

**Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
MEETING OF May 24, 2012**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on May 24, 2012, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

L01069 NATHANIEL BROWN
C72315 CALVIN CAMPBELL
C86171 ALAN GREER
C71910 BENNIE JOBES
C62413 WILLIE SHORTER
C10180 CHARLES SMITH
C60416 JAMES DUMAS
C73746 WILLIAM HILL
C10555 KNOWELL DUBOISE

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

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
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 April 26, 2012.

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

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Inmate Name: **Knoxell DeBoise**

IDOC Number & Institution: **C10555**

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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.

Knoxell DeBoise was interviewed for parole consideration and Western Illinois Correctional Center on April 25, 2012. He pled guilty in 1971 to a charge of murder in St. Clair County with a sentence of 40-90 years.

The State's Attorney of St. Clair County strongly opposes parole in an objection letter dated April 10, 2012, and inmate DeBoise declined to request parole.

Instead, Mr. DeBoise said that he wants to finish his time in IDOC and upon statutory discharge in two years he wants to return home to St. Louis. He refused to offer any testimony on his own behalf and the interview was quickly ended.

Petitioner was earlier paroled in 1997 and returned as a violator in 2000 and received a 37 year Federal sentence consecutive to his IDOC sentence. At the time of the murder he was on parole for burglary.

When last interviewed in 2009, M. DeBoise told PRB interviewer Mr. Bowers that he did not want to see the Board again.

The PRB's file indicates projected release in August of 2014.

Motion to deny parole in that releasing this inmate would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law (CF-ABD).

Motion approved 11-0.

Motion to continue next hearing to petitioner's maximum release date (CF-EA).

Motion approved 11-0.

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Inmate Name: **Nathaniel Brown**

IDOC Number & Institution: **L01069**

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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.

Nathaniel Brown L01069 was interviewed for parole consideration on Tuesday May 8, 2012 at the Dixon Correctional Center, Dixon, Illinois. Present in support of inmate Brown's petition was his sister and a niece. He is a 53 year old African-American male, who is serving a term of 50-90 years for the murder of William Wilkerson.

While attempting to burglarize an apartment at 4155 S. Lake Park Ave, Chicago, Illinois a 15 year old resident of the apartment returned while the offenders were in the process. The offenders accosted the victim and took him to the 11th floor laundry room and bound and beat him and the offender Nathaniel Brown had a 22 caliber gun with which he shot the victim twice. They took the victim to the elevator and attempted to push him down the shaft, but due to the victim struggling, the attempt was aborted. They then took the victim back to the laundry room and the inmate shot the victim in the head point blank and they again took the body back to the elevator and dropped it down the shaft. On the morning of October 13, 1974 the body was discovered by an elevator repairman. Upon questioning by a police investigator and an assistant states attorney, the inmate confessed to the murder and was convicted and sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections. During the interview the inmate expressed remorse for the victim.

The inmate is in the 38th year of incarceration. Since his last interview by the Prisoner Review Board the inmate has received two major and one minor inmate disciplinary reports. If granted parole, the inmate would like to live at St Leonard's House and pursue vocational classes. He is not married and has no children.

Cook County ASA Michael Dino noted that the petitioner has had several tickets since 2001 and has shown no real remorse.

The Prisoner Review Board discussed inmate Brown's petition during an En Banc session and determined that to grant parole to inmate Nathaniel Brown parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny parole (GT – JP).

Motion approved 11 – 0.

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Inmate Name: **Alan Greer** IDOC Number & Institution: **C86171**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on May 24, 2012, 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 Sula presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

On April 3, 2012, Alan Greer, Age 66, was interviewed for parole consideration at the Dixon Correctional Center. Factors considered include, but are not limited to, his testimony, a review of the file, parole plans and institutional adjustment.

