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Parole Board Hearing

In the Matter

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SAMUEL HAMILTON

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Fishkill, NY

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BEFORE: COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ  
COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER  
COMMISSIONER HALLERDIN

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1 BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ:

2 Q. Good afternoon.

3 THE INMATE: Good afternoon, Commissioners.

4 COMMISSIONER HALLERDIN: Hello.

5 Q. What is your name, sir?

6 A. My name is Samuel Hamilton.

7 Q. Mr. Hamilton, we've met before. I'm Commissioner  
8 Hernandez. I'm here with Commissioner Alexander and  
9 Commissioner Hallerdin.

10 THE INMATE: Good afternoon.

11 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: Good afternoon, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER HALLERDIN: Good afternoon.

13 Q. This is a reappearance for you before the Board.

14 A. Yes, ma'am.

15 Q. I do note for the record that you've been coming  
16 before the Parole Board since 2000. I see in 2002 you  
17 had a lack of consensus.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. But then you were held the following month, is that  
20 correct?

21 A. Yes, Commissioner.

22 Q. I do note for the record I was on a panel that saw  
23 you 24 months ago and I did dissent on that decision.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Today is a new day, a new opportunity for us to talk

1 about what brought you into prison, what you've been  
2 doing with your time since your last Parole Board  
3 appearance. We have a lot of material to cover.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And what your plans are for the future.

6 How are you doing today?

7 A. I'm well. I'm well. Thank you for asking.

8 Q. How old are you today?

9 A. I'm 53 years old.

10 Q. Before we proceed, do you have any appeals  
11 outstanding?

12 A. No, not currently.

13 Q. I do note for the record that we have a stenographer  
14 taking everything down that's being said, and anything  
15 said today could find its way to another venue, another  
16 proceeding.

17 A. Yes. Yes, I understand.

18 Q. The record indicates, sir, that you were found guilty  
19 and sentenced 18 to life in 1983 in Kings County, Murder  
20 in the 2nd degree, with a concurrent term of 9 to 18 for  
21 Robbery 1st, is that correct?

22 A. Yes, that's correct.

23 Q. Is this your only crime of conviction?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. The record indicates that in 1982 you and two

1 codefendants -- I've gone through a lot of the different  
2 transcripts -- apparently were looking for somebody to  
3 rob.

4 A. Yes, that's correct.

5 Q. You guys were in a vehicle. I think the first person  
6 was a woman who apparently went into the building,  
7 right?

8 A. Yes, that's correct.

9 Q. Your two codefendants had gotten out of the car?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You were driving?

12 A. Yes, I was driving the vehicle.

13 Q. They got back in the car and then apparently you see  
14 a man walking.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You and one of your codefendants get out of the car.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Unbeknownst to you, accordingly to this, it was an  
19 off-duty housing police officer, is that correct?

20 A. Yes, that's correct.

21 Q. Did he identify himself as a police officer?

22 A. No, Commissioner.

23 Q. The record indicates that you and one of your  
24 codefendants approached the victim. The victim took his  
25 wallet out, threw it, right?

1 A. Yes. Tossed his wallet.

2 Q. Tossed his wallet out towards you guys and then he  
3 also went and reached in and pulled out his gun, is that  
4 correct?

5 A. Yes, that's correct.

6 Q. At that point what happened?

7 A. At that point my codefendant Mr. McGriff, he already  
8 had his gun out and him and the officer began to shoot.

9 Q. What happened to you?

10 A. Well, I was struck in the abdomen and I ran back to  
11 the car and I was driven to Kings County Hospital.

12 Q. Then, according to the transcripts -- because I've  
13 gone through all the transcripts -- you guys were  
14 concocting a story when you got to the hospital, right?

15 A. Yes. Well, prior to the hospital, Ernest Howard had  
16 yanked my jewelry from off of my neck and he suggested  
17 that I say that someone tried to rob me and that I saw  
18 him and that's what I said to him and asked him if he  
19 would drive me to the hospital. So when I got to the  
20 hospital, that's the story that I gave the doctors and  
21 then I also gave that to the police officers that  
22 interviewed me approximately a week to two afterwards.

