



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
INDETERMINATE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD
P.O. BOX 40907, OLYMPIA, WA 98504-0907

DECISION AND REASONS

NAME: FLETCHER, John
DOC #: 269899
FACILITY: Washington Corrections Center – WCC
TYPE OF HEARING: .100 Hearing
HEARING DATE: December 13, 2017
PANEL MEMBERS: LRG & EB
FINAL DECISION DATE: December 18, 2017

This matter came before Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey and Elyse Balmert, who are members of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB or the Board) on the above date for a release hearing in accordance with the provisions of RCW 9.95.100. Mr. Fletcher appeared in person and was represented by attorney Cynthia Jordan. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Margaret Hobbs, and Mr. Fletcher.

BOARD DECISION:

Based on the requirements of RCW 9.95.009(3) and RCW 9.95.100 and the totality of evidence and information considered by the Board, the Board finds that Mr. Fletcher is not parolable and adds 60 months to his minimum term.

NEXT ACTION:

Schedule a .100 hearing 120 days prior to his ERD.

JURISDICTION:

John Fletcher is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a 1981 conviction in Clark County Cause #81-1-00188-2 for **Robbery in the First Degree, Count II**. Mr. Fletcher was also sentenced under the same cause for Taking a Motor Vehicle without Owner Permission, Count I, and Burglary Second Degree, Count III. The Court ordered that Mr. Fletcher serve his confinement time on Count I first, then serve his time on Counts II and III concurrently, but consecutive to Count I. The time start on Count I was August 5, 1982. The Board set the minimum term on Count I at 14 months, with a five year maximum term. Mr. Fletcher was paroled to Counts II and III on August 14, 1983. The minimum term was set at 102 months on Count II from a Sentencing Reform Act range of 77 to 102 months. The maximum term is Life. He was paroled in May of 1990, and returned as a parole violator in April of 1991. He was next paroled in June of 1992 to a consecutive SRA sentence. He was again revoked and returned to prison. In 2015 he was found conditionally parolable to a Mutual Reentry Plan (MRP) and he was at a work release as part of the MRP when he was infracted and returned to total confinement. He has served approximately 247 months total to include the time on parole revocations.

NATURE OF INDEX OFFENSE(S):

File materials describe the Robbery First Degree conviction as Mr. Fletcher, at age 19, robbing a convenience store attendant at knifepoint. Companion causes of Taking a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Second Degree Burglary have reached their maximum expiration dates.

PRIOR CRIMINAL CONDUCT:

While on parole for the index crime Mr. Fletcher was convicted of First Degree Burglary and First Degree Assault under Clark County Cause #90-1-01042-2. File material describes these crimes as Mr. Fletcher forcing his way into the home of a young woman after pretending to need to use her telephone. He threatened to kill her, and then stabbed her multiple times. (In today's hearing he claimed he was trying to get money back from a woman who owed him money and he stabbed her once.)

In 1980 Mr. Fletcher was convicted of two counts of First Degree Burglary out of Multnomah County Circuit in Oregon. He also has 1979 felony convictions for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Marijuana, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Burglary, and Forced Entry of a Residence.

HISTORY/COMMENTS:

Mr. Fletcher's last hearing was held on November 9, 2016. At that time the Board determined he remained conditionally parolable to a MRP. The Board added 24 months to his minimum term and recommended he transition through a camp setting first before going to a work release.

Mr. Fletcher at the beginning of the hearing complained that he had not been given opportunity to review his central file or his medical file prior to the hearing. He also appeared to take issue with the current psychological evaluation and had hoped to meet with the evaluator to find out why she made the conclusions she did. Mr. Fletcher was given the opportunity to continue the hearing to a later date if he wished. He chose to proceed with the hearing today. He was also informed he could write to the Board and provide any information he wished us to consider. (During the course of the hearing it was discovered that two file review sessions were scheduled and Mr. Fletcher failed to show up for the first one but did show up for the second one and was given opportunity to review his file.)

