



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: Morgan, Randall  
DOC #: 628635  
FACILITY: Stafford Creek Correctional Center  
DATE OF HEARING: August 11, 2020  
TYPE OF HEARING: .100  
PANEL MEMBERS: Elyse Balmert and Jeff Patnode  
FINAL DECISION DATE: August 24, 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 the 13<sup>th</sup> .100 hearing in accordance with RCW 9.95.100. In preparation for the hearing, the Board reviewed Mr. Morgan's ISRB file. Mr. Morgan appeared in person and was represented by Attorney Jason Couey. Testimony was provided by Department of Corrections (DOC) Classification Counselor (CC) Leann Schnase.

The original minimum term recommended by both the Judge and the Prosecutor was 20 years.

**LAST BOARD DECISION:**

At the April 11, 2017 hearing, the Board found Mr. Morgan not parolable and added 60 months to his minimum term. The Board recommended Mr. Morgan continue to have his medical conditions addressed and that he could be seen sooner by the Board if he determines he is ready to participate in a MRP as determined by the Board and the DOC.

**CURRENT 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. Morgan is not parolable and adds 60 months to his minimum term.

**NEXT ACTION:**

Schedule a .100 hearing 120 days prior to his next PERD. If Mr. Morgan is willing to participate, a new Psychological Evaluation should be ordered.

**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, 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 9.95.100, the Board finds Mr. Morgan not parolable for the following reasons:**

- **He has not completed the Board recommendations, participate in a MRP, as well as programming to mitigate his risk and assist with transition into the community.**
- **He has not completed any additional risk related programs.**
- **He refused to participate in the Psychological Evaluation preventing the Board from knowing what his current risk is to the community.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board recommended Mr. Morgan continue to have his medical conditions addressed and that he could be seen sooner by the Board if he determines he is ready to participate in a MRP

**JURISDICTION:**

Randall Morgan is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a March 16, 1978 conviction in King County Cause #83633 for Murder in the First Degree while armed with a Deadly Weapon. The

time start is March 16, 1978. The minimum term was set at 315 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 235 to 315 months. The maximum term is Life. Mr. Morgan has served approximately 508 months in prison and 143 days of jail time.

**OFFENSE DESCRIPTION:**

File materials describe the underlying conviction as Mr. Morgan (age 22) along with a co-defendant, smothering and then stabbing the victim fifteen times. The victim was an individual from a local bar who was the apparent target of a robbery. After being stabbed nine times and having \$6.00 taken, the victim was stabbed an additional six times through the heart. Mr. Morgan later confessed to a priest that he was a witness to the homicide. Reports indicate that Mr. Morgan had written a letter that expressed remorse for having taken a life. When questioned by the police, Mr. Morgan admitted his participation in the crime.

**PRIOR CRIMINAL / RISK RELATED CONDUCT:**

Mr. Morgan spent approximately two years at Echo Glen as a juvenile and those records are no longer available. Reports indicate that he could not conform to the rules of different foster homes that he had lived in since age 7.

**PROGRESS/BEHAVIOR:**

CC Schnase provided an overview of Mr. Morgan's Programming (vocation/education and offender change) since his last hearing. He was attending Basic Skills but due to his sight limitations he left the class. He has not incurred any new Serious Infractions and is reported to not have any issues on the Unit. Mr. Morgan has 23 positive and 8 negative Behavior Observations. She said he has medical issues which prevent him from completing some programs. Mr. Morgan has been working as a janitor and get average reviews from his Supervisor.

Mr. Morgan description of the offense continues to match his previous version. He reported during the time of the offense he was living in a Hostel where he met his co-defendant. They

went drinking and found the victim lying on the sidewalk (presumably intoxicated), they took him back to his apartment. Mr. Morgan reports that his co-defendant is the one who committed the murder. He said he was at Echo Glen Children's Center as an incorrigible youth.

When asked about his previous Mutual Reentry Program (MRP) and why he chose to leave the program, he said he couldn't continue due to medical issues. Mr. Morgan also stated he didn't agree with the program. The Board Member asked if he would participate in a MRP now and he said he didn't see the value of doing it.

Mr. Morgan stated he did not participate in the psychological evaluation because he feels it would be the same outcome as the last report and it is just a rubber stamp. He said he would like an independent evaluator to complete his psychological evaluation.

Mr. Couey argued that Mr. Morgan has had no Serious Infractions since 2006, has a number of positive Behavior Observations, and no history of prior crimes. He has been in prison 42 years and he hopes Mr. Morgan will participate in the recommended programs.

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TO: Full Board

FROM: Elyse Balmert (IS)

RE: Morgan, Randall DOC #628635

Panel recommends: Not Parolable and adds 60 months to his minimum term

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

Agree	Disagree
<b>Elyse Balmert 8-24-2020</b> <b>Jeff Patnode 8-24-2020</b> <b>Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey 8-24-2020</b> <b>TaTeasha Davis 8-24-2020</b> <b>Kecia Rongen 8-24-2020</b>	