Mr. Greer is serving a term of 100-300 years for the brutal murder in January 1978 of his live-in pregnant girl friend. After spending much of the day drinking whiskey and beer in a tavern, he went home and argued with her. He then beat her with his fist, kicked her in the head numerous times, and repeatedly struck her with a broomstick causing her and her 8 ½ month old fetus's death. He was originally sentenced to death and spent two years on death row before the sentence was vacated by the Illinois Supreme Court in 1980.

Mr. Greer has a significant history of psychiatric problems including a placement in a mental health institution in 1968 and several years in the Menard Psychiatric Center. He has 8 major IDR's since his last board appearance in 2009, all for refusing to leave his cell in the Dixon Psychiatric Unit. He was finally moved in April, 2011 to the Health Care Unit Infirmary Wing in Dixon General Population, due to several medical issues. He continues to have mental health issues and has been diagnosed as a schizophrenic. If paroled, he says he would live with his aunt in Independence, Missouri. He said he should not be paroled and he would be violent. He said he likes Dixon Correctional Center and does not want to leave.

Motion to deny parole in that to release Mr. Greer would deprecate the seriousness of the offense, promote disrespect for the law and that he would be unable to conform to reasonable conditions of parole. He does not want to leave Dixon and it is the best place for him at this time. (NS – JP).

Motion approved 11-0.

Motion for a three-year set (NS – CF).

Motion approved 11 – 0.

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Inmate Name: **Calvin Campbell**

IDOC Number & Institution: **C72315**

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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.

In April, 2012, at the Dixon Correctional Center, Calvin Campbell appeared before a member of the Prisoner Review Board for parole consideration. His mother and step-father were also present at the hearing. Factors considered include, but are not limited to, his testimony, a review of the file, facts of the case, parole plans, and institutional adjustments. Mr. Campbell is the oldest of seven sons. He has one daughter who lives out of state.

Mr. Campbell is currently 56 years old and is serving a 100 to 300 year sentence for murder and 10 to 30 years for two counts of armed robbery that were to run concurrent to the murder conviction. He was 18 years old, when he shot and killed Joseph Law Sr., an off duty Cook County Deputy Sheriff. The facts of the case indicate that Calvin Campbell and his two co-defendants followed Joseph Law Sr. on to the elevator in the Robert Taylor Homes in Chicago, Illinois. Once on the elevator his co-defendant, Michael Grey produced a gun and announced it was a stick-up and struggle ensued. During the struggle his co-defendant placed the gun on the elevator floor and while Joseph Law Sr. was being held by his two co-defendants, Calvin Campbell picked the gun up from the floor, stuck it into Joseph Law's side and fired. Calvin Campbell then threatened another man, Eddie Pittman, who was on the elevator. All three co-defendants rifled through Joseph Law's pockets prior to exiting the elevator. His co-defendants are now deceased. He was convicted at a jury trial and the appellate court upheld his conviction.

Mr. Campbell testified during the interview that he did not shoot Joseph Law Sr., but his co-defendant, Michael Grey, was the one that picked the gun up off the elevator floor and shot Joseph Law Sr. He admits to threatening Eddie Pittman and going through Joseph Law's pockets.

Motion to enter Executive Session (JM – NS).

Motion approved 11-0.

Motion to go back in to Open Session (ADM – CF).

Motion approved 11-0.

Inmate Campbell was on Cook County adult probation for theft at the time of the murder of Joseph Law Sr. Additional criminal history was reviewed.

Mr. Campbell's institutional adjustment has improved over the last 10-15 years. At the time of the interview he was on A grade and Mr. Campbell pointed out that he had never received a ticket in Illinois Department of Corrections for violence. His last minor ticket was in 2010 for violation of rules. He currently works as a janitor at Dixon Correctional Center. He has earned his GED and taken other courses, such as Anger Management, in which he is currently enrolled.

