



Decision and Reasons Summary

Note: This is a summary of the Decision and Reasons dated July 14, 2025, and should not be substituted for the full document.

Incarcerated Individual D'Amato, Anthony	DOC# 266961	Date: June 25, 2025	Case Type: PAR
Decision: Not Parolable	Additional Release Information: ☒ Add 120 months to Minimum Term. ☐ Extends to Maximum Expiration. ☐ Reaffirms prior Decision to hold to Max Ex. ☐ As of the ERD of the current cause/count. ☐ As of the date of this decision. ☐ Continued to next available Docket for .		

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Recommendations:

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- ☒ Participate in next Hearing.



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Incarcerated Individual D'Amato, Anthony	DOC# 266961	Facility Washington State Penitentiary	Type of Hearing .100
Date of Hearing June 25, 2025	Final Decision Date July 14, 2025	Panel Members Corey McNally Kecia Rongen	

*Corrected July 23, 2025, to note 120 months on page 11

I. DECISION/LEGAL STANDARD

This matter came before the above-named Board Members of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB or the Board) for a .100 hearing in accordance with RCW 9.95.100. This statute directs the Board to not release an individual unless in the Board's opinion, his or her rehabilitation has been completed, and he or she is a fit subject for release. Consequently, the Board finds Anthony D'Amato not parolable and adds 120 months to the minimum term.

The Judge and prosecuting attorney at sentencing recommended he serve not more than the rest of his natural life on count I and the rest of his natural life on count II to run consecutively. The Whatcom County Prosecutor recommended for Mr. D'Amato's 2018 .100 hearing he "serve a few more years on his first conviction and then begin on his second life sentence."

Mr. D'Amato legally changed his name from Kenneth Bianchi to Anthony D'Amato on October 11, 2023.

NEXT ACTION: Schedule a .100 Hearing approximately 120 days prior to PERD. A new psychological evaluation will be required for the next hearing.



II. JURISDICTION

Anthony D'Amato is under the jurisdiction of the Board for an October 19, 1979, conviction in Whatcom County Cause #10116 for Murder in the First Degree, Counts I and II. The time start on Count I is October 19, 1979. The minimum term was set at 702 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 271 to 361 months. The statutory maximum term is Life. Mr. D'Amato has served approximately 548 months in prison and 280 days of Phelan credit during the initial period of confinement.

Under same Cause: Murder in the First Degree, Count II. Sentence 722 months consecutive to above Count I.

Mr. D'Amato also has a detainer for California Case Number A354231. Detainer notes he was released to Washington for the service of concurrent sentences between California and Washington.

III. LAST BOARD DECISION

The Board last saw Mr. D'Amato on January 22, 2020, for a .100 hearing at which time he was found not parolable, and no time was added to his minimum term. The Board recommended he manage his behavior appropriately and apply for offender change programs for which he is eligible. It was noted Mr. D'Amato will not likely be assessed for SOTAP until he has begun serving his second count.

IV. OFFENSE DESCRIPTION

Mr. D'Amato sexually assaulted and murdered a known 22-year-old woman (victim 1). Also on the same date, he sexually assaulted and murdered a second unknown/stranger 27-year-old woman (victim 2). He lured the victims to a house under the ruse of their housesitting. He then threatened them with a gun, tied them up and separated them. He raped each one and then strangled each one. He then put their bodies in victim 1's car and parked the car in a cul-de-sac.



He took their clothes and belongings and threw them in the trash. After the investigation, the State was seeking the death penalty, at that point he pled guilty to avoid the death penalty. He was sentenced to the rest of his natural life for each count to run consecutively.

V. OTHER RISK RELATED BEHAVIOR¹

California Convictions: From February - December 1977 Mr. D'Amato (age 26) and his male cousin (age 43) abducted, sexually assaulted and murdered five unknown women ages 17-27 in the Los Angeles area. They would pose as undercover police officers, using fake badges and falsely arrest the victims. They would go to the cousin's business, sexually assault and strangle the victims to death. Afterward they would dump their bodies to be found a short time later. Often the victims would be found in the nude.

