

**Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
MEETING OF May 30, 2013**

The May 30, 2013, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

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| C61229 ISAAC SMITH |
| C72315 CALVIN CAMPBELL |
| C92772 FRANKLIN JOHNSON |
| C71910 BENNIE JONES |
| C63418 MELVIN THEGPEN |
| C90220 GEORGE PHILLIPS |
| X01185 WILLIE BURGIN |
| C10409 JOHN TEAGUE |
| C60416 JAMES DUMAS |
| C01175 ROOSEVELT SCOTT |

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

| MEMBER | PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| Angela Blackman-Donovan | X | |
| Edith Crigler | X | |
| Ed Bowers | X | |
| Salvador Diaz | X | |
| Eric Gregg | X | |
| Craig Findley | 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 March 2, 2013 (ADM – JM Leave)

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

Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
OPEN SESSION May 30, 2013

Inmate Name: Melvin Thegpen

IDOC Number & Institution: C63418

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on May 30, 2013, 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, C. Findley, E. Gregg, T. Johnson, J. Madison, J. Parrack, W. Norton, 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.

Melvin Thegpen was attempted to be interviewed for parole consideration on April 16, 2013 by Board Member G. Tyler. Inmate Thegpen is housed at the Dixon Correctional Center psychiatric unit and refused to be interviewed.

On December 1, 1975 Melvin Thegpen abducted a 17 female high school student and cheerleader from her high school at gunpoint. He forced her in to his car and drove her to a rural area where he raped her. He drove to another area and although he promised to release her, he instead shot her four times and she pretended to be dead. After she was sure he was gone, she found her way to a farmhouse where the occupant called the police and she was transported to the hospital. She identified Inmate Thegpen and his car. He was apprehended and convicted after a jury trial and sentenced to 50 – 150 years in IDOC. He was also arrested for the aggravated battery and rape of another high school girl but those charges were dismissed after he appeared in a line-up and a positive identification was not made.

Melvin Thegpen is a 61 year old African American male, unmarried with one child. He has been housed at the psychiatric unit since July 2012 and he does not present any parole plan.

After a careful review of all factors regarding Inmate Thegpen, the Board voted to deny parole in that to do otherwise would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny (GT – WS). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Parole is denied.

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Inmate Name: George Phillips

IDOC Number & Institution: C90220

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on May 30, 2013, 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, C. Findley, E. Gregg, T. Johnson, J. Madison, J. Parrack, W. Norton, 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.

On April 2, 2013, George Phillips was interviewed for parole consideration at the Graham Correctional Facility. He is 60 years old and has been in IDOC for over 38 years. Factors considered include, but are not limited to, a review of the file, parole plans and institutional adjustment.

Mr. Phillips is serving 100 to 200 years for a murder committed on May 3, 1972, in Chicago, Illinois. The inmate planned an armed robbery of a victim whom he believed to be wealthy and would have large sums of money in his apartment. He entered wearing a ski mask, having met the victim on at least two prior occasions. The victim removed the mask; the inmate struck the victim in the head until he was unconscious, and then stabbed the victim multiple times. He removed \$21.00 from the victim's pocket. The crime was unsolved until November 1973, when the inmate was questioned in Georgia regarding a burglary case and confessed to the Chicago murder.

Motion to enter executive session. ABD – JP. Leave.

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

Since the last hearing in 2010, the inmate has received four (4) tickets, one major and three minor. He has had a variety of work assignments. The inmate has no contact with family, and has not received visits from anyone. He admits his mental health issues, as well as physical health problems, and indicates that he could only be paroled to a nursing home. However, he does not know where he might go. He would require a structured nursing environment.

After discussion of the case, the Prisoner Review Board voted to deny parole. It was determined that parole would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law. The Board also noted that they do not believe the petitioner would be able to find suitable housing outside of DOC.

Motion to deny parole. (ABD – JM) Leave.

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

Motion for a three-year set. (ADM – EC) Motion carries 13-1. Member Parrack dissented.
Parole is denied for a three year set.

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Inmate Name: Willie Burgin

IDOC Number & Institution: C01185

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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.

Willie Burgin was interviewed for parole consideration on February 5, 2013 by Board Member Mary Reynolds at Illinois River Correctional Center. Present at the hearing was Willie Burgin and Mary Reynolds.

Inmate Burgin is currently 27 years old and was 20 at the time of the instant offense. Records show he is single with no children. His last visit from family was in 2004. He was born in North Carolina and moved to Evanston with some family in 1972.

Inmate Burgin was sentenced on April 13, 1977 in Cook County for Rape to 50-100 years. His projected maximum discharge date January 9, 2018. He was convicted at a Jury trial.

