

MINUTES
SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE BOARD
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
City Hall, Room 310
2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Gerondale, Ben Heiman, Kathy De Cremer, Renee Keehan

MEMBERS EXCUSTE: Heidi Michel

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gerondale.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the April 13, 2016, 2016 Minutes of the Sex Offender Residency Board meeting

Motion made by K. De Cremer to approve the April 13, 2016 Minutes, seconded by R. Keehan. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. APPEALS

(a) Appeal of Anthony Shea requesting to move to 1108 N. Webster Avenue

Anthony appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Anthony of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Anthony appeared before the board in February and was approved at this location for a period of 90 days. He was asked to return today to provide updated treatment documentation.

Anthony provided a letter from Jim Drake. Anthony stated his treatment sessions are open ended, but he will probably attend for a year or two. D. Gerondale asked what was discussed during his last session with Mr. Drake. Anthony said he asked questions about his polygraph test; they discussed healthy relationships and urge control.

These were one-on-one, not group sessions. Some of Anthony's triggers include loneliness, boredom, thoughts and teenage boys. To deal with these issues, Anthony uses self-talk and the tools he's learned in his sessions Jim Drake. He can always call his support network, therapist, parole officer and family members. Anthony also keeps a journal.

D. Gerondale expressed his frustration about the fact Mr. Drake's letters are never very informative. This makes it difficult for the board to know how a person is doing and to make the right decision. D. Gerondale will give Mr. Drake a telephone call to discuss.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Anthony Shea, address specific, was made by R. Keehan, seconded by K. De Cremer. Three in favor, one opposed (D. Gerondale). Motion carried.

(b) Appeal of Brigette Thaxton requesting to move to 1491 Morrow Street

Brigette appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Brigette of her right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Brigette appeared before the board in February and was approved at this location for a period of 90 days. Brigette was asked to provide updated treatment documentation today.

Brigette has a letter from Mr. Drake, which is very vague. She has not seen him since February. They were one-on-one sessions. They discussed healthy relationships and appropriate relationship behaviors. At that time, Mr. Drake suggested he, Brigette and her probation officer should have a meeting to make sure they were all on the same page. Brigette has not heard back from him. Brigette told Mr. Drake she does not feel she is a threat to society.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Brigette Thaxton, address specific, for a period of 60 days, was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by R. Keehan. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Gerondale is going to call Mr. Drake to discuss the contents of his letters.

Brigette is to provide a more detailed treatment letter at her next meeting with the board.

(c) Appeal of Scott Brantmeier requesting to move to one of the following addresses:

1. 604 Thirteenth Avenue
2. 824 Crooks Street
3. 1333 Weise Street

Scott appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Scott of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Scott and his wife want to purchase a home and looked at these three. Their first choice would be 824 Crooks Street.

In 1993, Scott was convicted of first degree sexual assault. The victim was eight years old and he knew the victim. He touched her while she was sleeping. This happened two times. Scott believes the victim told the counselor at school. Scott stated this was a rough time in his life. His fiancé cheated on him, his grandfather passed away and Scott was in the hospital. During this time, Scott was sleeping with the victim's mother. Scott was in his late teens or early twenties when the offense occurred.

Scott served 10 years and 10 months in prison. He will be off probation in October 2017. He completed sex offender treatment while in prison and also in 2014. He was court ordered to receive aftercare. He has learned how to deal with anger issues and how to deal with things when they don't always go the way he'd like them to.

D. Gerondale asked Scott what caused him to do this. Scott stated, "Convenience. She was there." The victim lived at the same address where Scott was staying. R. Keehan asked why he pled not guilty. Scott hoped that since it happened in 1993 and didn't get reported until 1997, no one would believe it happened. Scott felt guilty after it occurred and moved out of the house. Scott explained that the victim was living in a trailer with her two uncles for the summer, and he was staying there, also.

Scott wants to move from Manitowoc to Green Bay because he is employed in Green Bay. He would be living here with his wife. They have been married almost two years. She and Scott are employed at the same farm.

Donald Wagner, 3177 Emory Street, Green Bay is present to speak on Scott's behalf. Don is Scott's supervisor and uncle. Don stated Scott was in a dark place when this happened. He was very quiet and kept things to himself. Don has seen Scott change and grow since being incarcerated. He's trying to move on with his life and is an excellent employee. Don put his neck on the line when he went to his own manager and asked if he could hire Scott. He would not have done this if he didn't believe in Scott.

A motion to approve the appeal of Scott Brantmeier, address specific, was made by R. Keehan, seconded by B. Heiman.