- Victim #1: On or about October 17, 1977, Mr. Bianchi (age 26) and his 43-year-old male cousin abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered an unknown 19-year-old female (reportedly working as a prostitute). The cause of death was reported as strangulation.
- Victim #2: On or about November 19, 1977, Mr. Bianchi (age 26) and his 43-year-old male cousin abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered an unknown 19-year-old female. Mr. Bianchi previously resided in the same apartment complex as the victim. Documents indicate that she had been "sodomized and raped," and all of her jewelry and clothing had been removed.

¹ Risk related means, behavior that may be unadjudicated, charged and/or convicted that may contribute to an individual's risk to reoffend sexually because it shows a pattern of illegal sexual behavior and is often included in validated risk assessments included for scoring purposes. Other criminal convictions that include violence against a person show a criminal versatility in an individual, thus increasing risk for any offense, including a sex offense. Illegal behavior related to, or abuse of drugs or alcohol can decrease a person's ability to control their impulsivity and engage in problem solving and utilize coping strategies to reduce their risk.



- Victim #3: On or about November 9, 1977, Mr. Bianchi (age 26) and his 43-year-old male cousin abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered an unknown 27-year-old female. It was determined that the victim had been strangled by a ligature, and her wrists and ankles also had ligature marks on them. She had also been sexually assaulted.
- Victim #4: On or about December 13, 1977, Mr. Bianchi (age 26) and his 43-year-old male cousin abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered an unknown 17-year-old female. She had been strangled by a ligature, and her body also bore ligature marks around her ankles and wrists.
- Victim #5: On or about February 16, 1977, Mr. Bianchi (age 26) and his 43-year-old male cousin abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered an unknown 20-year-old female. The victim resided in an apartment building adjacent to the apartment building where Mr. Bianchi resided at the time. It was determined that the victim had been sexually assaulted and strangled by a ligature, and her wrists and ankles bore evidence of ligature marks.

Additional Information: File material indicates the following allegations were neither charged nor part of any convictions, however the Board routinely provides non-criminal history information as part of its decisions:

- **October 30, 1977:** A 15-year-old girl, who was reportedly working as a sex worker was observed entering a limousine in front of a restaurant in Hollywood. The victim's body showed evidence of "sexual intercourse and sodomy". Witnesses identified that Mr. D'Amato's cousin was the driver of the limousine and evidence was connected to Mr. D'Amato's cousin's shop.



- **November 5, 1977:** A 21-year-old woman left her employment in Hollywood and was found dead. The case of death was determined to be strangulation and her body showed evidence of “sexual intercourse”.
- **November 13, 1977:** A 12-year-old girl and a 14-year-old girl were seen walking on the sidewalk in Glendale CA. Their bodies were found, and it was determined they had been sexually assaulted and died from ligature strangulation. Both victims had ligature marks on their wrists and ankles.
- **November 28, 1977:** An 18-year-old girl was found dead and evidence showed she had been tortured prior to her death as evidence by electrical burns on her hands and ligature marks on her wrists and ankles. She had responded to false police stop six doors from her house. Witnesses observed two men acting like police officers resembling Mr. D’Amato and his cousin forcibly removing the victim from her car and placing her in theirs. Her body was found the next day nude and with evidence of being sexually assaulted.