Burgin has been convicted of three Rapes and accused of a fourth. On August 30, 1972, Evanston - Rape (4-6 years) & Burglary (2-6 years); September 8, 1972, Evanston - Rape (4-6 years), Aggravated Battery (2-6 years) & Burglary (2-6 years). He received concurrent sentences for both of those cases. He was paroled March 15, 1976. While on parole, he committed the instant offense July 3, 1976. It is alleged that he committed another Rape two weeks earlier on June 19, 1976.

On July 3, 1976, a female student at Northwestern University (D.P.) left the Library around 10pm and was confronted by Mr. Burgin who was riding a bicycle. He got off of his bike and forced the young woman into the underground driveway where he raped her. He threatened to hurt the victim if she did not cooperate. Based on a description given by the victim, the Evanston Police arrested Mr. Burgin on July 4, 1976 one mile south of the first incident while on his bike talking to several girls.

A second victim (C.L.) testified at trial that exactly two weeks earlier she too was raped by Mr. Burgin when he rode up to her on campus, got off his bike and raped her in a ditch.

Current Status: A grade

Facilities: Mr. Burgin has been at Illinois River since 6-3-09. He was at Danville from 2002 to 2009 and received a disciplinary transfer. He was previously at Sheridan, Graham, Logan, Pontiac, Hill, and Stateville.

Mental Health: His last mental health evaluation in the records is from 3-15-07. There is a request for a Psychiatric Evaluation dated 3/22/12 but there is no report in the file.

Education: While incarcerated, he completed his G.E.D. in 1986, an Associate Degree of Applied Science in 1991, an Associate Degree in General Studies in 1994, a license in Food Sanitation, and certificate in Food Service. According to DOC records, he participated in sex offender groups from 1986-1992 when the group was discontinued and Mr. Burgin reported that he completed sex offender counseling at Logan.

Tickets: Since 1977, he has received at least 58 disciplinary tickets, but according to the records, only 7 in the past 10 years. His last major ticket was April 24, 2009 for fighting which caused an institutional transfer. Mr. Burgin described that incident as someone grabbing him from behind and he pushed him off - "wouldn't call it much of a fight." His last minor ticket was Feb. 27, 2008 for a violation of rules. Records show only one ticket for sexual misconduct in 1996.

Jobs in Institutions: Currently works in the Bakery. Previously worked in Commissary, Dietary, Porter, Teacher's Aide, Janitor, Garden Crew, and Vocational School Clerk.

If paroled, Mr. Burgin stated that he had no parole plans. His only relatives live in Cook County and he understands that he would not be allowed to parole there.

This is the 28th time he has been presented to Board. Mr. Burgin was presented in 2012, 2009, and 2008 all with no votes in favor. In 2007, Mr. Madison interviewed him and voted "Present" and Mrs. Tyler abstained. In January 1997, he received two votes (from Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Harris). In 1996 Maxwell voted in favor. He received four positive votes in 1995 (Maxwell, Brooks, Montes, Hubbard), and 2 votes in 1994 (Hubbard and Maxwell).

The Cook County State's Attorney opposes parole. The last letter from a victim opposing his parole in the file is dated January 1988. The last letter in the file on his behalf is dated December 2000.

During the interview, Mr. Burgin seemed resigned to the fact that he would serve until his maximum release date in 2018 and said he had nothing to share with the Board.

While he should be commended for his educational accomplishments while incarcerated, because he has no specific parole plans I would move to deny parole to Mr. Burgin at this time because it would deprecated the seriousness of the offense and would promote disrespect for the law.

Motion to deny. (CF – GT). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Motion for a three-year set. (CF – TJ). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Parole is denied for a three-year set.

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Inmate Name: Roosevelt Scott

IDOC Number & Institution: C01175

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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 May, 2013, at the Western Correctional Center, Roosevelt Scott appeared before a member of the Prisoner Review Board for parole consideration, but declined to be interviewed. Factors considered include, but are not limited to, a review of the file, facts of the case, parole plans, and institutional adjustments. Inmate Scott is serving 100 – 150 years for murder. He has been incarcerated for 53 years.

Mr. Roosevelt Scott is currently 80 years old and resides on the healthcare wing at Western Correctional Center. He was pleasant but declined to be interviewed. The facts of the case are on November 17, 1959, the police were called to an apartment building at 1927 W. Jackson Boulevard in Chicago where there was a fire. Upon entering the building they found Mrs. Gertrude Rhinehardt, age 95, dead in her first floor apartment. She had been severely beaten and her nephew John Schott, age 70 was also dead from a beating and stabbing and his body was found in the basement apartment.

