



**Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
Decision and Reasons Summary**

Name: MAYS, Austin	DOC#: 888310	Case Type: LT Juv Board	Date: 4/15/2025
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Note: This is a summary of the Decision and Reasons dated 4/28/2025, and should not be substituted for the full document.

Decision:
Releasable.

Next Action: Submit an Offender Release Plan (ORP) for consideration.

Recommendations:

- **Strong controls around alcohol use**
- **Strong controls around drug use**
- **Strong controls around relationships**



DECISION AND REASONS

NAME:	MAYS, Austin
DOC #:	888310
FACILITY:	Stafford Creek Corrections Center
DATE OF HEARING:	April 15, 2025
TYPE OF HEARING:	LT Juv Board 9.94A.730
PANEL MEMBERS:	Jeff Patnode & Corey McNally
FINAL DECISION DATE:	April 28, 2025

I. DECISION/LEGAL STANDARD

This matter came before the above-named Board Members of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB) for the first hearing pursuant to **RCW 9.94A.730**. This statute establishes a presumption of release unless rebutted by a preponderance of evidence. After considering the possible conditions of release and the remaining evidence, the Board finds Samuel Brown is more likely than not to commit a future crime if released, despite such conditions. Consequently, the Board finds Austin Mays releasable.

- In a letter from the Snohomish County Prosecutor, dated April 4, 2025, they recommended the Board not release Mr. Mays at this time.

NEXT ACTION: Submit an Offender Release Plan (ORP) for consideration.

II. JURISDICTION

Austin Mays is under the jurisdiction of the Board on an October 25, 2005, conviction in Snohomish County Cause #04-1-02256-2 for First Degree Murder with A Firearm, Count I And First-Degree Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Count II. The time start is November 1, 2005. The minimum term on count I was set at 324 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 351 to 448 months, which includes a 60-month Firearm Enhancement. The minimum term on

count II was set at 120 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 153 to 183 months, which includes a 60-month Firearm Enhancement. The statutory maximum term is Life. Mr. Mays has served approximately 233 months in prison and 491 days of jail time during the initial period of confinement.

Note: Other Causes/Under the same cause number, Mr. Mays was also convicted of First-Degree Robbery with a Firearm, Count III- and First-Degree Burglary Count IV. He was sentenced to 176 months on count III, which includes 60 months Firearm Enhancement, and 102 months on Count IV. The ERD on count III is 12/3/2025 and 2/22/2025 on Count IV.

[RCW 9.94A.730](#), enacted in 2014, allows certain offenders who were under the age of 18 when they committed their crime(s) and were sentenced as adults to petition the Board for consideration of early release consideration after serving no less than 20 years of total confinement. Mr. Mays's petition resulted in the hearing on this date.

III. LAST BOARD DECISION

This is his first hearing.

IV. OFFENSE DESCRIPTION

Mr. Mays had a long history of robbing and/or stealing from the victim of his current offense. This offending had led to a commitment to a State institution. Information notes that he targeted the victim this time as he was mad that he was turned into the police for the last theft. On June 25, 2004, Mr. Mays and two codefendants went the victim's home, robbed him of multiple firearms and other items, and killed the victim by shooting him several times in the head.

V. OTHER RISK RELATED BEHAVIOR

Mr. Mays was previously under supervision under the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration for Residential Burglary that he committed in September of 2003. He was admitted to JRA on October 14, 2003 at Naselle Youth Camp. He was transferred to Camp Outlook (a Boot Camp

style juvenile facility) within a month. He was 14 years at the time. He was sentenced to a minimum of 15 weeks and a maximum of 36 weeks. He was released from custody on March 3, 2004 and began Juvenile Parole on the same date. He completed parole on May 26, 2004.

He also has two previous Taking Motor Vehicle without Owner Permission Second Degree; one dated 12/21/2002 and one dated 04/24/2003.

VI. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED

The Board considered the evidence presented at the hearing and reviewed **Austin Mays'** ISRB file. The hearing was audio recorded and will be retained per retention schedules. Testimony was provided by the following individuals: **Classification Counselor Andrew Andring and Austin Mays.**

The file review included the following documents:

- ☐ End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) Reports:
- ☒ Criminal case records:
- ☒ Psychological Evaluations: **Completed by Ph.D. Robtoy on 11-08-2024**
- ☐ DOC Treatment and behavioral reports dated:
- ☒ Risk Assessments (Static, SOTIPS etc.):

Hare Psychopathy Checklist-REVISED (PCL-R) indicates the extent to which the individual has psychopathic tendencies.

