

PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

EN BANC MINUTE SHEET: MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2016

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open en banc session at 319 E. Madison, Springfield, IL, on APRIL 28, 2016 at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

L02079	DONALD GRANT
L04686	HENRY HILLENBRAND
C63915	LENNOX LAWRENCE
C01727	RUBEN TAYLOR

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Findley
Roll call was taken by the Recording Secretary: Gabriela Chavez Barrientos

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Ed Bowers	X	
Edith Crigler	X	
Salvador Diaz	X	
Mr. Gary Duncan	X	
Mr. Donald Wayne Dunn	X	
Mr. Pete Fisher	X	
Vonetta Harris	X	
Tom Johnson		X
Mr. Daryl Jones	X	
Mr. William Norton	X	
Mrs. Aurthur Mae Perkins	X	
Mr. Donald Shelton	X	
Chairman Craig Findley	X	

12 Members Present

The Recording Secretary presented the following minutes for approval:
Open Session Minutes from **March 24, 2016. (DS-DWD)**. Leave

Meeting was adjourned (CF – WN). Leave.
Submitted by: Gabriela Chavez Barrientos, Recording Secretary

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The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open en banc session at 319 E. Madison Street, Springfield, IL on April 28, 2016, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for Donald Grant, IDOC # L02079

Members present were: Chairman C. Findley, E. Bowers, E. Crigler, S. Diaz, G. Duncan, D.W. Dunn, P. Fisher, V. Harris, D. Jones, W. Norton, A.M. Perkins, and D. Shelton.

Other(s) present: Gabriela Chavez Barrientos, Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Jones presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials.

Mr. Jones interviewed inmate Donald Grant at the Dixon Correctional Center on March 9, 2016.

The facts of the case are as follows. On May 24, 1976 at approximately 8:00 pm, Robert Jackson, a retired Peoria County Sheriff's Deputy, was murdered by the inmate while Jackson worked as a part-time security guard at a grocery store in Peoria. Per his duties, Jackson had removed the inmate from the store during a prior incident. Grant returned to the store the night of May 24th, intending to settle the score. He walked into the store with a loaded .22 caliber handgun, walked behind Jackson and shot him in the head. After Jackson fell, mortally wounded, the inmate stole his .38 caliber revolver and fled.

Prior to killing Mr. Jackson, the inmate had an argument with him. The argument purportedly ensued after the inmate had been put out of the store by Mr. Jackson. The inmate left the store, retrieved a gun, returned to the store, and approached the victim from behind to seek his revenge.

From 1976 until 1981, Jackson's murder remained unsolved. Inmate had been sentenced to 4 years and was paroled in July 1980 for an unrelated offense. In 1981 he bragged to friends and family about killing Jackson.

He was sentenced to 60-180 years for Murder and 20-60 years for Armed Robbery.

Mr. Jones conducted a review of all the relevant facts and circumstances. The Board determined that to grant parole at this time would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law. Therefore, Mr. Jones moved to deny parole to Inmate Grant.

Motion to deny parole (DJ-GD). Motion prevails 11-1. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Bowers, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Jones, Mr. Norton, Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Shelton, and Chairman Findley.

"The Board makes a specific finding that the release of victim protest letters could subject a person to actual risk of physical harm."