23 Q. How old were you at the time?

24 A. At the time that the crime happened, I was 20 years  
25 old.

1 Q. 20 years old.

2 You had no criminal record. What led you to  
3 participate in something like this?

4 A. Well, the night that the crime occurred, actually, I  
5 was coming from work and I had a routine that I would go  
6 to my father's social club and on the way going to his  
7 club, I stopped in the corner store and these two men I  
8 had knew from the neighborhood and they had asked me  
9 would I drive them to commit the crime and I agreed to  
10 commit it but what led to me agreeing to commit the  
11 crime is that I didn't want to appear to them as if I  
12 was a punk, you know. I wanted to be looked at from  
13 them as if I was somebody that had status. So as a  
14 result of my own inadequacies, I chose to participate in  
15 this senseless and reckless crime, a crime that I deeply  
16 regret.

17 Q. Had you ever participated in a crime before?

18 A. No. I've never participated in a crime before,  
19 Commissioner.

20 Q. Were your codefendants the same age as you? Older  
21 than you? Younger than you?

22 A. One of them was about 10 years my senior and that was  
23 Ernest Howard and the other one was somewhere around my  
24 age, I'm not exactly sure. He could have been a year or  
25 two older than me or a year younger than me. I'm not

1 sure of his age.

2 Q. Once the police come to interview you -- [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 A. [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 Q. When did the police come to interview you?

9 A. That was approximately in between -- in between, I  
10 would say, seven, eight days, somewhere around there.  
11 That was the first time that the police officer came and  
12 spoke with me.

13 Q. What did you tell them?

14 A. I told them the story that we had concocted in the  
15 car. I said that I was around the area where my  
16 father's social club was at and that someone had come  
17 and tried to rob me and when I resisted, that they shot  
18 me and took my jewelry and then I saw Ernest Howard. I  
19 saw him walking down the street subsequently after I was  
20 shot and I asked him to help and he drove me to the  
21 hospital.

22 Q. When you look back on all this at the age of 53, what  
23 do you think?

24 A. Well, looking back on this now, not only am I  
25 disgusted with myself and my lack of moral character, I

1 know that it's something that was senseless. It should  
2 have never, ever have taken place and I know that -- I  
3 don't blame no one but myself. It was me trying to  
4 resolve inadequacies that I had and not knowing how to  
5 go about resolving those issues, that I put myself in  
6 this situation and it's something that I regret this  
7 whole entire incarceration. I've been doing everything  
8 in my power. I know that I can -- there's nothing that  
9 I can do that could actually atone for the taking of a  
10 life but I've been doing everything in my power to try  
11 and make amends for the crime that I've committed, the  
12 crime that I committed to Mr. [REDACTED] and for what I  
13 put his family through as well.

14 Q. The unique situation about Mr. [REDACTED] is that he  
15 was an off-duty housing police officer at the time.

16 A. Yes, unbeknownst to me at the time.

17 Q. You know, you're right. It caused a lot of distress.  
18 It caused a lot of sorrow.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. It was devastating not only for his family, his  
21 colleagues.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You've done everything you can at this point to try  
24 and turn it around and I agree, there's nothing you can  
25 do to make up for the loss of his life.



1 A. Yes.

2 Q. I do want to note for the record that in the record  
3 there is no indication that you were the shooter.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. I understand you had an appeal.

6 A. Yes, I did.

7 Q. It went before the Appellate Court.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. There was a dissent in the court.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Everyone has weighed in. So this is a case that is  
12 of interest to a lot of people. There are people who  
13 are going to be happy, people who are not going to be  
14 happy, and the Board of Parole does the best it can with  
15 the tools we have and the statute that we have to  
16 follow.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I do want to make it clear that everyone here takes  
19 public safety very seriously. We care about the victims  
20 that are affected by crime and we do everything we can  
21 to protect people.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. That being said --

24 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: Can I ask one question about  
25 the crime before you move on?.