After an eye witness identified Mr. Scott, he gave a statement to the police denying the crime, but later stated that he was with another individual and they planned to rob that two deceased individuals and the other individual with him committed the murders.

Mr. Scott was originally sentenced to death, but on appeal won a new trial. During his second trial he represented himself. On July 29th, 1964, Mr. Scott was convicted and sentenced to 100 to 150 years in Illinois Department of Corrections. Prior to his current sentence, Mr. Roosevelt Scott had served 4 years in prison for a robbery.

Mr. Scott is currently unassigned and has not been assigned a job since March 2007. In the last 10 years he has had 5 major tickets; one of those tickets was for assaulting another inmate with a rock in 2003. He received a negative transfer, one year C Grade and segregation and had one year of good conduct credit taken.

Per the counselors report, it does not appear that Mr. Scott has any parole plans or any family members that he stays in contact with. Mr. Scott stated to interview him was a waste of time and we could continue him to max.

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

Motion for a three-year set. (SD – CF). Motion carries 9 – 5. Voting in favor of the motion were Members Blackman-Donovan, Bowers, Diaz, Gregg, Johnson, Madison, Norton, Simmons and Chairman Monreal. Members Crigler, Findley, Parrack, Shelton and Tyler dissented.

Parole is denied for a three-year set.

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Inmate Name: James Dumas IDOC Number & Institution: C60416

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on May 30, 2013, 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, C. Findley, E. Gregg, T. Johnson, J. Madison, J. Parrack, W. Norton, 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 A. Dumas on April 24, 2013. Mr. Dumas was born on September 9, 1943, is currently sixty-nine (69) years of age and was a resident of Shawnee Correctional Center on the date of the interview. Mr. Dumas is serving a sentence of 100-150 years based on his conviction for murder and armed robbery. Factors considered by the Board include, but are not limited to, testimony of the resident, a review of the file, the nature of the crime, the sentence for the offense, institutional adjustment and parole plans.

The file and record would reflect that while on parole for a criminal offense in the state of Indiana, James A. Dumas came to the State of Illinois and that on or about August 21, 1975 Mr. Dumas and an unknown accomplice participated in a stick up and Armed Robbery of a Shell gas station located at Bowman and Main Street in Danville, Illinois. During the Armed Robbery James A. Dumas shot and killed the gas station attendant who was a fifteen (15) year old boy by the name of David Grinestaff who was an honor student and on the verge of receiving his Eagle Scout award. The record would further reveal that this Armed Robbery provided Mr. Dumas and his accomplice the total sum of about \$25.00 and it would appear that Mr. Dumas and his accomplice already had the money and were on their way out of the gas station when Mr. Dumas shot and killed the young fifteen (15) year old boy who was serving as the gas station attendant. It should be noted that the accomplice of Mr. Dumas in the offense of Murder and Armed Robbery has never been identified or brought to justice. The record would further indicate that Mr. Dumas was thirty-one (31) years of age at the time of this offense.

Mr. James A. Dumas was found guilty of the offenses of Murder and Armed Robbery following a jury trial in case number 75-CF-212 in Vermillion County, Illinois and on or about January 30, 1976 Mr. Dumas was sentenced to 100-150 years in the penitentiary.

For many years, Mr. Dumas denied any involvement relating to the Murder and Armed Robbery. More recently Mr. Dumas has acknowledged his involvement and guilt as a result of his actions. Mr. Dumas clearly expressed his sorrow and regret and requested that his feelings of sorrow, regret and remorse be conveyed to the Grinestaff family. Mr. Dumas further stated and explained that his only intent at the time of this crime was to obtain money that he did not intend to cause anyone personal harm, and that the death of David Grinestaff happened when the gun that Mr. Dumas had in his possession discharged by accident. The letter from Mr. Dumas in support of his possible parole and the numerous current and past letters of protest in opposition to the possible parole of Larry A. Dumas were noted and taken into consideration.

Motion to go in to Executive Session. (CF – WN) Leave.

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

In recent years the institutional adjustment of Mr. Dumas has been excellent and he has not received a disciplinary report since 2007. Mr. Dumas is in good health and has taken advantage of certain educational and vocational training. Mr. Dumas reported that he does have a high school diploma and that his current work assignment is as a tailor. Mr. Dumas further stated that he had been married and his most recent marriage was dissolved in 2011. His closest relatives are two (2) adult children with whom he has had little or no contact over the course of the last several years. The last time Mr. Dumas had a visitor was in 2009.

Mr. Dumas stated that his parole plan would be to reside with his cousin Sharicka Carter in Rantoul, Illinois where he would seek employment as a tailor.

