

**Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
MEETING OF November 29, 2012**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on November 29, 2012, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

C82865 LARRY DATES
C15289 BRUCE SHARP
C90056 VIRGIL ROBINSON
C81085 CASPRER ROSARIO

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	
William Norton	X	
Jennifer Parrack	X	
Mary Reynolds	X	
Donald Shelton	X	
William Simmons	X	
Norman Sula	X	
Geraldine Tyler	X	
Adam Monreal	X	

14 Present

The Recording Secretary presented the following minutes for approval:
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Motion to continue Otis Dorsey as the presenting Member, Mr. Findley, is not present. (ADM – JM) Leave.

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

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Inmate Name: **Bruce Sharp** IDOC Number & Institution: **C15289**

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Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Althoff, A. Blackman-Donovan, E. Bowers, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, J. Madison, W. Norton, J. Parrack, M. Reynolds, D. Shelton, W. Simmons, N. Sula and G. Tyler.

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.

Mr. Bruce Sharp was interviewed for possible parole at the Dixon Correctional Center on October 16, 2012. Present at the hearing were Anthony Hazkial Attorney; Tyrone Sharp, brother; Geraldine Ross, sister; Edward Rose, brother-in-law. It was evident from these individuals that Mr. Sharp has strong support from family. He is A Grade and low escape risk. Also the assessment section in his most recent Offender Overview (July 7, 2012) indicate that his institutional adjustment is excellent and "He is a quiet and personable individual who has exhibited and maintained a very positive attitude during his incarceration of over 41years."

Mr. Sharp is now a 66 year old having served 42 years of a 30-125 year sentence for the murder of Chicago Police Officer Kenneth Kaner on June, 19, 1970. Mr. Sharp pled guilty and does not dispute the facts. Facts of the instant offense were reviewed. He is deeply remorseful and said he lives everyday with his actions. He also showed compassion for the victim's family. Mr. Sharp stated he was influenced by the black revolution and saw the police as the enemy.

Mr. Sharp earned a bachelor's degree in 1969 and has worked while in DOC. He has been incarcerated for 42 years and has had an excellent institutional adjustment. His disciplinary record is outstanding. He continues to be a strong role model for others in prison.

Mr. Sharp had strong parole plans and family support. If paroled, his immediate plans are to St. Leonard's House while awaiting an interstate compact to Florida. He would live with his brother there.

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

Motion to enter Open Session (ADM – JM). Leave.

Discussion:

Mr. Sharp previously had three prior votes in 2009. He has only had five minor tickets in 30 years. He fully accepts responsibility for his actions.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Robert Helingoetter made a clarification. He stated that there had been no prior altercations or communication between the victim and Inmate Sharp. The victim was in a marked squad car when he was shot in the face. They shot him because he was wearing a police uniform. Inmate Sharp was an educated man when he committed this crime and was employed. This crime was horrendous and almost unthinkable. The victim was a 33 year old police officer with two young children.

John Morrow, Mr. Sharp's attorney, testified. He stated that Mr. Sharp has been incarcerated for 42 years and has accepted guilt. He has strong remorse for his actions. He facilitated an antiviolence program in DOC. He will be forever remorseful and has a strong release plan.

Member Crigler noted that Mr. Sharp's application to St. Leonard's House has been approved and he has had no tickets for more than five years. After much deliberation, she made a motion to Grant Parole to Mr. Sharp. (EC – JM).

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

Members Althoff, Blackman-Donovan, Bowers, Diaz, Norton, Parrack, Shelton, Simmons, Sula and Chairman Monreal dissented.

Motion is denied (10 – 4).

Board Members felt that they could not vote favorably for this inmate for the next three years. Motion for a three year set. (ABD – EA)

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

Members Crigler, Madison, Parrack, Reynolds, Shelton and Tyler dissented.

Three year set carried 8 – 6.

Parole is denied for a three-year set.