Mr. Campbell indicated that if he were to be paroled he would like to parole to his mother and step-father's home in Chicago. He also indicated that his second option would be St. Leonard's house which he stated accepted him in 2010. Mr. Campbell planned to support himself by working for the Men and Women's Prison Ministry. This would be a paid position doing HIV/AIDS prevention in one of their offices located on the south side of Chicago.

Cook County ASA Dino stated that the petitioner has never acknowledged committing a murder. He said he did the robbery but never admitted that he pulled the trigger.

Member Parrack concluded by stating that the petitioner was 18 years old when he committed the instant offense and he is remorseful, but he chose to shoot the victim and he did not have to. Parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny parole (JP – NS).

Motion approved 8-3.

Voting in favor of the motion were Members Althoff, Blackman-Donovan, Diaz, Findley, Parrack, Simmons, Sula and Chairman Monreal.

Members Crigler, Madison and Tyler dissented.

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Inmate Name: **Willie Shorter** IDOC Number & Institution: **C62413**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on May 24, 2012, 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 Crigler presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

Member Crigler stated that she attempted to interview Mr. Shorter on April 3, 2012 at Dixon Correctional Center. He is under the care of the psychiatric unit. Mr. Shorter refused to speak with the Prisoner Review Board Member. He is serving 75 – 90 years for murder, 5 – 15 years for arson and 5 – 15 years for armed robbery.

Mr. Willie Shorter Projected maximum/discharge date is 11/15/2012 and his maximum mandatory release date is 11/23/2012.

In 1974, the petitioner robbed and set fire to a currency exchange. The victim, Estelle Davenport, worked there. She was eight months pregnant. A cab driver identified the petitioner and another co-defendant as the offenders. He had also attempted another armed robbery and arson of another currency exchange. Prior criminal history was reviewed.

There is no document of his release plans and the offender review recommends close supervision, home monitoring, ISP registry, victim notification, anger management, outpatient mental health program due to the length of Mr. Shorter's incarceration and the serious nature of offense and current placement in a mental health setting. Mr. Shorter has been diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic and bipolar disorder. He has no current major tickets and is grade A. He is assigned to sanitation and had no family visits. He keeps in touch with some family via mail. If paroled, he will need mental health treatment. His out date is in 2012 and it is recommended that he be civilly committed.

Motion to enter Executive Session (JP – ADM).

Motion approved 11-0.

Motion to return to open session (EA – CF).

Motion approved 11-0.

Cook County ASA Dino noted that the petitioner did this twice.

Motion deny parole (EC – JP).

Motion carries 11- 0.

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Inmate Name: **William Hill** IDOC Number & Institution: **C73746**

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

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

Inmate William Hill was interviewed for parole consideration on March 27, 2012. Inmate Hill is currently incarcerated in Stateville Health Care Unit and was a transfer from Menard because of his need for dialysis. Present at the hearing were Inmate Hill and Chairman Adam Monreal.

Inmate Hill is an African American male that is 62 years of age and born on September 9, 1948. Inmate is the oldest of three sons (Steven & Andrew) born to Mrs. Gertrude Hill and Mr. William H. Hill. Both parents are deceased. Inmate Hill was born in Chicago and grew up in on the west side. Inmate Hill stated that he went as far as the third year in high school before he dropped out. Inmate Hill is a divorcee and was married to Phyllis Hill. He is the father of four children (2 boys and 2 girls). Inmate Hill served in the U.S. Marines for two years and received a dishonorable discharge for bad conduct.

In mid August 1974, inmate Hill had agreed with Dr. Max Murphy Kaye to murder a partner of the doctor, pharmacist Mr. Robert Fields. Dr. Kaye agreed to pay inmate Hill \$25,000.00 for the murder.