VI. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED

The Board considered the evidence presented at the hearing and reviewed Anthony D’Amato’s ISRB file. The hearing was audio recorded and will be retained according to the retention schedules. Testimony was provided by the following individuals:

- **Classification Counselor: Jon Gradwohl**
- **Anthony D’Amato**

The file review included the following documents:

- ☒ End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) Reports dated: **July 12, 2018**
- ☒ Criminal case records: **Statement of Judge and Prosecuting Attorney 5-13-1980; Judgement and Sentence, Prosecutor’s Post Conviction Statement, Whatcom County Prosecutor statement August 7, 2018, Court of Appeals Division I State of Washington Unpublished Opinion in the Matter of the Personal Restraint of: Kenneth A. Bianchi filed 10-3-2022.**

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☒ Psychological Evaluations: **Lisa Robtoy Psychological dated January 2, 2025**

☐ DOC Treatment and behavioral reports dated:

☒ Risk Assessments (Static, SOTIPS etc.):

- ***Hare Psychopathy Checklist-REVISED (PCL-R)*** indicates the extent to which the individual has psychopathic tendencies.
- ***HCR-20v3*** is an instrument that organizes known risk factors into three categories: historical, clinical, and risk management. Using past, present, and future factors the HCR-20v3 assesses dynamic risk for recidivism.
- ***Static-99R*** is an actuarial risk prediction instrument designed to estimate the probability of sexual and violent recidivism. It is the most widely used sex offender risk assessment instrument in the world.
- ***Violence Risk Assessment Guide-Revised (VRAG-R)*** is a 12-item actuarial scale designed to predict violent recidivism.

☐ Findings and Conclusion (F&C) Dated:

☒ Prior Decision & Reasons (D&R) Dated: **February 10, 2020**

☒ DOC OMNI Records

☒ Other:

- **Extensive materials submitted to the Board by Mr. D'Amato prior to the current hearing.**
- **Emails to Dr. Robtoy from Mr. D'Amato dated: 12-20-24, 12-28-24, 12-29-24, 12-30-24, 1-8-25**
- **Victim/Survivor impact statements**
- **Legal Name Change documentation**



VII. FINDINGS

- a. In preparation for this hearing, Anthony D'Amato was advised of their hearing rights.
- b. Anthony D'Amato appeared appeared by video conference. Anthony D'Amato was represented by attorney Darrel Lahtinen.
- c. The Board has considered all potential Conditions of Supervision it may lawfully impose, including all potential conditions identified by the End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC), DOC psychological evaluations, and RCW 9.94A.704. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Drug/Alcohol Restrictions
 - Electronic Monitoring
 - Geographic Restrictions
 - Participation in Sex Offense Treatment
 - Prohibited Contacts
 - Submit to Polygraphs
 - Unapproved Relationships
- d. The Board has considered the evidence favorable to Anthony D'Amato's release determination, including the following:
 - ☒ Treatment/Programming:
 - **Mr. D'Amato provided evidence of his attempt to get into Thinking for a Change (T4C) which he was denied due to his sentence and Risk Level Classification.**
 - **Mr. D'Amato has completed several self-help programs on the Edovo app.**



☒ Protective Factors: **Mr. D'Amato has not received an infraction since 2020 and prior to that his last occurred in 1996. DOC Staff indicate Mr. D'Amato is cooperative on the living unit.**

☐ Risk Assessment Scores:

☐ Insight into sexual offending behavior

☒ Other Evidence: **Mr. D'Amato has positive reviews of his work performance.**

e. The Board has considered the evidence against **Anthony D'Amato's** conditional release (WAC 381-60-160), examples of adequate reasons for a finding of non-parolability include, but are not limited to:

☒ Active refusal to participate in available programs or resources designed to assist in reducing an incarcerated individual's risk of re-offense (e.g., anger management, substance abuse treatment). **Mr. D'Amato has spent dramatically more time pursuing legal challenges to his conviction than toward rehabilitative efforts such as participating in any available programming. It is recognized his sentence structure limits his programming opportunities; however, it does not preclude him from all programming, and he has not taken advantage of what may be available.**

☒ Serious disciplinary infractions during incarceration. **Mr. D'Amato received an infraction for lying to staff on October 8, 2020.**

☒ Evidence of an incarcerated individual's continuing intent or propensity to engage in illegal activities (e.g., victim harassment, criminal conduct while incarcerated, continued use of illegal substances).