Classification Counselor Hobbs testified Mr. Fletcher transferred to Washington Corrections Center in September of 2017. Apparently he had been transferred as a part of his MRP, to the Cedar Creek Corrections Center which is a "camp". At some point he claimed he was feeling threatened by other inmates and asked to be removed from the camp.

The Board asked Mr. Fletcher what the issue was and he stated that he has a record of being a "rat" and the other inmates found out about it and began mistreating him and threatening him. He stated he continues to have these types of problems at Washington Corrections Center as well.

CC Hobbs stated Mr. Fletcher was signed up for Building Maintenance Classes. He attended once and failed to return to class thereafter. He claimed he had a shoulder injury that he needed to see medical about and could not attend class. Yet he failed to sign up for a medical call out. He claimed that he was told that medical call out only happened once a week. She noted that he has also failed to attend scheduled mental health appointments as well. Mr. Fletcher stated no one reminded him of the appointments nor told him he was on the call out.

Mr. Fletcher took little personal responsibility for himself. He claims to be forgetful yet does little to help himself remember things. He doesn't write lists, or keep a calendar at all. He thinks other people should help him. He complained about all aspects of his prison stay yet does little to improve his lot. He was asked what he had done to prepare for release and he said he has been reading a book on how to build a house boat. He said this gives him knowledge about carpentry and thinks he can start his own business when he releases. He said he could write up a business proposal and get a small business loan. He was very unrealistic about the prospects of opening his own business.

Mr. Fletcher then stated that his mental health has been worse since returning to Washington Corrections Center. He stated he has schizophrenia which is not documented anywhere in his file. He does have some mental health issues but none as serious as he claims. He stated that at Cedar Creek he was getting 1:1 counseling and this worked better than taking medication. He claimed his current prescriptions don't work well. He didn't know the names of his medications.

Mr. Fletcher has incurred two serious infractions since his return to Washington Corrections Center and has also been placed in segregation. He denied responsibility for these though he was found guilty in a disciplinary hearing.

Mr. Fletcher stated he didn't like the camp setting because it was too noisy. He was asked if he could wear earplugs and he said only for a short while because they made his ears hurt. He was

asked about wearing headphones and he said that he would have to buy them himself and apparently he was not willing to do that.

INFORMATION CONSIDERED:

In preparation for Mr. Fletcher's hearing and its decision in this case, the Board completed a review of his ISRB file. The Board considered all information contained in that file, including but not limited to: the most recent DOC facility plan; information regarding institutional behavior and programming; any letters of support and/or concerns sent to the Board; the Pre-Sentence Investigation report; and the psychological evaluation recently prepared by Deborah Wentworth, PhD. The Board also considered the testimony of the witnesses listed above.

REASONS:

This was a deferred decision following a full Board discussion using a structured decision-making framework that takes into consideration; the statistical estimate of risk, criminal history, parole/release history, ability to control behavior, responsivity to programming, demonstrated offender change, release planning, discordant information, and other case specific factors. Based on the requirements of RCW 9.95.009 (3) and RCW 9.95.100 the Board finds Mr. Fletcher not releasable.

Mr. Fletcher has shown little motivation for self-improvement. He presents as one who believes everyone else is responsible for him. His psychological evaluation is not positive. The descriptor for his probability to reoffend violently is considered high based upon his VRAG-R score.

Overall, Mr. Fletcher presents as too unmotivated and too irresponsible to consider for release at this time. He could be taking more positive steps to prepare for release and has failed to do so. The Board expects he will participate in recommended programming and remain serious infraction free.

LRG: ffo

December 14, 2017

December 18, 2017

December 21, 2017

January 2, 2018

cc: Institution/WCC
John Fletcher
Cynthia Jordan, Attorney
File/ffo



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DATE: December 14, 2017

TO: Full Board

FROM: LRG & EB (*Fawn Opp*)

RE: FLETCHER, John / *DOC# 269899*

Panel recommends: Not parolable. Add 60 months to his minimum term.

Next action: Schedule .100 hearing 120 days prior to PERD.

Agree	Disagree
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 12-18-17 Elyse Balmert 12-18-17 Jeff Patnode 12-18-17 Kecia Rongen 12-18-17	