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NYS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

BOARD OF PAROLE

Parole Board Interview

In the Matter

-of-

[REDACTED]

DIN # [REDACTED]
NYSID # [REDACTED]

HELD AT: Fishkill C.F.

HELD ON: May 15, 2012

BEFORE: Commissioner Ferguson
Commissioner Thompson
Commissioner Ross

REAPPEARANCE

Verbatim Reporter: A. D'Ambrosio

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
1 BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON:

2 Q. Good evening. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. I'm Commissioner Thompson, also on the panel with me
5 today is Commissioner Ferguson and Commissioner Ross.

6 A. Good evening. Hello.

7 Q. Now, you are here today for a reappearance?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Crime of conviction, murder second, serving 15
10 to life year sentence and that's by plea, is that
11 correct?

12 A. Yes, it is.

13 Q. Okay. The instant offense involve you stabbing the
14 victim causing her death, and the victim in this case was
15 your wife, is that correct?

16 A. Yes, that is correct.

17 Q. And when you committed the instant offense, were your
18 children at home?

19 A. Yes, they were.

20 Q. Okay. And how old are you children -- or were the
21 children at that time?

22 A. They were 12, 14, and my daughter was 9. 9, 12 and
23 14.

24 Q. Okay. All right. And did they observe any of the
25 instant offense?

1 A. No. Only my oldest son, when his mother yelled out
2 that I had stabbed her, but the other two children were
3 sleeping downstairs in the finished basement.

4 Q. Okay. So, after you stabbed the victim, what did you
5 do?

6 A. I was so shocked that I had done such a stupid thing,
7 that instead of trying to help her, I just ran out the --
8 my Godparent's house. It was a two family house.

9 Q. Okay. So, you left her there bleeding with the
10 children in the house?

11 A. Well, she ran to my Godmother's bedroom, because my
12 Godparents were home. My Godbrothers were also there, so
13 they attended to her.

14 Q. Okay. Did anybody hear her screaming?

15 A. Yes, my Godmother heard her and she yelled out that I
16 had stabbed her, yes.

17 Q. So, at that point they came out of the room and
18 observed the victim?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. What drove you to this point, Mr. [REDACTED]

21 A. Stupidity, if you want to know the real truth.
22 Instead of thinking with my head, with my brains, I
23 thought with my heart. It was a 17 year relationship and
24 I just couldn't come to the realization that my wife that
25 was a born again Christian, very loving, very caring,

1 wanted me to move out so her ex-boyfriend could move in
2 after 17 years.

3 Q. And were you residing at the residence at that point?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Were you living together?

6 A. Yes, yes.

7 Q. She didn't leave and stay with anyone prior to this?

8 A. Yes, she did, because she was trying to make it seem
9 like I was the one who was causing all of the problems,
10 and she went and stayed at my Godparent's house. That's
11 where the incident happened.

12 Q. Okay. So, she was residing at your Godparent's house
13 at the time?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. But you weren't?

16 A. No, I was at our apartment.

17 Q. Okay. So, you weren't residing together, that was my
18 question?

19 A. I'm sorry. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. Terrible crime.

21 A. Yes, it is. Yes, it is.

22 Q. You know it affected the kids, because they were
23 young and such a traumatic event that they had to see and
24 witness and suffer, lose their mother that way, and ended
25 up losing both parents, you know.

1 A. Yes. My daughter now is my best friend because after
2 17 years, she came to visit me. My older son came to
3 visit me. My youngest son, he stays in contact with me
4 constantly also.

5 Q. All right. And how are they doing from what
6 happened?

7 A. They're doing all right. Although they say they
8 forgive me, they can't, of course, forget. I can't
9 forget either.

10 Q. Okay. So, who raised them?

11 A. My wife's sister.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. Which unfortunately, I wanted to make amends with
14 her, but two years ago she died of ovarian cancer.

15 Q. Okay. This is your only crime of conviction, but,
16 you know --

17 A. It's a very serious crime, I understand.

18 Q. Very horrific, very brutal, senseless loss of life,
19 right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. All right. On a positive note, you have not incurred
22 any additional disciplinary infractions. You have been
23 working in the law library as an administrative clerk.
24 Congratulations, I know you have your bachelors degree
25 now?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. I see a letter from a professor, [REDACTED]?

