

PAROLE COMMISSION ACTION

OFFENDER NAME MERCER, JAMES R. 4A	DOC # 110598	FACILITY NAME Stanley Correctional Institution [SCI]	AGENT # 12016	TIS <input type="checkbox"/> No	980 <input type="checkbox"/> No
RECOMMENDED ACTION TAKEN Defer (for 11 Months)	NEW PED 10/23/2016	MR/ES Life Sentence	RECOMMENDED ELIGIBILITY DATE	DATE ACTION TAKEN 09/21/2015	HEARING TYPE Parole Review

If you are recommended for a parole grant/release, the time frame within which you shall be released, as established by the Chairperson of the Parole Commission, shall be reflected in the grant/order.

GENERAL REASONS FOR ACTION TAKEN

1. You have developed an adequate plan, but will need Agent's verification.
2. Your institutional conduct has been satisfactory.
3. Your program participation has NOT been satisfactory.
4. Release at this time would involve an unreasonable risk to the public.
5. You have NOT served sufficient time for punishment.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Since the time of last review not much has changed. You've completed a GED and a Voc Ed certification in Building Services. You're currently enrolled in school for a math refresher so you can take computer education courses. Your conduct has improved since last receiving a CR in 2013 for an altercation with your cellmate resulting in 30 days DS. There is an unmet tx need of Anger Management and the Parole Commission is endorsing enrollment at this time. Although program enrollment is not supported by your COMPAS score, the Parole Commission asks for override consideration noting the severity of the offense coupled with your misconduct while incarcerated related to difficulty managing your anger successfully. This is your first incarceration and 36 yrs 4 months has been served of a LIFE sentence for 1st Degree Murder. The offense involved the murder of your infant son. The autopsy results indicate the infant's death was ruled as homicidal ligature strangulation. You maintain you don't wish to discuss the crime. You reported during ReClassification that you were framed. Today you indicated the autopsy ignored some evidence. The autopsy revealed marks on the front and side of the infant's neck indicating strangulation from behind or from being hung by his neck. The infant survived the strangulation, yet his injuries were life threatening and he subsequently died. You expressed remorse again today. You have a lengthy history of mental illness; however it appears you haven't been treated by Clinical Services for a protracted period of time. The Parole Commission may want to request an updated mental health assessment in the future. There are letters of support on file and those have been factored into consideration. You're proposing to live in IN with your half brother and that'll eventually require an approved Interstate Compact. Completing tx and following the rules will help to achieve your goals of transitioning through reduced custody and obtaining work release. The serious nature of the crime warrants serving additional time. Serving additional time, demonstrating positive adjustment, completing tx and transitioning through reduced custody will help to demonstrate a mitigated level of risk.

Commissioner D.LaCost

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