On August 23, 1974, inmate Hill went to 738 West Madison in Chicago, the location was Haymarket Drug Store. Shortly after 9:00 am, he arrived at the drug store and asked to speak to the pharmacist. Pharmacist, Mr. Allen Zipperstein, 61 years of age at the time, arrived at the counter. When facing Mr. Zipperstein, inmate Hill fired six shots into body killing instantly. After murdering Mr. Zipperstein, inmate Hill calmly walked out of the drug store and got into a car that was waiting for him. Inmate Hill had been paid \$15,000.00 in advance. After murdering Mr. Zipperstein, inmate Hill had been notified by Dr. Kaye's receptionist that he had murdered the wrong person. Inmate Hill agreed to finish the job.

On January 18, 1975, inmate Hill returned to the location of 738 West Madison, Haymarket Drug Store. At approximately 9:30am, he observed Mr. Robert Fields approaching the front of the store. Just outside of the drug store, inmate Hill pulled a shotgun from underneath his coat and shot Mr. Fields. The inmate once again escaped in a car that was waiting for him. Mr. Fields died as a result of his wounds.

The police investigation revealed that inmate Hill had agreed with Dr. Kaye to commit the murder. The investigation further that inmate Hill had confessed committing the murders to girlfriend. Investigators learned that Dr. Kaye's receptionist had acted as conduit for the payment made from Dr. Kaye to inmate Hill. Both inmate Hill and Dr. Kaye were charged accordingly.

Upon introducing myself to inmate Hill, he stated that he really had nothing to say to me. He further stated that he knew that the PRB was not going to parole him and he would prefer to serve the remainder of his sentence because he knew that he was near maxing out. I explained the option and the process of the interview and inmate Hill then sat down before me.

Inmate Hill began by stating that he believed that the members of the Zipperstein family were after him because in the past month correctional officers had torn apart his cell on four occasions. He stated that the Zipperstein family has many connections and that upon his release he would like to be protected from them.

As the conversation continued, we began to discuss the facts that led to his incarceration. When asked why he committed the murders inmate Hill, replied that he was a stupid 27 year old and he was misled by Dr. Kaye's receptionist. Inmate Hill stated that he was introduced to Dr. Kaye by the receptionist who had approached him with murder for hire as an opportunity. Inmate Hill stated that the receptionist is the one who got away with murder because she received more money than he did, she testified against him and never had to pay for her actions. Inmate Hill further stated that he accepts responsibility for his actions and is remorseful but stated that there is nothing he can do about it now. He further stated that he believes that he has served enough time in prison for the acts that he committed so many years ago.

Both inmate Hill and Dr. Kaye were arrested and charged with the murder of Mr. Zipperstein and Mr. Fields. While awaiting trial Dr. Kaye died. After his arrest, inmate Hill spoke to Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Urso who was assisting detectives with the murder investigation. During the course of the investigation inmate Hill spoke to ASA Urso about admitting responsibility if a plea deal could be negotiated. Inmate Hill told ASA Urso how he has stalked Mr. Fields, knew where he resided, planned the murder and created an escape plan after the murder. Although no plea was ever fully negotiated, ASA Urso testified at trial as to inmate Hill's statements. Inmate Hill was found guilty of the two murders. The testimony of ASA Urso was a basis of inmate Hill's appeal. At the sentencing proceedings, the jury found the aggravating factors outweighed the mitigating factors and recommended that inmate Hill be sentenced to death.

Inmate Hill appealed and the Illinois Supreme Court reversed and remanded the case to the trial court. Back before the circuit court, inmate Hill pled guilty to the murders and was sentenced to two concurrent terms to 30 to 90 years incarceration. When I asked why he pled guilty after having the case remanded to the trial court, inmate Hill stated that he knew that judge Bailey was a harsh judge and would impose a higher sentence if he were found guilty a second time.

Inmate Hill has no other felony convictions. He had been arrested for theft, battery, unlawful use of weapons and failure to register. All were misdemeanor offenses.

Certificates:

Educational Advancement: Associates degree from Lewis University and 3 to 5 credits from a Bachelor's degree in Lutheran Theology

Institutions: Stateville (2), Menard, Pontiac and Tamms (stated that he was there for bogus tickets).

