



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

**DECISION AND REASONS**

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NAME: RAMIRES, Wuenceslao  
DOC #: 806863  
FACILITY: WSR-Via Skype  
DATE OF HEARING: July 15, 2020  
TYPE OF HEARING: LT JUVBRD  
PANEL MEMBERS: Kecia Rongen, Elyse Balmert, TaTeasha Davis  
FINAL DECISION DATE: July 27, 2020

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This matter came before the above named Board Members of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB or the Board) for a release hearing in accordance with RCW 9.94A.730 or RCW 10.95.030. In preparation for the hearing, the Board reviewed Mr. Ramires' ISRB file. Mr. Ramires appeared in person and was represented by Attorney Kim Ambrose and students from the Race and Justice Clinic, Olivia Hagel and Paige Fuelzly. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Beth Anderson and Mr. Ramires. Others present at the hearing were Larry Verlinda.

The Yakima County Prosecutor, Joseph Brusica dated January 26, 2020 strongly urged against any early release for Mr. Ramires.

**CURRENT BOARD DECISION:**

Based on the burden of proof set out in RCW 9.94A.730 or RCW 10.95.030(3)(f) and the totality of evidence and information provided to the Board, the Board does/does not find by a preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Ramires is more likely than not to commit any new

criminal law violations if released on conditions. Consequently, the Board finds Mr. Ramires releasable.

**NEXT ACTION:**

Release upon appropriate notification to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detainer.

**REASONS FOR DECISION:**

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, 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 9.94A.730 or RCW 10.95.030 the Board finds Mr. Ramires is not more likely than 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. Mr. Ramires is determined to be releasable based on the following:

- Completed a number of change programs and has been employed with positive reports;
- No behavioral problems for five years, numerous positive behavioral observations;
- He has a support system in Mexico,
- Takes responsibility for his crime and appears to have insight into the risk factors that led up to the crime,
- Assessed as a moderate risk to re-offend and low risk for causing serious physical harm and imminent violence.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Mr. Ramires will be deported to Mexico and a warrant will be put out for him if he returns to the United States.

**JURISDICTION:**

RCW 9.94A.730, enacted in 2014, allows 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. Ramires' petition, resulted in the hearing on this date.

Wuenceslao Ramires is under the jurisdiction of the DOC on a February 15, 2000 conviction in Yakima County Cause #99-1-01138-0 for Attempted Murder in the First Degree While Armed With A Deadly Weapon Count I. The time start is March 22, 2000. The term of Confinement was set at 604.25 months plus a 60 month FA enhancement for a total of 464.25 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 255.75 to 320.25 months (including FA enhancement). The maximum term is Life. Mr. Ramires has served approximately 246 months in prison and 266 days of jail time to date.

**Other Causes/Counts:**

Unlawful Possession of a Firearm Second Degree Counts II, III 12 months each count. Taking a Motor Vehicle Without Permission Count IV 5 months under the same Cause. All of these Counts are expired.

**OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:**

File materials indicate that on June 24, 1999 Mr. Ramires, age 17 was pulled over by a Yakima Police Officer for a traffic stop and Mr. Ramires shot the officer twice in the chest. The vehicle then fled and the two occupants fled on foot. They both were apprehended the next day.

**PRIOR RISK RELATED/ CRIMINAL CONDUCT:**

There is no other known criminal history.

**PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:**

Classification Counselor (CC) Ms. Anderson testified that Mr. Ramires is has been scored as a Moderate risk on the risk level classification from DOC. He does have support in the community that he keeps in contact with via JPay due to COVID restrictions. His goal is to release from prison and help take care of his elderly mother who lives In Mexico. He has worked towards a goal of

working for Correctional Industries and was able to obtain employment in the print shop. He gets positive evaluations from his supervisor and describe him as a “valuable member of the team.” He is currently a level three and there are four levels.

He recently completed a number of programs to include: Standardized Stress/Anger Management, Moral Resonance Therapy, Thinking for a Change (T4C), Advanced Skill Building T4C, Life Skills Computing, Root of Success, Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient, SMART Recovery, Bridges to Life, Job Seeking Skills, Nonviolent Communication, Bridges to Life Assistant, Re-Entry JSRB, Career Bridge, Toastmasters, CTAP and Makin it Work. Mr. Ramires is currently an Assistant for the Bridges to Life Program. He has received 35 serious infractions since being in prison and the last one was in 2015 for threatening.

Ms. Hagel provided an opening statement pointing out the material that they submitted on Mr. Ramires behalf that included numerous support letters and a release plan. Mr. Ramires learned English while in prison by checking out books in the library. Ms. Hagel argued that Mr. Ramirez is not more likely to commit any crime.

Mr. Ramires takes responsibility for his crime and walked the Board through what was going on during that day. He had been drinking with his girlfriend, they decided to return to California where they are from and stole a car. They were pulled over by an officer and he panicked when the officer came to the window of the car and he shot him. He does not remember the crime very well due to being under the influence. He passed out after the crime and his girlfriend woke him up and they fled the scene. Mr. Ramires was emotional as he was describing the crime. He also read an apology letter to the victim.

Ms. Paige Fuelzly provided the closing statement. She emphasized that Mr. Ramires embodies change and believes that he is ready to re-enter society and that he is not more likely to re-offend.

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July 22, 2020; July 27, 2020; July 29, 2020

cc: WSR, Attorney, File



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TO: Full Board

FROM: Kecia Rongen (Teresa Schmidt, CRT)

RE: Ramires, Wuenceslao  
DOC #806863

Panel recommends: Releasable to Mexico Detainer

Next action: Release to ICE

Agree	Disagree
Elyse Balmert 7-27-2020 TaTeasha Davis 7-27-2020 Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 7-27-2020 Jeff Patnode 7-27-2020 Kecia Rongen 7-27-2020	