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# APPEALS UNIT FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATION

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Appellant challenges the June 2021 determination of the Board, denying release and imposing a 24-month hold. Appellant's instant offense is for, after extensive domestic violence, savagely beating wife and then stabbing her 13 times, causing her death. Appellant raises the following issues: 1) the decision is irrational bordering on impropriety in that the Board failed to consider and/or properly weigh the required statutory factors, and considered factors outside of the statutory factors. 2) the Board never explained how they weighed the statutory factors. 3) the decision lacks detail. 4) the Board ignored the wishes of the court and illegally resentenced him. 5) the decision was predetermined. 6) the decision failed to list any reasons in support of the statutory standard cited. 7) community opposition is prohibited, and much of it was based upon penal philosophy. And some community support was not considered. 8) the Board should not rely upon victim impact statements if not turned over. 9) appellant's release plans are adequate but were ignored. 10) the Board was hostile during the interview. 11) the Board didn't review his sentencing minutes. 12) the Board failed to comply with the 2011 amendments to the Executive Law, and the 2017 regulations, in that the mostly positive COMPAS was ignored, the laws are forward based, and no specific scales or individualized reasons were given for the departure from the COMPAS.

Executive Law § 259-i(2)(c)(A) requires the Board to consider factors relevant to the specific incarcerated individual, including, but not limited to, the individual's institutional record and criminal behavior. <u>People ex rel. Herbert v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 97 A.D.2d 128, 468 N.Y.S.2d 881 (1st Dept. 1983). While consideration of these factors is mandatory, "the ultimate decision to parole a prisoner is discretionary." <u>Matter of Silmon v. Travis</u>, 95 N.Y.2d 470, 477, 718 N.Y.S.2d 704, 708 (2000). Thus, it is well settled that the weight to be accorded the requisite factors is solely within the Board's discretion. <u>See</u>, e.g., <u>Matter of Delacruz v. Annucci</u>, 122 A.D.3d 1413, 997 N.Y.S.2d 872 (4th Dept. 2014); <u>Matter of Hamilton</u>, 119 A.D.3d at 1271, 990 N.Y.S.2d at 717; <u>Matter of Garcia v. New York State Div. of Parole</u>, 239 A.D.2d 235, 239, 657 N.Y.S.2d 415, 418 (1st Dept. 1997). The Board need not explicitly refer to each factor in its decision, nor give them equal weight. <u>Matter of Schendel v. Stanford</u>, 185 A.D.3d 1365, 1366, 126 N.Y.S.3d 428, 429 (3rd Dept. 2020); <u>Matter of Campbell v. Stanford</u>, 173 A.D.3d 1012, 1015, 105 N.Y.S.3d 461 (2d Dept. 2019); <u>Matter of Phillips v. Dennison</u>, 41 A.D.3d 17, 21, 834 N.Y.S.2d 121, 124 (1st Dept. 2007).

The Board may consider the brutality and depravity of the offense. <u>Dudley v Travis</u>, 227 A.D.2d 863, 642 N.Y.S.2d 386, 387 (3d Dept 1996), <u>leave to appeal denied</u> 88 N.Y.2d 812, 649 N.Y.S.2d 379; <u>Borcsok v New York State Division of Parole</u>, 34 A.D.3d 961, 823 N.Y.S.2d 310 <u>lv. den</u>. 8 N.Y.3d 803, 830 N.Y.S.2d 699 (3d Dept. 2006); <u>Matter of Partee v Evans</u>, 117 A.D.3d 1258, 984 N.Y.S.2d 894 (3d Dept. 2014); <u>Bush v Annucci</u>, 148 A.D.3d 1392, 50 N.Y.S.3d 180 (3d Dept. 2017).

The Board is permitted to consider, and place greater emphasis on, the heinous nature of the offense. Executive Law § 259-i(2)(c)(a); <u>Matter of Applegate v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 164 A.D.3d

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996, 997, 82 N.Y.S.3d 240 (3d Dept. 2018); <u>Matter of Olmosperez v. Evans</u>, 114 A.D.3d 1077, 1078, 980 N.Y.S.2d 845, 846 (3d Dept. 2014), <u>affd</u> 26 N.Y.3d 1014, 21 N.Y.S.3d 686 (2015); <u>Matter of Almeyda v. New York State Div. of Parole</u>, 290 A.D.2d 505, 736 N.Y.S.2d 275 (2d Dept. 2002); <u>Matter of Garcia v. New York State Div. of Parole</u>, 239 A.D.2d 235, 239-40, 657 N.Y.S.2d 415, 418 (1st Dept. 1997).