Current Grade: Inmate Hill is currently incarcerated in Stateville Health Care Unit.

Assignments: Current assignment is an assistant in the health care unit because of his dialysis; previous assignments have been in plumbing, electrical, maintenance, labor, kitchen and barber.

IDRs: inmate Hill's last IDR was 2008 (major) for damage to institutional property, from 2000 to 2007 inmate Hill was incarcerated at Tamms for frequent IDRs, assaults and contraband within the institution. The reason for inmate Hill's transfer to Tamm's Correctional facility was based on the number of IDRs (12) that inmate Hill received within an 18 month period which alleged that inmate Hill was the principal in having marijuana smuggled into the IDOC facility. Thereafter, inmate Hill would receive his portion and then allow the remainder distributed. While in Tamms, inmate Hill continued to receive IDRs.

Noteworthy: In the early 1980's, inmate Hill received a letter of recognition from the Warden at Stateville for assisting a correctional officer who was in need of medical treatment while escorting inmates from one location to another. The letter credits inmate Hill and other for their assistance for which saved the officer's life.

Lost Time: According to inmate Hill he has lost approximately 12 years of good time credit because of his inability to "get along" with others when he arrived in the institution.

Inmate Hill stated that he no longer maintains any contact with his former wife but maintain regular contact with his two sons and one brother (Steven). The contacts are through letters, phone calls and some visitation. Inmate Hill stated that he maintains regular contact with his brother Steve who has offered to assist him in the event that he is released on parole.

Inmate Hill was under the impression that once he was released from the institution he would not have to be supervised under parole. He believed this because he was maxing out his sentenced. I explained that this was incorrect. Inmate Hill stated that if parole or once release he would like to move out of the State of Illinois and move to Missouri. He

would like to buy a farm and raise meat goats. Inmate Hill further stated that his brother Steven who lives in that State has told him that he would help.

Motion to enter Executive Session (JP – ADM).

Motion approved 11-0.

Motion to go back in to open session (ADM – CF).

Motion approved 11-0.

In conclusion, based on the aforementioned interview of inmate William Hill, a review of the facts and circumstances surrounding his conviction, his criminal history, a complete analysis of his case file, a review of the letters of protest and letters on his behalf, his institutional adjustment, his rationale concerning his criminal activity I am of the opinion that to parole inmate William Hill would not only deprecate the seriousness of his offenses but would promote disrespect for the law. Furthermore, as inmate Hill stated, "I just want to max out".

Motion to deny parole (ADM – GT).

Motion approved 11-0.

Motion to continue to maximum out date (ADM – CF).

Motion approved 11-0.

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Inmate Name: **Bennie Jones** IDOC Number & Institution: **C71910**

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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.

Bennie Jones was interviewed for parole consideration on April 3, 2012 by board member William Simmons at Dixon correctional Center. Present at the hearing was inmate Bennie Jones, member William Simmons, and his attorney Steve Addison. Inmate Jones is currently 57 years of age and has served 34 years in prison. He was convicted of attempted murder and rape in 1977 and is serving concurrent sentences of 50 to 100 years.

The facts of the case indicate that on February 29, 1976, Bennie Jones grabbed Florence Whitton, age 13, as she was walking past Essex Wire Company warehouse located at 4545 W. Arbitrage Ave. in Chicago, Illinois. Inmate Jones worked as a security guard at the company. He grabbed Ms. Whitten, dragged her into the building, up a flight of stairs, raped her, beat her, cut her wrists and throat and stabbed her multiple times. He sprayed her in the face with Scotch guard fabric protector and stuffed her into a locker. Jones walked away from the locker and returned armed with a steel pipe. He took the victim out of the locker and took her to the boiler room. He struck her over the head with a pipe and slashed wrists, then left her in the boiler room where she laid for 14 hours. A worker at the warehouse found her the next day. She was subsequently hospitalized for almost two months and received multiple operations for her injuries.

