

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES

July 27, 2020

A regular meeting of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board was held in the ISRB Office Building located at 4317 Sixth Avenue SE, Lacey, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present were:

Board Members:

Staff:

Kecia Rongen  
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey  
Jeff Patnode  
Elyse Balmert  
TaTeasha Davis

Robin Riley, Executive Assistant

**A. To the Table Case** – Members had a full Board discussion of this ISRB case.

**PRE-84**

- JONES, Melvin
- DOC #623519
- Purpose: Full Board Discussion
- Date: 7-27-2020
- List of Documents Reviewed
  - ISRB File
- An updated prosecutor recommendation was not received.
  
- Mr. Jones was seen for a .100 hearing at the Monroe Correctional Complex – Twin Rivers Unit on July 7, 2020.
  
- **Summary Discussion**  
Ms. Balmert presented the case to the full Board

Melvin Jones is under the jurisdiction of the Board in King County Cause #77622 for Murder in the First Degree.

The crime involved the rape and murder of a young woman in her apartment. The victim was known to him. Mr. Jones was 25 years old at the time of the crime and is currently 69 years of age.

Mr. Jones previous criminal history includes a conviction in 1969 for Indecent Liberties of a five year old female. He served approximately six years and was paroled. While on parole he committed the murder for which he is now serving. Mr. Jones was also found not guilty at the trial of another murder that was committed two weeks prior to the one for which he is convicted.

Risk assessments show Mr. Jones to be a moderate to high risk to re-offend.

Mr. Jones has had no serious infractions since his last hearing.

Mr. Jones has completed Bridges to Life and R.E.A.C.H. and Job Seeking Skills.

Mr. Jones does not admit to the Rape and Murder and has little insight as to why he was accused.

He would like to release to a transition house. His daughter is very supportive but has children in her home.

- **Decision:**

The panel recommends finding him not parolable and adding 36 months to his minimum term.

- **Reasons:**

- He has been assessed by the End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) as a Level Three and the SVP Subcommittee as needing a Forensic Psychological Evaluation (FPE) which must occur before he can be considered for release.
- He has not mitigated his risk for sexual re-offense.
  - Per Dr. Robtoy's psychological evaluation "Mr. Jones is considered moderate high risk to re-offend according to the risk assessment tools used in this assessment. He is estimated to have some protective factors, but not enough to justify lowering the assessment of risk his release might pose to the community."
  - Assessments
    - SOTAP Static 99-R as a Moderate/High risk (a sex offender actuarial risk assessment)
    - High on the Stable 2007 (measures dynamic risk).
    - SORAG Category 9 (highest)
    - VRAG-R 9
    - PCL-R High
    - MnSOST High
  - He continues to deny responsibility for committing the murder/rape and had no sight as to why he was charged with two murders/rapes and convicted of one.

- He has multiple sex offense convictions, with different victims, and a sexual re-offense after being released from a prior sex offense.
- **Recommendations:**
  - The Board recommends Mr. Jones be evaluated and successfully complete the current Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment Program, if found eligible, so that he can better understand his high risks and interventions. He should continue to remain Serious Infraction free and take any other programming available to him.
- **Next Action:**
  - Schedule .100 120 days prior to parole eligibility review date (PERD). The Board requests the Forensic Psychological Evaluation be completed prior to his next hearing as previously requested by ESRC.
- **Vote:**

Jeff Patnode	Agree with recommendation
Kecia Rongen	Agree with recommendation
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey	Agree with recommendation
Elyse Balmert	Agree with recommendation
TaTeasha Davis	Agree with recommendation