in Inmate Hamilton's home. The hair remnants and blood samples matched the .38 caliber colt revolver without any grips that was used to shoot and brutally beat Mrs. Furman. Hamilton and Robinson elected to be tried by jury. The jury returned the verdict of guilty on both inmates. Larry Hamilton was sentenced to 1250-2500 years for murder, 75-150 years for attempt murder, and 5-15 years for attempt aggravated kidnapping.

During the interview with inmate Hamilton, he explains his side of the story as self-defense. He states that he shot Mr. Furman after an altercation between the two over the accident. He stated that at the time he shot Mr. Furman, he thought Mr. Furman was reaching for a gun after he swung open the car door in a very aggressive manner. As indicated by the State's Attorney Report, and by testimony from Mrs. Furman: Mr. Furman never got out of the vehicle after he examined the damages of the car with inmate Hamilton. In fact, at the time of Mr. Furman's death, he was found in the vehicle. According to inmate Hamilton, he stated that Mr. Furman was shot outside of

the car. He also states that he does not recall Mrs. Furman being shot and never saw the co-defendant with a gun. He was asked the question about destroying the evidence (the car) and he lied about it and stated that neither he nor the defendant did anything but returned the car home.

Over the 36-½ years of Inmate Hamilton's incarceration he has received over 100 tickets for assault, disobeying direct orders, contraband, and insolence. In fact, he was transferred to TAMMS Maximum Security for 13 years for assault on a parole officer and inmate until the facility closed. Although Inmate Hamilton entered the penitentiary with a 10th grade education, he completed his GED, and some clinical programs for substance abuse, decision making, and conflict resolution. His last ticket was in 2001. Inmate Hamilton is now enrolled in classes to become an ordained minister. Inmate Hamilton's disposition during the interview, in my opinion, was cold and unremorseful. He never claimed regret until he was asked about what he had done to the victims and he lied about the details and facts of the story. He states that he feels that his sentence is excessive and discriminatory. He states that he made a mistake and has paid his dues to society. His parole plans are to move to New York to live with his pen pal girlfriend.

Motion to enter Executive Session. (WS – ABD). Leave.

Motion to return to Open Session. (ADM – WS). Leave.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney David Weiner noted Mr. Hamilton was on parole at the time of the offense and he has a history of assaulting Correctional Officers. They ask for a five-year set.

Motion to deny parole. (VH – WS). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Motion for a three-year set. (VH – EG). Motion carries 14 – 0.

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Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
OPEN SESSION March 27, 2014

Inmate Name: James Taylor IDOC Number & Institution: C68879

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on March 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, A. Blackman-Donovan, E. Bowers, 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.

James Taylor was interviewed for parole consideration 2/25/14 at DAN. Present and offering testimony in support of parole were three family members:, sister Carolyn Taylor, brother Prentice Taylor and uncle Rick Allen.

Testifying separately and in opposition to parole were Effingham County SA Bryan Kibler, victim advocate Susan Majers and investigator Ron Kilman.

Not unlike some other long-serving offenders, Mr. Taylor has been incarcerated for 38 years. He is well-groomed, articulate, contrite and enthusiastic about his ability to succeed if granted parole. Family members assert that they will ensure a good and supportive environment. His proposed host site is to reside with his 89-year-old father, John, at 4936 S MLK. Family describe him as a model prisoner, and PRB files indicate that Taylor has never been charged with acts of violence or drug use and he has never lost GCCs. A brother credits Taylor with inspiring his nephew to complete his education.

Taylor's file indicates that he had completed some college coursework prior to incarceration, has taken college courses since, and intends to complete his AA degree. Work has occupied much of his time. Although presently unassigned, Taylor has worked in the kitchen, bakery, as a plumber's helper, as a cell house helper and says he is an avid reader.

Petitioner seems to express sincere remorse for the crime that took the life of an Illinois State Trooper, traumatized an 18-year-old victim, and to this day--38 years later, is part of the collective memory of the citizens of Effingham County. As the SA said, no one from Effingham can drive past the interstate rest area without thinking of the crime that took the life of Trooper Layton Davis.

Taylor was not alone on March 18, 1976, and the 26-year-old offender received a lesser sentence than his co-offender Aaron Hyche for the murder of trooper Davis and the kidnapping of a 18-year-old good Samaritan, Anna Mae Feldhake. Taylor received a sentence of 100-200 years for murder and a consecutive 6-20 year sentence for kidnapping. His co-defendant--whom Taylor claims fired the fatal gunshots, was sentenced to 150-300 for murder, 6-20 CS for kidnapping and an additional 25-75 year sentence for attempt murder.

Did Taylor fire the fatal shots? Possibly not, but he was convicted of the murder, and he was in possession of the handgun--something he said he had carried since he was shot by a robber one year earlier.