1 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Sure. Absolutely.

2 BY COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER:

3 Q. You said that you agreed to go with these gentlemen.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you said you knew they were going to commit a  
6 crime.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What crime did you think they were going to commit?

9 A. Well, initially, it was a store that we were going to  
10 rob. It was a store that sold illegal drugs. So my  
11 role initially was to drive them to the store. They  
12 were going to rob the store for the money, get back in  
13 the car, and I was going to drop them off from where I  
14 picked them up from. That was what the initial plan  
15 was, but in the interim of that, the store was closed so  
16 then they suggested to drive around and just randomly --  
17 we went and we drove around randomly looking to just  
18 target anyone that we saw that might be vulnerable.

19 Q. Just one follow-up question. Did you know they were  
20 carrying guns?

21 A. Yes, I did know that Gerard McGriff had a gun.

22 Q. But the other gentleman did not?

23 A. Yes, the other gentleman didn't.

24 Q. But you knew that Mr. McGriff -- he was known in the  
25 neighborhood as a pretty tough guy, right?

1 A. Well, I knew that he did carry guns. Early on in my  
2 teenage years, that he was an individual that had moved  
3 into the neighborhood but as I got older -- I knew that  
4 he did have a reputation for carrying guns. In fact, he  
5 was arrested before and I believe he had gotten out of  
6 that arrest with probation.

7 Q. Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I'm sorry to interrupt.

9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Not at all. You didn't  
10 interrupt at any point.

11 BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ:

12 Q. So that being said, we've received a lot of  
13 information. I do want to indicate that the Assistant  
14 District Attorney who prosecuted you, Mr. Jonathan  
15 Fairbanks --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- has issued letters on your behalf to the Parole  
18 Board and he also gave it to the Law Journal as well to  
19 be published, it looks like, indicating and trying to  
20 clear up the record because there was some indication  
21 perhaps during one of your interviews that they didn't  
22 know if you were shooter.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. He made it very clear that you were not the shooter.  
25 There was also some discussion during your previous

1 interviews about whether you gave up your two  
2 codefendants.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Mr. Fairbanks wrote a pretty lengthy letter regarding  
5 all of that.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. I'm not going to go into all of it but he didn't  
8 believe that they would be able to convict either one of  
9 your codefendants, is that correct?

10 A. Yes, that's correct.

11 Q. I just want to just say that I'm going to read a  
12 couple of things here: "At the time of Officer  
13 [REDACTED] death, Samuel Hamilton was unknown to law  
14 enforcement; however, the individual he identified as  
15 the shooter of Officer [REDACTED] a Mr. McGriff, was  
16 well known to myself and to the officers involved in the  
17 investigation of Officer [REDACTED] death. McGriff was  
18 a very violent, young man who had been involved in a  
19 number of other crimes. One of the things known about  
20 McGriff before Officer [REDACTED] death was that he and  
21 other violent criminals working with him would bring  
22 great pressure on young men with no criminal records to  
23 act as either lookouts or drivers in what they claimed  
24 would be nonviolent crimes. In the course of  
25 investigating Officer [REDACTED] death, it became clear

1 that Mr. Hamilton had no knowledge of McGriff's violent  
2 past and that he could provide no information that would  
3 be of any legal use in prosecuting McGriff or his  
4 violent confederates. I can now definitely state that  
5 there was not a scintilla of evidence that Mr. Hamilton  
6 was the shooter."

7 On page 2 of his letter to the Board of Parole, he  
8 says that he's had conversations with you, is that  
9 right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. He's had interaction with you over the years?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. That he does not believe you're a threat to society  
14 at this point, right?

15 A. Yes, Commissioner.

16 Q. He said he's met face-to-face with you and had  
17 discussions and it says: "It is clear that he is a man  
18 who is deeply ashamed of his involvement in this crime.  
19 However, it is also clear that this is a man who has  
20 lived an immensely successful life. I am not sure that  
21 I can say that I have contributed more to society than  
22 Sam has contributed even though he has the horrible  
23 burden of Officer ██████████ death always with him. If  
24 he were my brother or son, I would be immensely proud of  
25 him."