Discussion: D. Gerondale stated he is torn. He feels Scott has made progress but it was a heinous crime in his opinion. D. Gerondale was hoping to get more information about what was going through Scott's mind at the time and why (other than it was convenient) he did it. We all go through stress. However, it's a positive step that Scott has had sex offender treatment.

Two in favor, two opposed (D. Gerondale, K. De Cremer). Motion failed.

More discussion: K. De Cremer doesn't feel Scott presented a clear story and she does not hear any remorse. However, she agrees Scott has made a lot of progress.

Scott explained that it was a strange living situation. It was a two bedroom trailer and the victim and her two uncles slept in the same room.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Scott Brantmeier, address specific, was made by R. Keehan, seconded by B. Heiman. Three in favor, one opposed (K. De Cremer).

D. Gerondale pointed out the offense happened over 20 years ago and Scott hasn't had any other incidents. This helped sway Dean's vote.

(d) Appeal of Jimmy James Presti requesting to move to 1063 St. Paul Street

Jimmy appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Jimmy of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Jimmy stated he would like to live here with his mother.

Jimmy was convicted of second degree sexual assault in 1994. The victim was 14 and Jimmy was 30. He knew the victim and knew she was underage.

D. Gerondale asked Jimmy why he did what he did. Jimmy stated he and the victim spoke a lot and were close. In his mind, he thought she wanted him, so he propositioned her. They had sexual intercourse multiple times. Jimmy was drinking and doing drugs during this time. The victim eventually told the police. Jimmy called his parole officer and she told him to turn himself in. Jimmy took an Alford Plea and served 10 years. He was released in 2004.

Jimmy admits he's been in a lot of trouble since then. He is currently on probation for hit and run. He is not employed but applied for SSI. He does odd jobs. He wants to focus on staying out of trouble. Because he is homeless, his mother said he could live with her.

D. Gerondale asked Jimmy to confirm he would be living with his mother. Jimmy replied, "yes." D. Gerondale asked what he will do during the day. Jimmy said he'll "help his mom out." He will cut her grass, shovel, take care of her dogs, etc. His mom is on SSI. He will keep her company and cook meals.

R. Keehan asked Jimmy why he didn't move in with his mother sooner rather than being homeless. Jimmy stated "a lot of things were going on with her life. Her husband was involved in the crime, too. A lot of people were offended by it."

Annette Arcand, Jimmy's girlfriend is present at the meeting. She stated she is also staying at 1063 St. Paul Street.

K. De Cremer asked why Jimmy's mother wasn't present today. Jimmy stated she is deceased. They buried her last Thursday. R. Keehan asked why he didn't tell the

board this before now. Jimmy stated he was waiting for them to ask him. She had been in a nursing home since February and Jimmy was staying at the house taking care of the animals.

A motion to DENY the appeal of Jimmy Presti was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by K. De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

- (e) Appeal of Jamelle D. Howard requesting to move to 604 Eleventh Avenue, Upper

Jamelle appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Jamelle of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Jamelle is currently staying at the TLP. In 2000, he was convicted of repeated acts of sexual assault of a 13 year old. Jamelle was 15 and stated he and the victim had been in a two year relationship. As a teenager, he felt he was in love. He would run away from home and stay with her mom for weeks at a time. He skipped school.

Jamelle served four years in prison. He was released in 2003 when he was 20 years old.

Jamelle was released from prison on March 22 for delivery of THC. He is employed full time at Bay Industries and has been there for six months on work release. He does not have a pay stub to verify this. Rent will be \$425 per month and he makes \$500 every week. He loves his job and is thankful for it.

James Allen, Sr., Jamelle's father is present at the meeting. He stated the victim's mother would pick Jamelle up and bring them to her house. She knew what was going on. He would like his son to have a chance.

D. Gerondale stated he would like to see proof of employment. R. Keehan pointed out that there is another sex offender living below at this address.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Jamelle Howard, address specific, was made by D. Gerondale, with the condition that proof of employment is provided to the law department within 30 days. Motion seconded by K. De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

- (f) Appeal of Jose J. Perez requesting to move to 1645 Chicago Street

Jose appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Jose of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Jose appeared before the board in 2014 and is still living on Finger Road. He and his girlfriend want to purchase this home.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Jose Perez, address specific, was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by K. De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

(g) Appeal of Harold Treadway requesting to move to 1620 Sixth Street

Harold appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Harold of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

In 2007, Harold was convicted of first degree sexual assault. The victim was four years old. Harold was 22. He is currently homeless.