The Board may consider the inmate's fleeing the area after the commission of his crime. <u>Larmon v</u> <u>Travis</u>, 14 A.D.3d 960, 787 N.Y.S.2d 918 (3d Dept 2005).

The Board may take note of the inmate's disregard for the life of another human being. <u>Hakim v</u> <u>Travis</u>, 302 A.D.2d 821, 754 N.Y.S.2d 600 (3d Dept 2003); <u>Angel v Travis</u>, 1 A.D.3d 589, 767 N.Y.S.2d 290 (3d Dept 2003). The Board may consider the inmate's blatant disregard for the law and the sanctity of human life. <u>Campbell v Stanford</u>, 173 A.D.3d 1012, 105 N.Y.S.3d 461 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dept. 2019).

The Board may consider the probable repercussions of the criminal's actions upon the victims' families. <u>Bottom v New York State Board of Parole</u>, 30 A.D.3d 657, 815 N.Y.S.2d 789 (3d Dept. 2006).

The Board may emphasize the inmate's failure to take responsibility for the criminal offense by blaming the victim. <u>Cruz v Alexander</u>, 67 A.D.3d 1240, 890 N.Y.S.2d 656 (3d Dept. 2009); <u>Abdur-Raheem v New York State Board of Parole</u>, 78 A.D.3d 1412, 911 N.Y.S.2d 257 (3d Dept. 2010); <u>Khatib v New York State Board of Parole</u>, 118 A.D.3d 1207, 988 N.Y.S.2d 286 (3d Dept. 2014); <u>Crawford v New York State Board of Parole</u>, 144 A.D.3d 1308, 46 N.Y.S.3d 228 (3d Dept. 2016).

The Board may consider an incarcerated individual's history of drug and/or alcohol abuse. <u>Matter of Espinal v. New York Bd. of Parole</u>, 172 A.D.3d 1816, 100 N.Y.S.3d 777 (3d Dept. 2019) (substance abuse history); <u>Matter of Gonzalvo v. Stanford</u>, 153 A.D.3d 1021, 56 N.Y.S.3d 896 (3d Dept. 2017) (substance abuse history and risk of future drug abuse); <u>Matter of Dean v. New York State Div. of Parole</u>, 21 A.D.3d 1207, 1208, 801 N.Y.S.2d 92, 93 (3d Dept. 2005) (involvement with weapons and drugs), <u>Iv. denied</u>, 6 N.Y.3d 705, 812 N.Y.S.2d 34 (2006); <u>Matter of Sanchez v. Dennison</u>, 21 A.D.3d 1249, 801 N.Y.S.2d 423 (3d Dept. 2005) (history of drug abuse); <u>Matter of Llull v. Travis</u>, 287 A.D.2d 845, 846, 731 N.Y.S.2d 405, 406 (3d Dept. 2001) (drug abuse); <u>Matter of Brant v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 236 A.D.2d 760, 761, 654 N.Y.S.2d 207, 208 (3d Dept. 1997) (history of alcohol and drug abuse); <u>Matter of McLain v. New York State Div. of Parole</u>, 204 A.D.2d 456, 611 N.Y.S.2d 629 (2d Dept. 1994) (history of alcohol abuse); <u>People ex rel. Herbert v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 97 A.D.2d 128, 468 N.Y.S.2d 881, 884 (1st Dept. 1983) (drug addiction); <u>Matter of Maciag v. Hammock</u>, 88 A.D.2d 1106, 453 N.Y.S.2d 56 (3d Dept. 1982) (problem of alcohol and drug abuse with the concomitant need for programmed counseling).

The fact that the Board afforded greater weight to the incarcerated individual's criminal history, as opposed to other positive factors, does not render the denial of parole for that reason irrational or

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improper. <u>Matter of Davis v. Evans</u>, 105 A.D.3d 1305, 963 N.Y.S.2d 485 (3d Dept. 2013); <u>Matter of Lashway v. Evans</u>, 110 A.D.3d 1417, 1418, 974 N.Y.S.2d 164, 165 (3d Dept. 2013); <u>Matter of McKee v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 157 A.D.2d 944, 550 N.Y.S.2d 204 (3d Dept. 1990).