According to statements made to a Menard counselor several weeks after sentencing, Taylor said he and Hyche had been visiting a college friend in Charleston and were driving to Mattoon on I-57 when detained by Trooper Davis. The officer instructed Hyche and Taylor to exit the vehicle for the purpose of conducting a search. While frisking Taylor the officer discovered a pistol in the waistband of his trousers. Hyche grabbed the officer, the three men struggled and Hyche fired the fatal shots.

Taylor said Hyche had caused him enough trouble and asked to be taken to the Effingham bus station. Unable to find a timely bus, the men fled. The vehicle became stuck in a ditch. The teenage Ms. Feldhake stopped her auto and offered to drive the men to a nearby farm house where they would find assistance. Hyche, the driver, ordered the woman to lie down and they drove toward at a high rate of speed toward Effingham. A police chase ensued and the men were arrested without incident.

Most troubling is what Taylor said next. He blames Trooper Davis for his own death, saying this: "If that officer had done his job right, I wouldn't be here." In response to the counselor's follow-up, he said "The officer didn't

place us up against the car as he should have to frisk us, and if he had done that right, this whole thing wouldn't have happened."

I did not read this statement prior to my interview. Perhaps a future interviewer will ask Taylor to reconcile his remorse with the assertion that the murder was not his fault.

This callous and self-serving statement does not of itself justify denial of parole, but it is still instructive after 38 years. Mr. Taylor is a victim. He was the unwitting participant. Mr. Hyche is responsible. The trooper did not do his job.

A state trooper died during a traffic stop. Mr. Taylor had custody of the weapon. A young woman was traumatized and beaten while her kidnappers sang along to the radio as they drove her away.

A community cannot forget this crime and law enforcement organizations throughout Illinois object to parole for these offenders.

To parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny parole. (CF – WS). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Motion for a five-year set. (CF – WS). Motion carries 14 – 0.

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EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
OPEN SESSION March 27, 2014

Inmate Name: John Stamps IDOC Number & Institution: C01375

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on March 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, A. Blackman-Donovan, E. Bowers, 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 Bowers presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

Presented by: Ed Bowers

DOC Facility: Illinois River C.C.

Interview Date: February 4, 2014

Present at the Hearing: Inmate Stamps and Board Member Bowers

CURRENT STATUS

Inmate Stamps is a W/M age 74 serving a sentence of 100 to 200 yrs for Murder. He was sentenced in 1961 to 25 yrs for a murder charge in Madison Co. While at Menard CC he was involved in the stabbing deaths of three Correctional Officers during a riot at the facility. Inmate Stamps was convicted of murder for his involvement in that incident and in 1967 he was sentence to death, with an execution date of January 10, 1968. However that sentence was later converted to the current 100 to 200 years. Inmate Stamps is A grade, low escape. He currently is unassigned, but previously worked in the unit laundry up until January this year, when his allotted time in that job ended. He is awaiting another laundry job. He said laundry is the only job he can do because of his age. He came to Ill River in February 2009 from Dixon, where he had been for the previous five years. Prior to Dixon, he was at Statesville.

His projected max date is September 10, 2067.

He is coming off a three year set and has had three consecutive three year sets. In 2002 a three yr set was proposed, but was opposed on an 8 to 5 vote, but prior to that he had a 1999 three year set. He has never received a favorable vote for parole.

There are current support letters in the file from a brother and a sister of Inmate Stamps.

There are no current protest letters.

STATEMENT OF CASE/FACTS

Inmate Stamps was convicted of murder in Madison Co. in 1961 and sent to Menard CC. He was 21 yrs old and had shot his victim. He said he had been drinking and taking pills for three days and alleges his gun accidentally discharged, killing the victim as they sat in the victim's car. In 1965, while at Menard, Inmate Stamps was in the dining hall when an argument began between two inmates. Correctional officers attempted to break up the dispute. A riot ensued, and several C/O were injured. Three C/Os were stabbed to death, C/Os Paul, Wilson and Kisro. Four inmates were charged and convicted of the murder of the three C/Os including Inmate Stamps. Inmate Stamps, along with two of the other inmates was sentenced to death, with an execution date of January 10, 1968. However, that death sentence was converted to a sentence of 100 to 200 yrs.

Inmate Stamps told me he could not remember much about the incident at Menard. He said he accepts full responsibility. He said he was 26 yrs old when the stabbing of the C/Os occurred. He told me that he is responsible for stabbing a C/O, but stated he doesn't know that he stabbed all three of the C/Os for which he was convicted. He did not elaborate further on the incident at Menard.

Inmate Stamps criminal history dates back to 1956.

INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENT

Inmate Stamps obtained his GED while in IDOC. He said he has taken numerous college courses, but has no degrees. He said he did not recall specifically the courses he has taken. He said he figured he was never getting out of prison, so what was the point to complete any degree. He stated he is the second longest serving inmate behind Chester Weiger. Inmate Stamps said he accepts responsibility for the deaths of all three C/Os, but said he does not know that he stabbed all three of the officers.

He said his last IDR was at Ill River on May 24, 2013. He described it as a minor violation of rules. He said his celli never closed the cell door and he, himself failed to pay any attention and the cell door was left open. He said in 2010 he received a major ticket for refusing to transfer to another unit, and received 30 days in Seg. He said the other unit had too many young and aggravating youthful inmates.

RELEASE PLANS

If paroled, Inmate Stamps stated he would like to live with his brother in Kentucky, but said he would go anywhere the Board felt he would be best suited. He said his brother, Richard, who is 71 yrs old, has been supportive of him and in fact there is a current letter in the file from Richard and Susan Stamps supporting Inmate Stamps and acknowledging their willingness to accept him

living at their home and supporting him. There is a similar letter from Inmate Stamps sister, Marybelle Hampsey offering support. Inmate Stamps had told me he was one of 14 children and in his words, "the only dud in the family." Inmate Stamps said he would also attempt to seek part-time work to help support himself.

SUMMARY

Inmate Stamps said he would tell this Board that he is old, not a threat, takes aspirin for arthritis and back pain and that he does not think like he did 47 yrs ago. He said he is a different person, although he also stated he realizes anyone can say that----and that he figures he is never getting out of prison. I would agree with Inmate Stamps summation that he may never get out of prison, since he continues to get IDRs, the most recent in May, 2013.

Member Parrack asked if there appears to be any cognitive reason Inmate Stamps cannot recall the facts or does he just evade the questions? Member Bowers stated he evades the questions. He does not care nor expect to get out of prison.

I believe the seriousness of his crimes and subsequent sentence does not warrant a vote for parole. Therefore, my motion is to deny the petitioner's request for parole, since I feel granting parole would greatly deprecate the seriousness of his crimes and show disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny parole. (EB – JP). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Motion for a three-year set. (EB – JP). Motion carries 14 – 0.

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Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
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Inmate Name: James Baker IDOC Number & Institution: C57883

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on March 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, A. Blackman-Donovan, E. Bowers, 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 James E. Baker on February 10, 2014. Mr. Baker didn't want to meet with a Member of the PRB, but decided to sit for the interview. Mr. Baker was born on February 12, 1951, 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. Baker is serving a sentence of 30 years to life based upon his conviction for the offense of Murder (Clark County 75-Y-10). 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 crime and offense, institutional adjustment and parole plans.

The file and record would indicate that on or about September 27, 1975, when Mr. Baker was twenty-four (24) years of age, he and certain other individuals traveled from Terre Haute, Indiana to Clark County, Illinois to visit certain relatives on a family farm. During the visit, Mr. Baker and a Co-Defendant Thomas F. Hummell proceeded to an adjoining farm property where they proceeded to kill and then slaughter a 600 pound calf. While returning with the meat to the farm owned by the parents of Mr. Hummell, James E. Baker and Thomas F. Hummell encountered the victim, Everett Livvix, a seventy (70) year old individual who owned an adjoining farm who was inspecting his crops. At this point, Thomas F. Hummell ran into a wooded area to hide. Defendant James E. Baker proceeded toward the victim Everett Livvix and shot him in the side at close range with a 12 gauge shotgun. Mr. Baker then reloaded the shotgun and at close range shot the victim Everett Livvix in the head causing his death. During the interview Mr. Baker advised that he did not wish to discuss the facts of his case. Mr. Baker did state that he was guilty of the offense of Murder and that he deserved to serve the rest of his life in prison for his crime.

The parole assessment as completed by the Illinois Department of Corrections would report that Mr. Baker has had a positive adjustment during his past 38 1/2 years of incarceration. Mr. Baker does not have a current job assignment. Mr. Baker has not had an IDR ticket since January 12, 2004. Mr. Baker has not had a visit since 2005. Mr. Baker appeared to be in good health but reported certain lung problems. Mr. Baker was pleasant, polite and attentive during the parole interview. Mr. Baker advised that he did not have a parole plan. Mr. Baker advised that he does not expect to ever be granted parole, and in fact stated he does not wish to be

released from prison. Mr. Baker advised that he enjoys his role in serving as a mentor to younger inmates and by providing them with counsel and advice.

The Board feels that a release at this time would deprecate the serious nature of this crime and offense and would promote a lack of respect for the law.

Motion to deny parole. (WN – VH). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Motion for a three-year set. (WN – WS). Motion carries 14 – 0.

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