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Inmate Name: **Larry Dates** IDOC Number & Institution: **C82765**

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

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

Inmate Larry Dates was interviewed on October 16, 2012 at Dixon Correctional Center. He is convicted of Murder, Attempt Murder, Aggravated Battery and Robbery. His sentences all run concurrent. He has been incarcerated for 35 years.

Inmate Dates was born in 1955 and has a very supportive family. He suffers from Lupus and has no history of mental illness.

Instant offense was reviewed. In 1976, Inmate Dates and co-offender entered a gas station with the intention of robbing it. The attendant pulled a gun and so did Inmate Dates. There was an exchange of gunfire and the attendant was killed. The petitioner was arrested nine months later in Los Angeles, California. The Victim's family stated they received threats. Mr. Dates denies ever making those threats. He was extradited from California to Illinois. His appeals have been affirmed and his Habeus Corpus petition has been denied.

Criminal history reviewed.

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

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

Institutional adjustment reviewed. The petitioner is A Grade and Low Escape Risk. He has had no tickets for over ten years and indicated he has been clean since 2007. He has earned many certificates and in 2010 took a self improvement class. He has continuously worked within IDOC and is currently assigned to the infirmary.

If paroled, Mr. Dates plans to go to the Tower of Refuge in Springfield, Illinois to transition, and eventually go to his mother's in Chicago, Illinois to an open basement apartment. The Tower of Refuge can provide him with residential transitioning, job training and substance abuse counseling.

Discussion: Mr. Dates was 21 years old at the time of the instant offense. He appears genuinely remorseful and is very intelligent and articulate. He received four votes last year.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Robert Heilingoetter noted there is a living victim in this case who identified the petitioner has having been in the service station the night before the murder.

Conclusion discussed.

Motion to Grant Parole. (JP – JM).

Motion approved 11 – 3,

Voting in favor of the motion were Members Parrack, Blackman-Donovan, Bowers, Crigler, Diaz, Madison, Reynolds, Shelton, Simmons, Tyler and Chairman Monreal. Members Althoff, Norton and Sula dissented.

The Board further noted that the petitioner is to be released to the Tower of Refuge where substance abuse treatment should be the main focus of his transition. He should be geographically restricted from Chicago for one year.

Parole is Granted.

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Inmate Name: **Casper Rosario** IDOC Number & Institution: **C81085**

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Members present were: Chairman A. Monreal, E. Althoff, A. Blackman-Donovan, E. Bowers, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, J. Madison, W. Norton, J. Parrack, M. Reynolds, D. Shelton, W. Simmons, N. Sula and G. Tyler.

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

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

Casper Rosario was interviewed on October 31, 2012 by Member E. Bowers. Also present at the hearing was Nylda Rosario, Elena Fiqueroa (sisters), Rafael Rasario (brother), Duffy Clark, Rory Guerra and via telephone petitioner Casper Rosario. The hearing was conducted via telephone from the PRB office to the Red Onion State Prison.

Inmate Rosario is 54 year old. He was convicted of two separate murders and an Attempt Armed Robbery. He was sentenced to 20 to 50 years for the Murder of Benjamin Llanas. He also received a 20 to 50 year sentence for the Murder of Donald Walls, along with a sentence of 4 to 12 years for Attempt Armed Robbery. The two 20 to 50 year sentences are to run concurrently. The convictions were upheld by the Appellate Court. He has been in custody for 36 years.

Inmate Rosario is currently incarcerated in the segregation unit at the Red Onion Correctional Center in the state of Virginia. Since his last En Banc hearing on October 27, 2011, he was moved to the Red Onion Max facility segregation unit from the Keen Mountain Correctional facility in Virginia. The move took place on 12-8-11, because of a weapon's IDR he received on 12-3-11. The weapons infraction was the last most recent IDR Inmate Rosario has received. Inmate Rosario explanation was that the weapon was a metal radio antenna, which he said was found on his cellie's bunk. Inmate Rosario stated he was offered a \$6 fine if he would admit the antenna was a weapon. He said he declined to make that admission and thus was placed in segregation and was transferred from Keen Mountain to Red Onion, where he currently remains. In speaking with the Counselor at Red Onion, he explained that a weapon was found in the cell, and neither inmate Rosario, nor the cell mate would admit ownership, so both inmates were given a weapons charge. They have three phases of segregation, and Inmate Rosario

has completed the first two phases, and is in his last phase of segregation, before he will be placed on a security level 6 stage upon his release from segregation. He has received multiple institutional transfers both within the state of Illinois, as well as interstate compact transfers to include Minnesota, New Mexico, the Federal System and Virginia. A total of approximately 19 transfers.