The Board may consider a district attorney's recommendation to deny parole. <u>Matter of Applegate v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 164 A.D.3d 996, 997, 82 N.Y.S.3d 240 (3d Dept. 2018); <u>Matter of Porter v. Alexander</u>, 63 A.D.3d 945, 881 N.Y.S.2d 157 (2d Dept. 2009); <u>Matter of Walker v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 218 A.D.2d 360, 676 N.Y.S.2d 52 (1st Dept. 1998); <u>Matter of Walker v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 220 A.D.2d 753, 633 N.Y.S.2d 182 (2d Dept. 1995); <u>Matter of Confoy v. New York State Div. of Parole</u>, 173 A.D.2d 1014, 569 N.Y.S.2d 846, 847 (3d Dept. 1991); <u>Matter of Lynch v. New York State Div. of Parole</u>, 82 A.D.2d 1012, 442 N.Y.S.2d 179 (3d Dept. 1981).

As for community opposition, the Board may receive and consider written communications from individuals, other than those specifically identified in Executive Law § 259-i(2)(c)(A), opposing an incarcerated individual's release to parole supervision. Matter of Jones v. New York State Bd. of Parole, 175 A.D.3d 1652, 1652, 108 N.Y.S.3d 505, 506 (3d Dept. 2019) (recognizing letters in support and in opposition to release as relevant considerations); Matter of Applewhite v. New York State Bd. of Parole, 167 A.D.3d 1380, 91 N.Y.S.3d 308, 311 (3d Dept. 2018) ("Contrary to petitioner's contention, we do not find that [the Board's] consideration of certain unspecified 'consistent community opposition' to his parole release was outside the scope of the relevant statutory factors that may be taken into account in rendering a parole release determination"), appeal dismissed, 32 N.Y.3d 1219 (2019); Matter of Clark v. New York Bd. of Parole, 166 A.D.3d 531, 89 N.Y.S.3d 134 (1st Dept. 2018) ("the Board permissibly considered letters in opposition to the parole application submitted by public officials and members of the community"); Matter of Rivera v. Stanford, 53 N.Y.S.3d 404, 149 A.D.3d 1445 (3d Dept. 2017), aff'g Matter of Rivera v. Evans, Index No. 0603-16, Decision & Order dated July 5, 2016 (Sup. Ct. Sullivan Co.) (LaBuda A.J.S.C.) (recognizing "[c]onsideration of community or other opposition was proper under the statute"); Matter of Grigger v. New York State Div. of Parole, 11 A.D.3d 850, 852-53, 783 N.Y.S.2d 689, 691 (3d Dept. 2004) (recognizing 259-i(2)(c)(A)(v)'s list is not the exclusive information the Board may consider and persons in addition to victims and their families may submit letters), lv. denied, 4 N.Y.3d 704, 792 N.Y.S.2d 1 (2005). The same has also long been recognized as true with respect to letters supporting an incarcerated individual's potential parole release. See, e.g., Matter of Hamilton v. New York State Div. of Parole, 119 A.D.3d at 1273, 990 N.Y.S.2d at 719 (3d Dept. 2014); Matter of Gaston v. Berbary, 16 A.D.3d 1158, 1159, 791 N.Y.S.2d 781, 782 (4th Dept. 2005); Matter of Torres v. New York State Div. of Parole, 300 A.D.2d 128, 129, 750 N.Y.S.2d 759, 760 (1st Dept. 2002); Matter of Walker v. Travis, 252 A.D.2d 360, 362, 676 N.Y.S.2d 52, 54 (1st Dept. 1998); cf. Cardenales v. Dennison, 37 A.D.3d 371, 371, 830 N.Y.S.2d 152, 153 (1st Dept. 2007) (Board permissibly determined offense outweighed other

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positive factors including letters of support from, among others, victim's mother). Indeed, 9 N.Y.C.R.R. § 8000.5(c)(2) refers to the security of letters either in support of or in opposition to an incarcerated individual's release.