- **Mr. D'Amato actively engages in tactics to avoid taking responsibility for his actions when found to be in the wrong. He introduces irrelevant and/or confusing information to distract from his actions often in the form of complex legal jargon or complex storytelling. He also focuses attention on and points out the faults of**



others to avoid taking responsibility for his actions. These tactics are present when discussing his convictions and his recent infraction. Actively engaging in behaviors to avoid taking any responsibility for one's actions is not indicative of being rehabilitated.

☐ Statements or declarations by the incarcerated individual that he or she intends to re-offend or does not intend to comply with conditions of parole.

☒ Evidence that an incarcerated individual presents a substantial danger to the community if released.

- **Meets criteria as a psychopath on the PCL-R (+31 points).**
- **V-RAG score 6 of 9 places him with a 60% likelihood of reoffending in 12 years.**
- **Considered Moderate/High risk to reoffend on the HCR-20.**

f. The Conditions of Supervision, and any favorable evidence noted above considered by the Board would not sufficiently reduce the likelihood of Anthony D'Amato committing new offenses because:

- **Mr. D'Amato has been incarcerated for approximately 45 years on his first of two life sentences. During that time, he has spent a significant portion of his time engaging in legal challenges in attempts to overturn his convictions and/or engaging in legal proceedings to address perceived wrongs done to him. In today's hearing, he continued to deny any "first-hand knowledge" of the crimes for which he pled guilty. The first step in rehabilitation is admitting to doing something wrong and/or taking any responsibility for one's own actions. Mr. D'Amato's 45-year pattern of not taking any responsibility for the crimes he pled guilty to indicates he is not rehabilitated, nor fit to release to a consecutive life sentence.**
- **Mr. D'Amato has demonstrated minimal desire and action to better himself while incarcerated. His programming opportunities are limited due to his**



sentence structure; however, they are not absent. He has failed to participate in DOC change programming available to him to better himself which is indicative of a lack of desire for rehabilitation.

- The Psychological Evaluation by Dr. Robtoy indicates “He does meet the criteria to be considered a psychopath.” The PCL-R is not a risk assessment; however higher characteristics of psychopathy are strongly associated with recidivism.
- Dr. Robtoy’s psychological evaluation opined his criminogenic risk factors have not been mitigated, he continues to be high risk for violent recidivism in less restrictive settings, and he continues to have on-going treatment needs which have not been addressed to be considered rehabilitated.
- The End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) aggravated him to a Risk Level III due to “Documented information that increases the risk for sexual re-offense; Relationship with the victims was promoted or established for the primary purpose of victimizing.”
- The End of Sentence Review Committee reviewed him in the Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Sub-Committee and determined a Forensic Psychological Evaluation (FPE) should be completed to determine if he meets criteria as a Sexually Violent Predator under RCW. 71.09. Only a small percentage of the highest risk individuals are reviewed for and selected by the ESRC SVP Sub-Committee for an FPE indicative of the risk Mr. D’Amato presents to the community.

- g. Based on the requirements of RCW 9.95.009(3) and RCW 9.95.100 and after weighing all of the totality of the evidence, including the community custody conditions and any favorable evidence noted above, the Board finds that Anthony D’Amato is not parolable and adds 120 months to their minimum term.



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.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

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cc: Facility: Washington State Penitentiary
Anthony D'Amato, Incarcerated Individual
File



TO: Full Board

FROM: Corey McNally (CH)

RE: D'Amato, Anthony DOC #266961

Panel recommends: Not Releasable. Add 120 months to the minimum term.

Next Action: Schedule a .100/.420/JUVBRD Hearing approximately 120 days prior to ERD. A new psychological evaluation will be required for the next hearing.

AGREE (initial and date)	DISAGREE (initial and date)
Corey McNally 7/14/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
Jeff Patnode 7/14/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
Jill Getty 7/14/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
Meghan Kelly-Stallings 7/14/2025	Choose an item. Click to enter a date.
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