After a complete review, and after giving consideration to all factors, the Board voted to deny parole. The Board continues to be concerned by the senseless nature of this brutal crime. The Board feels that a release at this time would deprecate the serious nature of the crime and promote a lack of respect for the law.

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

Motion for a three year set. (WN – EB) Motion carries 10 – 4. Voting in favor were Members Blackman-Donovan, Bowers, Diaz, Gregg, Johnson, Norton, Parrack, Shelton, Simmons, Tyler and Chairman Monreal. Members Crigler, Findley, Madison and Tyler dissented.

Parole is denied for a three-year set.

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Inmate Name: Franklin Johnson

IDOC Number & Institution: C92992

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on May 30, 2013, 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, C. Findley, E. Gregg, T. Johnson, J. Madison, J. Parrack, W. Norton, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

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

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

Inmate Franklin T. Johnson, age 70, is incarcerated in Dixon Correctional Center, having been found guilty of 2 counts of Rape, Burglary, Robbery, and 2 counts of Deviate Sexual Assault in May of 1978 and August of 1979, and given sentences of 100 - 200 years, 50 - 100 years, 50 - 100 years, and 50 - 100 years imprisonment respectively, all sentences to run concurrently for crimes committed in July of 1977. Apparently the inmate allegedly committed the second rape, burglary, robbery and deviate sexual assault on July 14, 1977, six days after committing a rape and deviate sexual assault on July 6, 1977. In both cases, Johnson chose to be sentenced under the old law, and both convictions were affirmed on direct appeal.

This is the 20th time that Inmate Johnson has appeared on a parole request since August of 1986 for the instant offenses. The PRB records indicate that in the past, he had consistently gotten no support of his parole application. For the current request, an interview was held by PRB member Jesse D. Madison at the Dixon Correctional Center on April 16, 2013. No persons appeared in support of, nor in opposition to inmate Johnson's parole request. However, there are opposition letters from prior years in the file, and there is a current letter in opposition to Johnson's parole from Anita Alvarez, State's Attorney for Cook County, dated May 22, 2013.

On July 6, 1977 at about 1:30 p.m., the victim, a 15-year-old girl, was babysitting in an apartment at 636 Hinman in Evanston, Illinois when she was attacked, allegedly by inmate Johnson. The victim and the three-year-old girl she was watching were outside the building in a wading pool in the alley. They decided to go inside, and as they were returning to the apartment, they encountered the inmate briefly. The victim and the 3-year-old went up to the third floor of the building, entered the apartment, and latched the screen door. After placing the younger girl in her bedroom, the victim went back into the living room where she observed the inmate standing in the living room with a towel in his hand. After telling him her age, the inmate still forced her to submit to oral sex and then raped her. After the sexual assault, inmate Johnson tied the victim's feet up with a scarf, rummaged through the kitchen for a while, then left the apartment through the back door. The victim was able to free herself, lock the back door, and call the police. As the inmate was leaving the apartment building, a witness observed him cross the alley. This witness and the victim gave a description of the offender and his car to the Evanston police.

Eight days later, on July 14, 1977, the inmate was arrested and charged with sexually assaulting a woman in her home. On that date, this victim returned home from a drugstore on her bicycle at around 9:30a.m. She entered the outer door and was unlocking the security door when she saw the inmate entering her building. He followed her into the vestibule, and as she ascended the stairs, she glanced

back and noticed the inmate following her. As she opened her apartment door, the inmate forced his way into the apartment and grabbed her. The inmate covered the victim's mouth and asked if anyone else was in the apartment. The victim lied and said that her son was there.

She then was able to free herself from the inmate's grasp and attempted to escape through the back door. However, he caught her and wrapped a kitchen towel around her head. Despite the inmate's warnings, the victim tried to push the towel up so she could see him. The inmate threatened her with a hammer that he took from the table and told her to stop screaming. However, she continued to push the towel up until she was able to see the inmate's face. After forcing her to submit to oral sex, the inmate then raped her. Afterward, he left and the victim was able to free herself and call the police. The inmate was stopped in his car ten minutes later and brought back to the victim's apartment where she identified him as he stood outside. She again identified him, along with the 15-year-old girl he had raped the week before, in a line-up later that afternoon. After a jury trial, inmate Johnson was found guilty of rape and deviate sexual assault. He chose to be sentenced under the old law, and the judge sentenced him as previously stated.

Inmate Johnson has an entirely different recitation as to the facts of this case. While he did not specifically deny his guilt, he was adamant that, during the trial, the State's Attorney did not prove him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. He said that the witnesses' identification of him were bogus. In addition, after reciting to him a number of youthful arrests in the early 60s, he denied even being convicted of most of them.