The Board considered all letters submitted. The Board did not base it's decision on factors outside of the statute. The Board's decision will be upheld if there is nothing indicating it was influenced by, placed weigh upon, or relied upon any improper matter. <u>Duffy v New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision</u>, 132 A.D.3d 1207, 19 N.Y.S.3d 610 (3d Dept. 2015).

If any victim impact statements exist in this case, then per Executive Law 259-i(c)(B) and 9 N.Y.C.R.R. 8002.4(a), the appellant is not entitled to see or even know about them.

The Board may consider negative aspects of the COMPAS instrument. <u>Matter of Espinal v. New</u> <u>York Bd. of Parole</u>, 172 A.D.3d 1816, 100 N.Y.S.3d 777 (3d Dept. 2019) (COMPAS instrument yielded mixed results); <u>Matter of Bush v. Annucci</u>, 148 A.D.3d 1392, 50 N.Y.S.3d 180 (3d Dept. 2017) (COMPAS instrument with mixed results including substance abuse relevant given use before crime); <u>Matter of Wade v. Stanford</u>, 148 A.D.3d 1487, 52 N.Y.S.3d 508 (3d Dept. 2017) (low risk felony violence but probable risk for substance abuse alcohol related crimes); <u>Matter of Crawford v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 144 A.D.3d 1308, 46 N.Y.S.3d 228 (3d Dept. 2016) (scores not uniformly low including family support), <u>lv. denied</u>, 29 N.Y.3d 901, 57 N.Y.S.3d 704 (2017).

The inmate may not review the Board's weighing process or assess whether the Board gave proper weight to the relevant factors, since it is not required to state each factor it considers, or weigh each factor equally or grant parole due to exemplary behavior. <u>Comfort v New York State Division of Parole</u>, 68 A.D.3d 1295, 890 N.Y.S.2d 700 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 2009); <u>Hamilton v New York State Division of Parole</u>, 119 A.D.3d 1268, 990 N.Y.S.2d 714 (3d Dept. 2014). The due process clause is not violated by the Board's balancing of the statutory criteria, and which is not to be second guessed by the courts. <u>Mathie v Dennison</u>, 2007 WL 2351072 (S.D.N.Y. 2007); MacKenzie v Cunningham, 2014 WL 5089395 (S.D.N.Y. 2014).

Appellant's claim that the Board failed to comply with 9 N.Y.C.R.R. § 8002.1(c) by discussing each applicable factor with him during the interview is unsupported by the record. The interview transcript reflects that the Board properly discussed with him the applicable factors such as the instant offense; his institutional record including programming and discipline; and release plans. The Board was not required to discuss every aspect of his institutional record. We further note Appellant was given the opportunity to raise additional matters during the interview and could have discussed other aspects of his record, which he declined to do.

Appellant's assertion that the denial of parole release amounted to an improper resentencing is without merit inasmuch as the Board fulfilled its obligation to determine the propriety of release

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per Executive Law § 259-i(2)(c)(A) and after considering the factors set forth therein. Executive Law § 259 et seq.; Penal Law § 70.40; <u>Matter of Murray v. Evans</u>, 83 A.D.3d 1320, 920 N.Y.S.2d 745 (3d Dept. 2011); <u>Matter of Crews v. New York State Exec. Dept. Bd. of Parole Appeals Unit</u>, 281 A.D.2d 672, 720 N.Y.S.2d 855 (3d Dept. 2001). The Board was vested with discretion to determine whether release was appropriate notwithstanding the minimum period of incarceration set by the Court. <u>Matter of Burress v. Dennison</u>, 37 A.D.3d 930, 829 N.Y.S.2d 283 (3d Dept. 2007); <u>Matter of Cody v. Dennison</u>, 33 A.D.3d 1141, 1142, 822 N.Y.S.2d 677 (3d Dept. 2006), <u>lv. denied</u>, 8 N.Y.3d 802, 830 N.Y.S.2d 698 (2007). The appellant has not in any manner been resentenced. <u>Matter of Mullins v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 136 A.D.3d 1141, 1142, 25 N.Y.S.3d 698 (3d Dept. 2016). Nothing in the Board's decision indicates a permanent denial of parole consideration. <u>Hodge v Griffin</u>, 2014 WL 2453333 (SDNY 2014).