1 He says: "Mr. Hamilton has further convinced me that  
2 he will be gainfully employed in some very worthwhile  
3 job if he is paroled. I personally believe that he will  
4 continue to contribute greatly to society in the future  
5 and that he will pose absolutely no risk to society."

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. That is from Mr. Jonathan Fairbanks, Esquire, who was  
8 the prosecutor at the trial, is that correct?

9 A. Yes, that's correct, Commissioner.

10 Q. Also, one of the things that was pointed out is that  
11 the judge did not give you the maximum. He gave you an  
12 18 to life sentence.

13 How long have you served at this point, sir?

14 A. At this point it's 32 years.

15 Q. Again, we see a lot of men come in here, a lot of  
16 females, a lot of people come in here, have made very  
17 good use of their time. Some people don't choose to do  
18 so, some people do, and you are one of those people that  
19 has chosen to make very good use of your time.

20 I see one disciplinary infraction in 1990, is that  
21 correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You have numerous letters of support. You've  
24 provided us with an updated packet. I'm not going to go  
25 through all of the support that you have but I am going

1 to note for the record not only do we have letters from  
2 reentry programs like the [REDACTED] and the  
3 [REDACTED], the heads of those organizations,  
4 [REDACTED], Miss [REDACTED] -- [REDACTED], [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED]. We also have letters from [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED] who is supporting your parole as  
7 well as [REDACTED]

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. We have letters from the [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

11 I've worked with both of those men during my time here  
12 at the Board of Parole. We have letters from retired  
13 [REDACTED]. We also have letters from  
14 the superintendent of [REDACTED], [REDACTED].

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. We have numerous letters of support from corrections  
17 officers who have known you throughout the years who  
18 have nothing but wonderful things to say about you.

19 You've also had an independent Risk Assessment, is  
20 that correct?

21 A. Yes. I had two, one in 2012 and another one just  
22 recently.

23 Q. Which indicates that you would not be a threat to  
24 society if you were released, is that correct?

25 A. Yes, that's correct.

1 Q. There's just so many people who have written on your  
2 behalf, Mr. Hamilton. I can't go through all of them  
3 but you know who they are, the Commissioners sitting on  
4 this panel know, and all the programs on the outside  
5 that are willing to help you when you get out.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You've educated yourself during your incarceration.  
8 You've helped others during your incarceration. You've  
9 mentored other people.

10 A. Yes. I'm continuing to do that.

11 Q. Because we do have letters from current and former  
12 inmates as well.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You have family who is there for you, friends.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. People in the community.

17 You have a master's degree at this point, is that  
18 correct?

19 A. Yes, Commissioner.

20 Q. A bachelor's degree.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Numerous certificates of completion for different  
23 programs you've participated in over the years.

24 Then the flip side is that there is a group of people  
25 who don't believe that you should be let out of



1 prison --

2 A. Yes, I understand that.

3 Q. -- and you are very much aware of that.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Our job, again, as I say, is a difficult one and we  
6 do the best we can --

7 A. Yes, I understand.

8 Q. -- with what we have.

9 What are your plans for release, sir? Where are you  
10 going to live? How are you going to support yourself?

11 A. Well, there's a letter from the [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED], Miss [REDACTED], and I will be living  
13 there at the [REDACTED].

14 Q. At the [REDACTED]?

15 A. Yes. I understand they have a rigorous program there  
16 which entails 35 hours of work or the equivalent of  
17 program participation and 10 hours of community  
18 supervision. They have regular daily substance abuse  
19 testing and there's a prohibition against violence or  
20 even the threat of violence and I'm also expected to be  
21 a contributing member of that community and that's  
22 something that I look forward to doing. That pretty  
23 much is nothing outside of what I'm doing now, what I'm  
24 doing here inside this community. So that's something  
25 that I would look forward to.