Franklin T. Johnson was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 6, 1942, one of six children, three boys and three girls, born to his mother, Marthella Johnson, now deceased. He said that he never knew his father who left the family when Franklin was fifteen. One of his sisters, Sandra Johnson, is deceased. He admitted to not knowing the ages of his other siblings, whose names are Maurice, Phillip, Jenny, and Mary. Johnson attended St. George, St. Malachi, and Drake Elementary Schools. He also attended Wendell Phillips High School, but dropped out in the 10th grade in 1958. Inmate Johnson could not remember the specific jobs he had after dropping out of school, but he did have his first encounter with the criminal justice system in 1959 for frequently running away from home. Inmate Johnson was married in September of 1974 to Gloria Schnell. According to him, they are still married.

Although our records indicate that Johnson's criminality began with assault conviction in 1960, in reading a Special Progress Report prepared in 1963 by the attending psychiatrist at the Joliet Diagnostic Depot on May 28, 1963, a Dr. Kruglik indicated that "a review of the inmate's jacket including previous classification reports reveals an arrest history dating back to his juvenile years when he was sent to St. Charles for frequently running away from home. He was also in Sheridan in 1959 for a year for 'trying to snatch a purse.' He was placed on five years probation in March of 1960 for assault to rob with the first six months being served in the Chicago House of Correction. "

In addition, his adult record began with a conviction in 1963 for 4 counts of armed robbery, and an assault with intent to commit a robbery. He was convicted and sentenced to 30-60 years for charges of rape, robbery and assault to rob. He was paroled in March of 1974. He was still on parole when he committed the crimes for which he is currently incarcerated.

At the time of his conviction for the instant offenses, inmate Johnson was 36 years old. Following his trial, Johnson was placed at the Joliet R & C Center and transferred to the Stateville Correctional Center in October of 1979, and then on to Graham Correctional Center in December of 1982. During his three years at Stateville and sixteen years at Graham, he established an admirable discipline record, having received NO disciplinary reports during that 19-year period. Also during that span, because of his proficiency in art, he was instrumental in assisting many inmate artists with their talents, and in designing and leading the Arts program. In 1995, inmate Johnson received an invitation to "State of the Art 93," a national competition open to artists of merit across the U.S., by the New England Fine Arts Institute. Staff at Graham praised his excellent prison adjustment. He attended church services regularly, and assisted the Leisure Time Services Department with special events. Johnson was transferred to Western Illinois Correctional Center in February of 1999, where he continued his good institutional work and disciplinary history, receiving no disciplinary reports during his 5-year stay, before being transferred to Dixon Correctional Center in March of 2004, where he remains to this day. After twenty-six years of imprisonment, inmate Johnson received his very first disciplinary ticket in August of 2005 for unauthorized movement because he refused housing, and received 10 days in segregation. From that period until now - - almost eight years - -, Johnson received four other minor tickets. His last violation report was in July of 2010 for disobeying a direct order, for which he received a verbal reprimand. Prison staff reports that inmate Johnson is always respectful to staff and inmates. He is an accomplished artist and has been in many art shows and won several awards. His current institutional status is minimum security; A-grade and low escape risk.

If granted parole, inmate Johnson plans to reside with his wife, Gloria Johnson, in Glenwood, Minnesota. He also plans to be employed in the production and sale of art work, or in the construction field.

Member Diaz asked if the petitioner was on parole for a sexual assault at the time of the instant offense. Mr. Madison stated yes, the petitioner was. Chairman Monreal stated that per his rap sheet, he was arrested for rape and armed robbery in 1963. Mr. Madison noted that petitioner's maximum release date is in 2076. He is currently 70 years old.

Member Johnson stated he took the protest for this case. The State's Attorney said there were three separate rapes. They believe he is a serial rapist and are asking for a five-year set.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Maria McCarthy stated that in addition to these rapes, he was also charged with three additional rapes that were dropped when he was charged/convicted of the instant offenses. He raped women in the presence of children. He has a total of five arrests for rape.

Motion to go in to Executive Session. (TJ – ADM). Leave.

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

At his last parole hearing in May of 2004, I did not vote in favor of parole for inmate Johnson. In fact, in his 19 previous parole appearances, he has never received a single vote. In fact, in three of his last four appearances, Johnson received three-year sets. And so, my initial leanings were against parole, and perhaps even a multi-year set, which incidentally, is what the State's Attorney of Cook County favors. Moreover, she categorically states that "his next parole hearing should be continued for five years." However, as I looked at his institutional adjustment

for the instant offenses, I was really surprised. Five minor tickets in 35 years? No tickets the first 26 years? That's amazing!