Inmate Jones stated that in 1976 he was a very angry young man. The day he committed the crime he had an argument with his boss. He was working at the Essex Wire Company warehouse as a security guard. It was his day off and his boss forced him to work. His boss was calling him all kinds of names. He had a mindset to do some harm to someone who was white. He saw a white girl walking by the building and asked her if she would go to the store for him. She said she would and went into the building and he locked the door. His first thought was to rape her, but he changed his mind, so he decided to knock her out and be done with it. He had a two inch pipe in his hand and

hit her in the back of the head and she fell to the ground. He picked her up and took her up the stairs and put her in a locker. He then went back to the office and stayed for a few hours. As he was walking through the building he saw a knife on a workbench. He took the knife off of the workbench, went upstairs to look for the victim, took her out of the locker and stabbed her. He stated that he didn't know how many times he stabbed her. He left her on the floor and left the building. When asked if he beat her, stabbed her multiple times, and cut her wrists, he said he probably did but he did not know how many times. When asked if he raped the victim, inmate Jones said he did not. He said he did all of the other things but he did not rape her.

Inmate Jones's institutional adjustment has been excellent. Members Simmons indicated in that talking with inmate Jones, he believed that he is remorseful for his actions. Inmate Jones has a twelfth grade education, and has previously been housed at Pontiac, Danville and Dixon correctional centers. He is currently A grade. He has earned an associate's degree from McMurray College and is working on a bachelor's degree from Roosevelt University. He tutors and mentors other inmates and is part of the violence prevention committee for new inmates. He has taken computer and painting classes.

If paroled, inmate Jones indicated he would live with his mother and Flossmoor, Illinois and would also participate in the program offered by St. Leonard's house. He has strong family support and has had support in the past by the Board. He had five votes in 2011. His current maximum release date is in 2019. He was 21 years old at the time of the offense.

Discussion:

Member Findley noted Inmate Jones' extraordinary institutional adjustment and stated that he will continue to support him.

Member Sula stated that Mr. Jones was one of the best inmates he has ever interviewed and he will also support his petition.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Dino made a clarification. He stated that the petitioner last major ticket was in 2002. Also, medical evidence in regard to the instant offense supported the claim of rape. The victim stated that he raped her. He also had additional violent criminal history. They believe to grant his petition would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law.

Aviva Futorian stated that the petitioner shot at his mother in law because she shot at him. His mother in law supported him at his trial and visited him for many years. He believes that he did not rape the victim. He has absolutely no memory of it. He couldn't be more remorseful and he has tried diligently to turn his life around.

Motion to enter Executive Session (ADM – CF).

Motion approved 11-0.

Motion to go back in to Open Session (ADM – EC).

Motion approved 11-0.

Motion to deny parole in that releasing Inmate Jones at this time would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law (WS – CF).

Motion carries 6-5. Voting in favor of the motion were Members Althoff, Blackman-Donovan, Diaz, Parrack, Simmons and Chairman Monreal. Members Crigler, Findley, Madison, Sula and Tyler dissented.

Parole is therefore denied.

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Inmate Name: **James Dumas** IDOC Number & Institution: **C60416**

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

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

A Prisoner Review Board Member conducted a parole assessment interview with James A. Dumas on April 18, 2012. Inmate Dumas is currently confined at Shawnee Correctional Center in Vienna, Illinois. There was no one present in support or in opposition to Dumas's parole release.

Offense facts revealed that, On August 21, 1975, in Danville Illinois James Dumas and an unknown accomplice enter a service station where they shot and killed the 15 year old attendant during a robbery. The two men already had the money and were on the way out of the station when Dumas shot the young man. This young man lost his life for only \$25.00. Inmate Dumas was found guilty by a jury of his peers and has exhausted all appeals. He was on parole from Indiana for a burglary conviction and was 31 years old.