1 I also have four reasonable and guaranteed assurance  
2 letters for employment. I've kind of categorized those  
3 job employments. The first option would be the [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED] because I've been working with them inside  
5 here for the last 20 years. The second one was [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED] because that ties into the work that I do not only  
7 with mentoring but also as an academic assistant working  
8 with the men who are on that journey to obtain their  
9 bachelor's degree. Then there's [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED] who I've had a relationship with for over 10  
11 years when I was the resident director of transitional  
12 services. I used to recommend a lot of men to that  
13 organization so -- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who  
14 recently -- I'm the special advisor for the  
15 community-minded organization here and recently, a few  
16 months ago, we invited [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and  
17 we gave her an award for the work that she's doing in  
18 reentry. So I have a well, long established  
19 relationship with them and [REDACTED] said if the  
20 funds become available, that he would hire me, and since  
21 then, since he's written that letter, I'm aware that  
22 they did get funding for mentoring 16 to 24 year olds.

23 Lastly, there's another gentleman by the name of  
24 [REDACTED] who is an employment specialist at an  
25 organization called [REDACTED] and he's

1 actually a gentleman that I mentored inside here and  
2 when he was released, he was fortunate to not only  
3 become a licensed chaplain but he's also working at the  
4 agency and said that he could get me employment there as  
5 well.

6 Q. I do have the letter from Mr. [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]. He says he's known you for  
8 almost 20 years --

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. -- and was able to witness your strong faith,  
11 remorse, and your sincere sense of redemption.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. He wrote a very heartfelt letter as well.

14 We have your COMPAS Reentry Risk Assessment. It's  
15 one of the tools that the Board of Parole uses. Your  
16 risk is the lowest across the whole spectrum. Risk of  
17 felony violence, low; arrest, absconding risk is low;  
18 criminal involvement, history of violence, prison  
19 misconduct is low; and unlikely for reentry substance  
20 abuse treatment. Have you ever had any drug or alcohol  
21 issues in your youth?

22 A. Yes. When I was in my youth, I did drink alcohol.  
23 That was it. I did try marijuana one time but that was  
24 short lived because I didn't like the effects of it.

25 Q. I'm going to ask the other Commissioners if they have

1 any other questions or anything else that they want to  
2 say.

3 COMMISSIONER HALLERDIN: No. I've been very  
4 impressed by your accomplishments. I've also been very  
5 impressed by the fact that you have been able to --  
6 although time and time turned down by this Board, you  
7 still appear at this Board and you have always been  
8 respectful at this Board.

9 THE INMATE: Thank you, Commissioner.

10 COMMISSIONER HALLERDIN: And I know that's not easy.

11 THE INMATE: Well, today the person that I am, my  
12 thing is I know that things can be hard and difficult  
13 and some things can be easy, but what I'm concerned with  
14 is always doing the right thing today, and me coming in  
15 here being respectful, me continuing to do the work is  
16 being respectful and also in honoring Mr. [REDACTED]  
17 because he stood for those things as well. So my life  
18 now is dedicated to honoring him.

19 COMMISSIONER HALLERDIN: Thank you very much, sir.

20 THE INMATE: You're welcome.

21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Alexander?

22 BY COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER:

23 Q. I was going to ask you if you knew the definition of  
24 remorse but I think you just sort of gave it to  
25 Commissioner Hallerdin. Is there anything you'd like to

1 add to what your definition of remorse is?

2 A. Yes. For me remorse is an action word and I believe  
3 that I demonstrate that in how I live my life in memory  
4 of what Mr. [REDACTED] stood for and the ripple effect  
5 that my actions has had on his family as well as his  
6 coworkers and his friends and his whole community. For  
7 me, that's what my definition is of remorse.

8 Q. His actual shooter died on the streets. Did you ever  
9 think that exonerated you?

10 A. No, by no means.

11 Q. Why not?

12 A. Well, because no one pulled my arm and made me -- I  
13 agreed to participate in this crime and, like I said, I  
14 make no excuses for that, you know. Today I understand  
15 the reasons why I would participate or have the audacity  
16 to think that it was even all right to agree to  
17 participate in a crime like this. At no time -- at no  
18 time did I believe that anyone was going to get  
19 physically hurt and so his death -- both of my  
20 codefendants' deaths, I realize that that does not  
21 exonerate me and I accept full responsibility for the  
22 crime that I committed.