Violence Risk Assessment Guide-Revised (**VRAG-R**) is a 12-item actuarial scale designed to predict violent recidivism.

HCR-20v3 is an instrument that organizes known risk factors into three categories: historical, clinical, and risk management. Using past, present, and future factors the HCR-20v3 assesses dynamic risk for recidivism.

Saint Louis University Mental Status examination (SLUMS) is a brief screening tool to assess cognitive functioning.

Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI) is a self-administered objective test of personality and psychopathology.

- ☐ Findings and Conclusion (F&C), Prior Decision & Reasons (D&R):
- ☒ DOC OMNI Records
- ☒ Community Concerns

VII. FINDINGS

1. In preparation for this hearing, Austin Mays was provided with the evidence considered by the Board and was advised of his hearing rights.
2. Austin Mays appeared in person. Austin Mays was represented by attorney Adriena Clifton.
3. The Board has considered all potential conditions of community custody it may lawfully impose, including all potential conditions identified by the End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC), DOC psychological evaluations, and RCW 9.94A.704. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - DRUG / ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS
 - PROHIBITED CONTACTS
 - SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPHS
 - UNAPPROVED RELATIONSHIPS
4. The Board has considered the following evidence favorable to Austin Mays's release determination:
 - ☒ Treatment/Programming **Mr. Mays has completed numerous programs to mitigate his risk to the community to include Thinking for a Change, Redemption, Roots of Success, Stress Anger Management, and he has obtained an Associate of Art (AA) Degree.**
 - ☒ Protective factors **He has supervision and extensive community support as well as a trade (Electrician) he has learned for employment opportunities.**

- ☐ Washington Offender Needs Evaluation (ONE)
- ☒ Risk Assessment Scores
- ☒ Psychological Evaluations His 11-08-2024 indicates he is low risk for future violence and is a reasonable candidate for “early” release.
- ☒ Other evidence **He has not incurred a serious infraction in over 15 years, with his last occurring April 8, 2010.**

5. The Board has considered evidence against Austin Mays’s release:

- ☐ Refusal to participate in available programs or resources designed to assist an inmate to reduce the risk of re-offense
- ☐ Serious and/or repetitive disciplinary infractions during incarceration
- ☐ Evidence of an inmate’s continuing intent or propensity to engage in sex offenses
- ☐ Statements or declarations by the inmate of the intent not to comply with conditions of community custody
- ☐ End of sentence review determination based on actuarial assessments identifying risk to sexually reoffend
- ☐ Psychological Evaluations
- ☒ Other evidence: **His crime was particularly egregious, premeditated, and has caused significant damage to the community and survivors.**

6. The community custody conditions, and any favorable evidence noted above considered by the Board would sufficiently reduce the likelihood of Austin Mays committing new offenses because:

- **He has completed numerous programs to address his criminogenic risks and needs.**
- **He has managed his behavior in prison, indicative of an ability to follow supervision conditions, and has not incurred a serious infraction since 2010.**
- **He has obtained an AA Degree and is an Apprentice Electrician, affording him the chance to obtain a career and support himself and the community in a meaningful way.**
- **He is assessed, in his Psychological Evaluation by PhD Robtoy, as a low risk for future violence and a reasonable candidate for early release.**
- **He has a detailed release plan and strong community support.**

7. After weighing all the evidence, including the community custody conditions and any favorable evidence noted above, the Board finds by a preponderance of the evidence that

Austin Mays is not more likely than not to commit a new crime if released with conditions that are designed to help better prepare him for a successful re-entry into society.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Strong controls around alcohol use
- Strong controls around drug use
- Strong controls around relationships

JP: vj

4/22/2025

cc: Facility: SCCC
Austin Mays, Incarcerated Individual
File



TO: Full Board

FROM: **JP** (vj)

RE: MAYS, Austin DOC # 888310

Panel recommends: **Releasable**

Next action: **Submit an Offender Release Plan (ORP) for consideration.**

Agree	Disagree
Jeff Patnode, 4.28.2025 Jill Getty, 4.28.2025 Corey McNally, 4.28.2025 Meghan Kelly-Stallings, 4.28.2025 Kecia Rongen, 4.28.2025	