A jury trial was held in Vermilion County, and the court found the defendant guilty of the armed robbery and murder and imposed a sentence of 100 to 150 years.

James A. Dumas expressed sorrow and regret for his crimes committed against the Grinestaff family. He went on to explain that he just went to rob the service station for money and never planned to harm anyone. He further stated the gun went off by accident. The petitioner also stated that he did not know his co-defendant.

Motion to enter Executive Session (JP – ADM).

Motion approved 11-0.

Motion to go back in to Regular Session (ADM – CF).

Motion approved 11- 0.

His institutional adjustment has been very good in recent years. His last IDR was in 2007.

Parole plans to Rantoul Illinois with his cousin, where he plans to support himself as a tailor, were noted and discussed. His maximum out date is in 2041 and he has had no favorable votes in the past.

Motion to deny parole in that releasing Inmate Dumas at this time would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law (EA – JP).

Motion approved 9-2.

Voting in favor of the motion were Members Althoff, Blackman-Donovan, Diaz, Findley, Madison, Parrack, Simmons, Sula and Chairman Monreal.

Members Crigler and Tyler dissented.

Motion for a three-year set (EA – CF).

Motion does NOT carry (5 – 6).

Voting in favor of the motion were Members Althoff, Blackman-Donovan, Parrack, Sula and Chairman Monreal.

Members Crigler, Diaz, Findley, Madison, Simmons and Sula dissented.

Parole is denied for a one-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."

**Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
OPEN SESSION May 24, 2012**

Inmate Name: **Charles Smith** IDOC Number & Institution: **C10180**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on May 24, 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, A. Blackman-Donovan, Crigler, S. Diaz, C. Findley, J. Madison, J. Parrack, N. Sula, 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.

On April 3, 2012, at the Lawrence Correctional Center, Charles Smith appeared before a member of the Prisoner Review Board for parole consideration. The record indicates Mr. Smith is serving a sentence of 40 to 100 years for the murder. Consecutive to this sentence for the murder of June 9, 1971, the inmate was convicted of Aggravated Battery for attacking a guard at the Dixon Correctional Center and was sentenced in 1988 to 10 years, determinate sentence, consecutive to the murder sentence.

Facts of the case indicate that while a member of the Black Peace Stone Nation street gang, the inmate threatened a fellow gang member, Clarence Stoval. The inmate demanded that Stoval execute three members of the Hustler street gang as a message to others. When Stoval refused, the inmate entered his apartment on June 9, 1971, shooting the victim one through the heart which killed him instantly, and then shot the victim in the top of his skull, as a message of gang execution. Inmate Smith did not admit he shot Stoval until 2005. Crime scene photos make it clear that the victim was shot through the top of the head and the crime was meant to send a message. The first shot through the victim's heart is what killed him.

While incarcerated at Dixon, the inmate threatened and then attacked a guard with a baseball bat, injuring him seriously enough to cause partial permanent damage. The inmate was sentenced to ten years, determinate sentence to be served consecutive to the murder sentence. Inmate Smith said he was remorseful and wishes he could tell the victim's family he is sorry and he is a different person now.

Mr. Smith's last IDR was 2008 for which he received 30 days in segregation. Before that, he had received six major IDRs in three years. Mr. Smith has no parole sight and indicates that he would require government assistance to live on parole. He is currently 66 years old and living with family would not be an option. He doesn't want to put a burden on them.

Discussion:

Member Madison noted that the petitioner has some health issues, such as hypertension and he takes cholesterol medication. He has only had one vote - in 2004.

Motion to deny parole in that parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law (ABD – WS).

Motion approved 11-0. Parole is denied.

Motion for a two year set (ABD – CF).

Motion carries 6 – 5.

Voting in favor of a two year set were Members Althoff, Blackman-Donovan, Crigler, Parrack, Simmons and Chairman Monreal.

Dissenting were Members Diaz, Findley, Madison, Sula 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."