Harold stated he was addicted to child pornography. He manipulated the victim into touching him by telling her this is what doctors do. Two weeks later, she reported it to a social worker.

Harold pled not guilty and took it to a jury trial. He stated he received bad advice from his lawyer, family and friends. Harold served nine years in prison and was released on February 23, 2016.

Harold's mother, uncle and step-father live in the area.

Harold did not receive any sex offender treatment while in prison. They didn't see him until his last year of incarceration and then said he wasn't ready for it, that he should be in SO0 instead of SO2. Harold was trying to be straightforward with them but at the time did not admit to child pornography. He stated the last year was an eye opener for him, when he was denied treatment. He came clean with his parole officer and Mr. Drake. Harold meets with Mr. Drake once a week in private sessions and has been since the middle of March.

Harold has been employed at American Foods since March 14.

R. Keehan asked Harold to explain Mr. Drake's comments: "We will continue to work on relapse prevention and related risk management." Harold said he was under a lot of stress at the time. He had three children and his wife was not employed. They argued a lot. He and Mr. Drake talk about how to handle stress and the addiction to child pornography and pornography in general. He is learning about healthy relationships.

Harold stated he is no longer is addicted to child pornography. He is allowed on a computer cannot go on the Internet.

D. Gerondale stated his biggest concern is that Harold has only had six or seven weeks of treatment. Also, this location is near Fireman's Park. Dean feels Harold is doing all the right things and getting his life in order, but Dean is not comfortable with this location.

A motion to DENY the appeal of Harold Treadway was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by K. De Cremer. Three in favor, one opposed (R. Keehan). Motion carried.

- (h) Appeal of Jeremy Langlay requesting to move to 1740 Western Avenue, Apt. 6

Jeremy appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Jeremy of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

In 2007, Jeremy was convicted of second degree sexual assault. The victim was 14 and Jeremy was 34. He knew the victim. Jeremy served two years in prison. He is currently staying at the TLP.

Jeremy stated he was drunk at the time. The victim told her mother. It was a one time incident.

Jeremy stated he is schizophrenic. He had been working temp jobs. He recently served 18 months for a probation revocation. He got into an altercation with someone. He is not currently employed. Jeremy is in the OARS Program which will help with his rent, etc.

Jeremy has been on medication since 2011. He was off the meds when he got into the altercation.

Jeremy's sister and cousin live in town. He has a good relationship with his sister.

Jeremy often tried to go off his medication, but he is now committed and is a Chapter 51. Since March, someone comes to his apartment at night and gives him his medication. They will continue to do this at this new location.

Jeremy has applied for employment at the pickle factory and Bay Valley Foods, however, his agent wants to make sure he's stable on his medication before he goes back to work.

D. Gerondale asked Jeremy if he's really nervous right now. Jeremy stated, "No. It's my medication that makes me jittery." D. Gerondale asked if he is feeling good about this opportunity and how he's handling the stress of being out of the TLP.

Jeremy said it's a little bit stressful because in his head, he thought his first roommate wanted to kill him. He told this to his parole agent and case manager. They told him it's just in his head. It frightens Jeremy to be roomed up with someone, so this apartment would help him. He could lock the door and be by himself. He calls his case manager, sister and parole officer if he is going through something he can't handle.

D. Gerondale feels he has a lack of information, but it's not Jeremy's fault. He thinks Jeremy is being truthful. D. Gerondale would have liked Jeremy's representatives to be here with him to explain how this will work for him. He wants Jeremy to be stable and productive and have a good life.

Jeremy provided Rachel Harrison's (Jeremy's case worker) phone number. D. Gerondale placed a call to Rachel who verified Jeremy's information and explained how the OARS Program works. Jeremy can be in the program up to two years but since he is under a Chapter 51 commitment, he will be reviewed by a judge in December. They help him get settled in the community and monitor his medications. Jeremy has appointments scheduled with a psychiatrist and a counselor. The OARS Program chose this apartment for Jeremy. Rachel sees Jeremy weekly, sometimes more often. His Brown County Case Manager also sees him regularly.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Jeremy Langlay, address specific, for a period of 60 days, was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by K. De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jeremy should bring his sister and Rachel Harrison with him at the next meeting.

Note: Steven Gittens appeared at the meeting but was told his appeal cannot be heard today because he isn't on the agenda. He will be put on the June agenda.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of June 8, 2016 was confirmed.

A motion to adjourn was made by R. Keehan, seconded by K. De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.