3 A. Yes, Professor [REDACTED]

4 Q. Okay. You also have several letters of support from
5 your family and friends. I believe I saw some CO's who
6 wrote letters on your behalf.

7 A. Yes, [REDACTED] and CO [REDACTED].

8 Q. Okay. And you also reached out to some programs, the
9 Fortune Society, Osbourne Association, Strive, which are
10 excellent programs.

11 A. I was hoping to have a letter of a job assurance with
12 a law firm, but that has not come through yet. I'm still
13 working on that, because I graduated from Bronx Community
14 College with an associates degree in applied law -- I
15 mean, the applied science. So, I'm hoping to continue in
16 the field of law.

17 Q. So, you want to work as a paralegal?

18 A. Yes, I am a paralegal.

19 Q. And upon release, you plan to reside with your
20 sister, is that still the case?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. Or one of the programs, you are just looking
23 for them to assist you in reintegration, is that what it
24 is?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. All right. Commissioners, any other questions?

2 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: Nothing
3 additional. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER ROSS: No, I have
5 nothing. Thank you.

6 Q. Okay. And we do have the sentencing minutes. At
7 first you were going to take it to trial, right?

8 A. I'm sorry.

9 Q. You were going to take the case to trial?

10 A. Yes, I was thinking about it, yes.

11 Q. And then what made you change your mind?

12 A. I was informed by my lawyer that the District
13 Attorney was planning on using my two sons to testify
14 against me and I just couldn't put them through that
15 burden.

16 Q. Okay. Is there anything else that you want to say at
17 this time?

18 A. In all the years that I've been incarcerated, I have
19 done a lot of thinking about the terrible crime that I
20 did. It was senseless, I should have just walked away.
21 I been trying to, like I said, make amends with my wife's
22 family. She was the eighth child.

23 Q. Was she the youngest?

24 A. She was the youngest, yes, and out of her sisters,
25 five have died so far of cancer. The two remaining

1 sisters, I've been in contact with them and they have
2 forgiven me and I just received a letter last week that
3 my brother-in-law, my wife's oldest brother, he just died
4 of cancer also, and it's like, I keep asking myself, why
5 are they dieing of cancer, which makes me think that my
6 daughter may also die the same way, and I tell her to get
7 check-ups, because that would be so devastating to me,
8 because she's my heart.

9 Q. Well, sometimes suffering causes medical issues.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. We also have your COMPAS re-entry risk assessment and
12 that will be considered. Your overall risk was low. Any
13 other questions or anything else?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Okay. Thank you very much. You will hear from us in
16 a couple of days.

17 A. Okay. Thank you.

18 (After due deliberation by the Parole Board
19 Panel, the following decision has been rendered:)

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DECISION

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4 Denied 24 months. Next appearance 5/2014. Parole is
5 denied for the following reasons: After a careful review
6 of your record and this interview, it is the
7 determination of this panel that if released at this time
8 there is a reasonable probability that you would not live
9 and remain at liberty without violating the law and your
10 release at this time is incompatible with the welfare and
11 safety of the community. This decision is based on the
12 following factors: The heinous serious nature of the
13 instant offense of murder second involve you stabbing the
14 victim causing her death. The victim was your wife, the
15 mother of your children, who you viciously and brutally
16 attacked, causing a senseless loss of life to this
17 innocent victim. Your actions demonstrate a total
18 disregard for human life. Noted are your positive
19 programming, disciplinary record, educational
20 accomplishments, community support, risk to the
21 community, rehabilitative efforts, needs for a successful
22 reintegration, and required factors have also been
23 considered; however, discretionary release is
24 inappropriate at this time. For the panel to hold
25 otherwise would deprecate the severity of the crime as to

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1 undermine respect for the law as you placed your own
2 interests above those of society at large. All
3 Commissioners concur.

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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes taken by me on the above cause and that this is a correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

Anthony Dambrosio

Anthony D'Ambrosio, CSR