Now, even though I can appreciate the excellent institutional record that inmate Johnson has established, and I think that, by now, this Board knows my feelings about rehabilitation; in this case, I am still troubled by Johnson's refusal to take responsibility for the crimes for which he was incarcerated. And as I listened to his recitation about the trial, I didn't get the feeling that he was saying "I'm not guilty." It sounded more like, "they didn't prove that I was guilty."

So what would you do? Well, my inclination is to deny parole at this time because of the seriousness of the offenses committed, and given his age, maybe someday soon, inmate Johnson will finally decide to take responsibility for what he did, or conversely, attempt to appeal his conviction to the highest court and convince them that he didn't. And so my motion, Mr. Chairman, is that the parole petition of Franklin T. Johnson, C-92772, be denied. His discharge date is 2076.

The Board noted that to parole the petitioner at this time would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law.

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

Motion for a three-year set. (SD – ABD). Motion carries 14 – 0.

Parole is denied for a three-year set.

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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 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. Bennie Jones for parole consideration April 16, 2012. Present was Inmate Jones and Ms. Crigler. Factors considered include, but not limited to, are his testimony, file review, parole plans and institutional adjustment.

Mr. Jones is serving 50-100 years for attempted murder and rape. Facts of the case indicated that On February 29, 1976, he grabbed a 13-year-old victim as she was walking past a factory building, where he was working as a security guard. He dragged her into the building, raped, beat and stabbed her multiple times. He left her for dead in the boiler room. She was found the next day and hospitalized for almost two months, and received multiple operations for her injuries. Inmate Jones denied raping the victim. He said he was an angry with his supervisor and wanted to get even. He indicated he saw what he thought was a white homosexual male and wanted to hit him because he was white.

His institutional adjustment has been described exemplary. He has been at Dixon since 2002. He is currently unassigned. He acts as a speaker to young inmates and participates in programs. He has had no tickets in 11 years. He has earned an associate's in art from MacMurray College and is 15 credits short of a bachelor's degree from Roosevelt. He is single with no children. His parole plans are to live with his mother in Flossmoor, IL. Mr. Larry Sufferdine has indicated he will assist him with employment upon his release. The petitioner's family has always been supportive. If paroled, he indicated he will utilize programs at St. Leonard's House and Hayward Place to find work. He had not had Sex Offender Counseling as it has not been offered in the institutions in which he has been housed.

Chairman Monreal noted that in addition to the facts of the instant offense mentioned above, the petitioner also sprayed the victim in the face with Scotch guard and stuffed her in a locker. He slashed her wrists as well as her throat and stabbed her multiple times.

Member Johnson noted that he took the protest for this case at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. The victim did not appear this year but did in 2011 and there is a video recording of her protest. There is also a letter.

Member Madison asked about prior votes. Member Crigler stated that he had five votes last year and six the year before.

Member Bowers asked how old the petitioner is and what his maximum release date is. Member Crigler noted that the petitioner is currently 58 years old and his max out date is in 2019. He has been in prison for 36 years.

Member Tyler noted that she has continuously supported Inmate Jones for parole but noted that he should have transferred to an institution where he could receive sex offender counseling. She told his attorney that years ago.

Member Norton asked if he still denied the rape to this day. Member Crigler stated that he does still deny raping the victim.

Member Shelton asked if there was evidence of a sexual assault. It was noted that the file indicates evidence of a sexual assault.

Member Findley raised the question of will the petitioner be better prepared for parole in 2019 than he is today? He stated that he doesn't think so. If the Board believes he needs sex offender counseling they can make that part of the parole order.

Member Simmons stated that the petitioner needs to admit that he raped the victim.

Chairman Monreal asked Joelle from the A.G.'s office to explain to the Board if the petitioner is eligible to be declared a Sexually Violent Person. She stated that they will be investigating.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Maria McCarthy stated that the petitioner tortured a 13 year old girl and kept returning to her over a period of time and harming her. She lay injured for 14 hours before she was found. Rape was confirmed by a physician at the hospital. The crime was horrendous. Two weeks before the instant offense, he fired shots at his girlfriend's mother. The victim is still extremely traumatized. He has not taken responsibility for what he did.

The petitioner's attorney stated that his wife's mother is supportive. She said the incident where he fired shots at her was a misunderstanding. They have a note from Saint Leonard's House stating that he can't stay there due to his sex offender status but he can't utilize their programs while living with his mother.

Member Blackman-Donovan asked why the petitioner pled guilty to UUW for the shooting if it was just a misunderstanding.

Member Crigler state that she believes the petitioner has been rehabilitated and has demonstrated he has the tools to be successful. He has a strong parole plan and support system.