23 Q. Thank you.

24 A. You're welcome.

25 BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ:

1 Q. Were you offered a plea?

2 A. My lawyer -- a couple of months, maybe about 2 months  
3 after I was in the county jail, he did come to me and he  
4 asked me if he could get 5 to 15, would I take it but  
5 that wasn't a formal plea. That was him asking me would  
6 I take it and at that time, unfortunately, I turned it  
7 down to him. I told him that I wasn't taking the plea  
8 because I wasn't taking responsibility for the crime  
9 even though I knew I was guilty and that was because of  
10 the shame that I had about the crime that I committed.  
11 There was no way that I could even pretty much look my  
12 parents in the face and just be honest with them at that  
13 time and let them know that you raised a son that could  
14 have committed a crime like this. I kind of felt it  
15 would have killed my mother. So at that time I wasn't  
16 taking responsibility, but never in the courtroom or  
17 never did my attorney come to me and ask me that this  
18 was an offer that was made by the District Attorney's  
19 Office.

20 Q. Is there anything else you want to say today?

21 A. Yes. Well, again, I think that it can't be said  
22 enough, I want to apologize to everyone in this room for  
23 my actions on that night. It definitely was a tragedy.  
24 It should have never happened and that's something that  
25 I'm going to regret and I'm going to carry that with me

1 for the rest of my life. That's going to be shadowed  
2 with every step of my life that I take.

3 I also would like to say that if you see to grant me  
4 parole, that I won't let you down. I will never, ever,  
5 never, ever commit a crime again and I will live my  
6 life, like I said, in honoring Mr. [REDACTED]

7 In my portfolio, I created a declaration, and  
8 although I created that declaration a few years ago,  
9 I've been living and on that path for over 25 years.

10 Q. With that, sir, I want to thank you for coming in.  
11 You will get your decision in a few days.

12 A. Thank you.

13 THE INMATE: Thank you very much, Commissioner  
14 Alexander, Commissioner Hallerdin, Commissioner  
15 Hernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER HALLERDIN: Good luck to you, sir.

17 THE INMATE: Thank you.

18 (After due deliberation by the Parole Board Panel,  
19 the following decision has been rendered:)

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DECISION

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2 Open date, 9/29/14 OE.

3 You are granted an open date after thorough review of  
4 the record, consideration of all statutory factors, and  
5 deliberation.

6 The shooting death of Police Officer [REDACTED]  
7 who the record indicates was off-duty at the time of the  
8 instant offense was a devastating loss to his family,  
9 colleagues, and the community at large. We have  
10 considered that you were not the shooter of Officer  
11 [REDACTED] as stipulated in the record as well as in the  
12 letter of support from Former Assistant District  
13 Attorney Jonathan Fairbanks, your rehabilitative efforts  
14 including your remorse and insight into your criminal  
15 conduct, your needs for successful reintegration,  
16 letters of support and reasonable assurance, positive  
17 institutional adjustment including your higher  
18 educational achievements, and low COMPAS and LSI-R risk  
19 score, opposition to your release, parole packet and  
20 parole plans.

21 It is the unanimous opinion of this panel that your  
22 release is not incompatible with public safety and  
23 welfare and that you will live and remain at liberty  
24 without violating the law.

25 Conditions of release:



1 I will seek, obtain, and maintain employment and/or  
2 an academic/vocational program.

3 I will submit to substance abuse testing as directed  
4 by the P.O.

5 I will abide by a curfew established by the P.O.

6 I will NOT associate in any way or communicate by any  
7 means with victim's family without the permission of the  
8 P.O.

9 (Commissioners concur.)

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## C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes taken by me on the above cause and that this is a correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

*Diana Freund*

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