There is no evidence the Board's decision was predetermined based upon the instant offense. <u>Matter of Gonzalvo v. Stanford</u>, 153 A.D.3d 1021, 56 N.Y.S.3d 896 (3d Dept. 2017); <u>Matter of Hakim-Zaki v. New York State Div. of Parole</u>, 29 A.D.3d 1190, 814 N.Y.S.2d 414 (3d Dept. 2006); <u>Matter of Guerin v. New York State Div. of Parole</u>, 276 A.D.2d 899, 695 N.Y.S.2d 622 (3d Dept. 2000).

The Board's decision satisfied the criteria set out in Executive Law § 259-i(2)(a), as it was sufficiently detailed to inform the incarcerated individual of the reasons for the denial of parole. <u>Matter of Applegate v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 164 A.D.3d 996, 997, 82 N.Y.S.3d 240 (3d Dept. 2018); <u>Matter of Kozlowski v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 108 A.D.3d 435, 968 N.Y.S.2d 87 (1st Dept. 2013); <u>Matter of Little v. Travis</u>, 15 A.D.3d 698, 788 N.Y.S.2d 628 (3d Dept. 2005); <u>Matter of Davis v. Travis</u>, 292 A.D.2d 742, 739 N.Y.S.2d 300 (3d Dept. 2002); <u>People ex rel.</u> Herbert v. New York State Bd. of Parole, 97 A.D.2d 128, 468 N.Y.S.2d 881 (1st Dept. 1983).

The Board provided its statutory rationale for denying parole. <u>Matter of Murray v. Evans</u>, 83 A.D.3d 1320, 920 N.Y.S.2d 745 (3d Dept. 2011) (Board provided adequate statutory rationale).

There must be support in the record to prove an alleged bias and proof that the decision flowed from such bias. <u>Matter of Hernandez v. McSherry</u>, 271 A.D.2d 777, 706 N.Y.S.2d 647 (3d Dept. 2000), <u>lv. denied</u>, 95 N.Y.2d 769, 722 N.Y.S.2d 472 (2000); <u>see also Matter of Gonzalvo v.</u> <u>Stanford</u>, 153 A.D.3d 1021, 56 N.Y.S.3d 896 (3d Dept. 2017) (rejecting bias claim); <u>Matter of Grune v. Board of Parole</u>,41 A.D.3d 1014, 838 N.Y.S.2d 694 (3d Dept. 2007).

The sentencing minutes are included in the record and the Board expressly mentioned them during the interview.

The petitioner has failed to demonstrate the Board's decision was not made in accordance with the pertinent statutory requirements or was irrational "bordering on impropriety." <u>Matter of Silmon v.</u>

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<u>Travis</u>, 95 N.Y.2d 470, 476, 718 N.Y.S.2d 704 (2000) (quoting <u>Matter of Russo v. New York State</u> <u>Bd. of Parole</u>, 50 N.Y.2d 69, 427 N.Y.S.2d 982 (1980)).

In the absence of a convincing demonstration that the Board did not consider the statutory factors, it must be presumed that the Board fulfilled its duty. <u>Matter of Fuchino v. Herbert</u>, 255 A.D.2d 914, 914, 680 N.Y.S.2d 389, 390 (4th Dept. 1998); <u>Matter of McLain v. New York State Div. of Parole</u>, 204 A.D.2d 456, 611 N.Y.S.2d 629 (2d Dept. 1994); <u>Matter of McKee v. New York State Bd. of Parole</u>, 157 A.D.2d 944, 945, 550 N.Y.S.2d 204, 205 (3d Dept. 1990); <u>People ex rel.</u> Herbert, 97 A.D.2d 128, 468 N.Y.S.2d 881.

Appellant's claim that the Board failed to comply with the 2011 amendments to the Executive Law is rejected. <u>Dolan v New York State Board of Parole</u>, 122 A.D.3d 1058, 995 N.Y.S.2d 850 (3d Dept. 2014); <u>Tran v Evans</u>, 126 A.D.3d 1196, 3 N.Y.S.3d 633 (3d Dept. 2015); <u>Boccadisi v Stanford</u>, 133 A.D.3d 1169, 20 N.Y.S.3d 477 (3d Dept. 2015). Furthermore, the 2011 Executive Law amendments have been incorporated into the regulations adopted by the Board in 2017.