Motion to grant parole. (EC – GT)

Motion does NOT carry 4 – 10. Voting in favor of the motion were Members Crigler, Findley, Madison and Tyler. Dissenting were Members Blackman-Donovan, Bowers, Diaz, Gregg, Johnson, Norton, Parrack, Shelton, Simmons and Chairman Monreal.

Motion to reverse the vote to reflect the Board Order. Leave.

Parole is denied 10 – 4.

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Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
OPEN SESSION May 30, 2013

Inmate Name: John Teague IDOC Number & Institution: C10409

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on May 30, 2013, 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, C. Findley, E. Gregg, T. Johnson, J. Madison, J. Parrack, W. Norton, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

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

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

On April 23, 2013 John Teague was interviewed for the possibility of parole at the Pontiac Correctional facility. Factors considered include, but are not limited to, his testimony, a review of the file, parole plans and institutional adjustment.

Mr. Teague is now 77 years old having served approximately 49 years of a sentence of 30 to 60 years for rape, 40 to 75 years consecutive for a 2nd rape and 5 to 10 years for robbery which has now been considered served and discharged. The first crime occurred in 1963 when a twenty year old girl left her mother's apartment on her way to work. He ordered her off the elevator and into a laundry room where he raped and robbed her. The second rape occurred in December of 1972 while he was serving his first sentence when he entered the home of the assistant warden at the Statesville Correctional Center and raped and stabbed the assistant warden's 16 year old daughter. Mr. Teague denies the second offense.

Mr. Teague's institutional adjustment, while troublesome over many years has been positive of late, not having had a ticket since May, 2009. He has worked a variety of jobs while incarcerated and back in the 70's completed Bible studies and received a Credentialed Minister in the Universal Life Church diploma. He participated in art shows in the 70's and in 69 sewed garments and repaired sewing machines. He has received no sex offender counseling due to denials by DOC to permit him to have it according to him

He has had numerous sessions with mental health professionals within DOC and back in the 70s have participated in the "Lifer's Incorporated D" program. No other programs have been taken advantage of by Mr. Teague. Were he to be granted parole he would live with his sister who has prepared a place for him

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

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

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Maria McCarthy stated that the second victim and her husband are present but asked that she speak on their behalf. It is too difficult for her to speak about. The petitioner is a serial rapist and found a way to rape another woman while he was in prison. He attempted to kill her and left her for dead. She survived by the grace of God. The petitioner's sister came to the victim's home and threatened to kill Tina if she testified. He has never admitted his guilty and will rape and/or kill again if released.

Joelle Morasco from the Attorney General's Office stated that the petitioner is still serving a sentence that makes him eligible for SVP commitment. They will have him reevaluated by another mental health professional.

Motion to deny parole. (TJ – DS). Motion carries 11 – 0. Voting in favor of the motion were Members Blackman-Donovan, Bowers, Diaz, Gregg, Findley, Johnson, Norton, Parrack, Shelton, Simmons, Tyler and Chairman Monreal. Dissenting were Members Crigler, Madison and Tyler.

Motion for a three-year set. (TJ – ABD). Motion carries 10 – 4. Voting in favor of the motion were Members Blackman-Donovan, Bowers, Diaz, Gregg, Findley, Johnson, Norton, Parrack, Shelton and Chairman Monreal. Dissenting were Members Crigler, Madison, Simmons and Tyler.

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Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
OPEN SESSION May 30, 2013

Inmate Name: Calvin Campbell IDOC Number & Institution: C72315

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on May 30, 2013, 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, C. Findley, E. Gregg, T. Johnson, J. Madison, J. Parrack, W. Norton, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

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

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

Calvin Campbell was interviewed by this PRB member at approximately 10am on 16 April 2013 at the Dixon Correctional Center. Present for this interview was the subject inmate Calvin Campbell, his mother and step-father Mr. Henry and Mrs. Jean Weaver, and the reporting PRB member.

Factors discussed for parole consideration included: a review of his institutional history/adjustment, counselor's report, inmate testimony, review of the case facts, parole plans, insight related to victim related remorse and issues related to case accountability.

Mr., Campbell is serving 100-300 years for murder and 10-30 years for two counts of armed robbery, to run concurrently.

Facts of the case: while in a public housing elevator, eighteen year old Calvin Campbell and two co-defendants Reid and Gray accosted off duty Cook County Sheriff Joseph Law and his friend Eddie Pitman. Also in the elevator were three teenage females. During the robbery struggle the inmate picked up the weapon placed on the floor of the elevator by co-def Gray, shot and killed Deputy Law; one of the teen females was also shot twice. He was arrested a few days later.