Inmate Rosario's projected max out date is July 1, 2024 and his max mandatory date is January 16, 2028.

According to the case facts involving the first murder on December 22, 1975, the victim, Benjamin Llanas and four of his friends were standing outside a Tastee Freeze in Chicago. They observed Casper Rosario step out from the other side of the street. Testimony was that Casper Rosario, who was 17 yrs old at the time, yelled out King Love and then fired five times at the group. Victim Llanas was struck in the back as he and the others were attempting to run away. Records indicate that while at the hospital, Victim Llanas identified Casper Rosario as the person who shot him, as did another victim during a lineup. Victim Llanas died three days later from the bullet wound.

Inmate Rosario stated he was not the shooter. He denied being present when the shooting took place. He said by the time he arrived at the location of the shooting, the shooting was already over. He stated he was with his wife at the time of the shooting. Inmate Rosario maintained a person known only to him as Eddie, was the shooter and that he went to Puerto Rico.

Inmate Rosario stated that had he been there he would have shot Bennie Llanas, because they were in rival gangs. He said although he did not shoot Llanas, he takes responsibility for the murder.

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

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

After his arrest for the murder of Llanas, Inmate Rosario was released on bail. Approximately one month after being released on bond, inmate Rosario along with his brother Rafael, Eugene Hernandez, Peter Gonzales and Rufino Santiago created a plan to rob the Trackside Lounge. They went to the tavern, with Rafael Rosario in possession of a rifle. During the robbery, the owner pushed the alarm and a patron, Donald Walls slammed the tavern door shut. According to documents, Casper Rosario said Cap Cap and at that point Rafael Rosario fired the rifle through the tavern door. The bullet struck Donald Walls, killing him. Police subsequently went to Hernandez apartment, where the suspects had planned the robbery. Hernandez, Rafael Rosario, and Gonzales were arrested and gave statements relevant to their involvement in the robbery. Inmate Rosario jumped bail and was at large for about three months before he was arrested for the murder and attempted armed robbery.

Inmate Rosario stated to me he had gotten out on bail and continued to gang bang. He said the afore mentioned individuals were at Hernandez apartment when they planned the robbery. He said his brother fired the weapon through the closed door. He said he took the case to trial, but was convicted and received the mentioned sentence. His appeal was denied.

After a long history of disciplinary infractions from the start of his sentence up to 2010 (his last major ticket at the time) Inmate Rosario's adjustment appeared to start to improve. This was even referenced in his last En Banc presentation by Member Parrack. However, just since his last En Banc hearing as previously stated, he received the IDR for the weapons charge and currently remains in the seg unit at Red Onion prison in Virginia.

Inmate Rosario explained to me when he came into the prison system, he came in with the idea he wasn't going to be a "punk." He said he became actively involved with the Latin Kings. He said while at Stateville he was elected to the position of Inca. He said per rules of the gang, he had to give up that position when he was transferred to another facility, Centralia C.C. in 1989. He stated he has not been involved with the Latin Kings since 1992 or 93. He said he has not officially denounced his gang involvement with IDOC, as he did not intend to provide any information on the gangs, as is required by IDOC. Many of his prison transfers were a result of his gang activity, as well as his behavior.

Inmate Rosario did receive his GED, and learned to read and write both in English and Spanish. As part of his seg assignment, he is presently in a class at Red Onion, called Thinking for a Change. When he completes the seven month class successfully, he will then transfer out of seg. to a step-down unit. He stated he has not had many opportunities for education or training as a result of transfers, and being an inmate from out of state. He has held jobs maintenance and janitorial.