Contrary to Appellant's claim, the 2011 amendments and 9 NYCRR § 8002.2(a) as amended do not represent a forward-looking shift requiring the COMPAS to be the fundamental basis for release decisions. This proposition is not supported by the language of the statute itself, considering the relatively modest change to Section 259-c(4) and the absence of any substantive change to Section 259-i(2), which governs the discretionary release consideration process. In 2011, the Executive Law was amended to require procedures incorporating risk and needs principles to "assist" the Board in making parole release decisions. Executive Law § 259-c(4). The Board satisfies this requirement in part by using the COMPAS instrument. Matter of Montane v. Evans, 116 A.D.3d 197, 202, 981 N.Y.S.2d 866, 870 (3d Dept. 2014); see also Matter of Hawthorne v. Stanford, 135 A.D.3d 1036, 1042, 22 N.Y.S.3d 640, 645 (3d Dept. 2016); Matter of LeGeros, 139 A.D.3d 1068, 30 N.Y.S.3d 834; Matter of Robles v. Fischer, 117 A.D.3d 1558, 1559, 985 N.Y.S.2d 386, 387 (4th Dept. 2014). However, the COMPAS is not predictive and was never intended to be the sole indicator of risk and needs as the Board gets risk and needs information from a variety of sources, including the statutory factors and the interview. Notably, the 2011 amendments did not eliminate the requirement that the Board conduct a case-by-case review of each incarcerated individual by considering the statutory factors, including the instant offense. Executive Law § 259-i(2)(c)(A); Matter of Montane, 116 A.D.3d at 202, 981 N.Y.S.2d at 870. The amendments also did not change the three substantive standards that the Board is required to apply when deciding whether to grant parole. Executive Law § 259-i(2)(c)(A). Thus, the COMPAS instrument cannot mandate a particular result. Matter of King, 137 A.D.3d 1396, 26 N.Y.S.3d 815. Rather, the COMPAS is an additional consideration that the Board must weigh along with the statutory factors for the purposes of deciding whether all three statutory standards are satisfied. See Matter of Rivera v. N.Y. State Div. of Parole, 119 A.D.3d 1107, 1108, 990

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N.Y.S.2d 295 (3d Dept. 2014); <u>accord Matter of Dawes v. Annucci</u>, 122 A.D.3d 1059, 994 N.Y.S.2d 747 (3d Dept. 2014); <u>see also Matter of Gonzalvo v. Stanford</u>, 153 A.D.3d 1021, 56 N.Y.S.3d 896 (3d Dept. 2017).

The Board considered the COMPAS instrument and did not depart from it. That is, the decision was not impacted by a departure from a scale. Notice of Adoption, NY Reg, Sept. 27, 2017 at 2. For example, the Board did not find a reasonable probability that Petitioner will not live and remain at liberty without violating the law but rather concluded, *despite* low risk scores, release would be inappropriate under the other two statutory standards. This is entirely consistent with the Board's intention in enacting the amended regulation. In fact, the Board cited the COMPAS instrument in its denial and reasonably indicated concern about the high score for history of violence in view of Petitioner's history including before the instant offenses. In addition to citing numerous aggravating factors. Denial of release does not equate to a departure from the COMPAS risk assessment. Awilda Lopez v Stanford, Westchester Co. index # 58669/2021 (Zuckerman A.J.S.C.).

Recommendation: Affirm.

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Decision a	ppealed:	June 2021 decision, d	lenying discretion	nary release and imposing a hold of	24 months.	
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Appeals U	nit Review:	Statement of the App	eals Unit's Findi	ngs and Recommendation		
Records re	lied upon:	Pre-Sentence Investigation Report, Parole Board Report, Interview Transcript, Parole Board Release Decision Notice (Form 9026), COMPAS instrument, Offender Case Plan.				
Final Dete	al Determination: The undersigned determine that the decision appealed is hereby:					
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# If the Final Determination is at variance with Findings and Recommendation of Appeals Unit, written reasons for the Parole Board's determination <u>must</u> be annexed hereto.

This Final Determination, the related Statement of the Appeals Unit's Findings and the separate findings of the Parole Board, if any, were mailed to the Appellant and the Appellant's Counsel, if any, on 0303/2032 66.

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