Mr. Campbell's version differs from the statement of facts in that he describes the event as a robbery attempt to acquire money for drugs and alcohol gone bad. During the struggle as they attempted to disarm the victim, the deputy's weapon discharged striking the officer in the chest. Campbell relates that his codefendant Grey picked up the weapon he (Campbell) had placed on the elevator floor. He (Campbell) related that Grey had done the shooting. Inmate Campbell admits to taking valuables from the victim's pockets. He was offered a plea deal of 15 – 30 years but he did not take it. He said he was not the shooter. He was on probation for theft at the time of the instant offense.

Institutional adjustment has been very good and positive in the last 10 – 15 years. He received a ticket last year for poorly mopping. The staff likes him and his last major ticket was in 1999 for refusing to provide a urine sample. He is currently assigned as a sanitarian.

Parole plans: St. Leonard's has accepted the inmate, he plans to transition from St. Leonard's to his parents' home, work in a construction job with his step-father, and re-enter the community with his family and friend's support. His parents are supportive.

Remorse: Mr. Campbell voices a significant amount remorse regarding the event and the death of Deputy Law. He reflects that he is now a much different person from the one at 18 years of age, much calmer, peaceful, reflective, and wishing to never have the event ever taken place. He present as a thoughtful and appropriately concerned man.

Decision/Recommendation: Mr. Campbell continues to vacillate w/re to his part in this tragic affair. It would be a considerably stronger situation on his behalf were he to own up to his participation in this crime given the witness testimony which depicts him as the shooter and the one who picked up the gun from the elevator floor. He has made considerable progress and comported himself well for several years, he has held jobs and the staff thinks well of him, has a strong parole and familial support plan, all positives, except for taking clear responsibility for his actions during the identified event.

Member Diaz further noted that for the above stated reasons he cannot support the petitioner at this time. Also, the victim was an off duty police officer at the Robert Taylor homes. The petitioner has a current out date in 2116.

Member Johnson noted that he took the protest at the Cook County State's Attorney's office. They emphasized that he did not win on appeal. The appeal court also affirmed he was the shooter. They said it was a wonton offense and asked for a five-year set.

Member Madison asked how many votes the petitioner had last year. SD – three. Madison, Tyler and Crigler.

Member Tyler noted that she has supported Inmate Campbell in the past and will continue. His behavior and progress warrants him no more than a one year set.

Member Parrack noted that she put a lot of thought in to it and has the same struggle. There is eye witness testimony naming the petitioner as the shooter and he still denies. Has his story ever changed? SD – He has tweaked it a little bit, but he has never accepted responsibility for being the shooter.

Motion to deny parole. (SD – CF). Motion carries 9-5. Voting in favor of denial were Members Blackman-Donovan, Bowers, Diaz, Gregg, Findley, Johnson, Norton, Shelton and Simmons. Members Crigler, Madison, Parrack, Tyler and Chairman Monreal dissented.

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Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
OPEN SESSION May 30, 2013

Inmate Name: Isaac Smith IDOC Number & Institution: C61229

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on May 30, 2013, 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, C. Findley, E. Gregg, T. Johnson, J. Madison, J. Parrack, W. Norton, D. Shelton, W. Simmons and G. Tyler.

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.

Isaac Smith was interviewed for parole consideration on April 23, 2013 at the Big Muddy River Correctional Center.

Mr. Smith is currently serving 100-200 years for murder and 6.8 – 20 for Robbery that occurred on December 6, 1971. Inmate Smith and a co-defendant murdered the victim by beating him to death. He worked in a shoe repair shop and Inmate Smith and his co-defendant beat him to death with a pipe and a wrench. There was a prior murder committed with the same co-defendant. For that murder, Inmate Smith said he was present but not involved.

Inmate Smith was also involved in an attack of a correctional officer who was stabbed multiple times and suffered serious injuries.

Institutional adjustment has been troublesome. During the interview, he denied the murder of the U of I Chicago college student. Said he knows who did it. He makes up different stories that are not believable. He does not accept the seriousness of his record and he has a long criminal history of violence. He has taken advantage of no educational opportunities and his most recent IDR was in 2012.

If paroled, Inmate Smith stated he will live with a friend named Gloria. He was married in the early 80s but hasn't seen or heard from his wife since the 90s. He doesn't even know her phone number.

Member Johnson stated he took the protest for this case at the Cook County State's Attorney's office. They wanted to emphasize the premeditation and brutality of these crimes. At sentencing, the Judge said the petitioner is a danger to the community. They asked for a five year set.

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

Motion to return to Open Session. (CF – EB). Leave

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

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

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