Inmate Rosario has a very supportive family, as well as support from the Saints of Humboldt Park. He would intend to reside at his sister Elaine's home in Berwyn, Ill. He would obtain employment, and does have offers of employment to include a job at Sewer Tec Services and as a maintenance person for George Michael of Michael Realty. His family is also offering financial support. He would also plan to work with youth. He would live with his sister in Berwyn, Illinois. His family indicated they would provide him with financial support.

Discussion:

The Board noted that Inmate Rosario stated he would like to work with the youth if released, but he has not denounced his gang membership.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Robert Heilingoetter stated that the Inmate Rosario was found guilty at a bench trial and then found guilty again at a jury trial. Both murder victims were defenseless. The crimes were wanton and senseless.

Duffy Clark stated that the petitioner walked away from the gang in 1995, but couldn't officially "renounce" his membership because he wouldn't provide inside information to the DOC officials, which is a requirement for them to officially denounce. As per the 2011 weapons ticket, he wouldn't admit guilty because the antenna was not his. His cell mate took responsibility for it.

Conclusion.

Motion to deny parole. (EB – ABD).

Motion is approved 13 – 1. Member Diaz dissented.

Parole is denied.

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Inmate Name: **Raphael Sanchez** IDOC Number & Institution:

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

Chairman Monreal noted that this Inmate was paroled by the Prisoner Review Board in September 2012 to Beardstown, Illinois. However, that host site was denied by DOC.

Motion to amend the September 2012 Board Order to parole Inmate Sanchez to the Tower of Refuge in Springfield, Illinois with a geographical restriction from Cook County.

(ADM – MR)

Leave.

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Inmate Name: **Virgil Robinson** IDOC Number & Institution: **C81085**

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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.

Inmate Robinson was interviewed on October 26, 2012 at Menard Correctional Center. He is currently 61 years old and has been convicted of Murder, Armed Robbery and Aggravated Battery. He also picked up a conviction while incarcerated that resulted in an additional four year sentence in IDOC.

Instant Offense was reviewed. It occurred in 1976 and was a tavern robbery. During the trial, the Inmate and co-defendants planned to kill the victim before he could testify. They went to his past address and shot a man as he opened the door. They actually shot and killed the victim's father. They believed they had killed the first victim and someone heard him say he "hit the wrong guy". They attempted to execute the only witness to the first offense. The petitioner admits to nothing. All of his appeals have been denied. His handprint was on the door of the second victim's home. Ballistics testing also matched. He also beat a guard in Will County with a broomstick for which he picked up another conviction.

Institutional adjustment was discussed. The petitioner has on his record 43 inmate assaults and 11 staff assaults. When interviewed by a member of this Board he was in segregation for fighting.

Parole plans are to live with his mother in Chicago. She is 87 years old. He has not discussed his plan with her.

Inmate Robinson has never received a favorable vote and his MSR date is in 2286. He shows no signs of remorse for his crimes.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney noted that the judge sentenced Inmate Robinson to 200 – 600 years with the intention that he would never be released.

Eviva Futorian with the John Howard Association stated that the petitioner is one of the victims of the Burge torture. He seems mentally unbalanced and she asked that the Board please follow up with his well being.

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

Motion to re-enter Open Session. (ADM – MR). Leave.

Conclusion discussed. The petitioner refuses to take responsibility for his actions and shows no signs of remorse. He continues to assault staff and other inmates.

Motion to deny parole. (ABD – ADM). Motion is approved 14 – 0.

Motion for a five-year set. (AMD – ADM). Motion is approved 11 – 3. Voting in favor of the motion were Members Blackman Donovan, Althoff, Bowers, Crigler, Madison, Norton, Parrack, Reynolds, Simons, Sula and Chairman Monreal. Members Diaz, Shelton and Tyler dissented.

Parole is denied for a five-year set.

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