

# *Indeterminate Sentence Review Board*

*Making informed decisions essential to public safety regarding confinement or release of individuals under its jurisdiction*

## **What is the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB):**

The ISRB or Board was created in 1935 as the Washington State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles and is a releasing authority. It is commonly referred to as "The Board." With the end of indeterminate sentences, the Board's name was changed in 1986 to the ISRB. The Board has jurisdiction over three populations: 1) Individuals that committed their crime prior to 1984; 2) Certain sex offenders post 2001; 3) Certain juveniles convicted as adults. The Board was merged into the Department of Corrections (DOC) in July 2011, although the Board's decision-making responsibilities remain independent of the DOC. The Board members are appointed by the Governor to five year terms and confirmed by the Senate.

## **Jurisdiction of the Juvenile Board Cases:**

The "Miller Fix" was passed in 2014 by the legislature. This contains two types of cases.

1. "Long-Term" Juvenile Board Cases RCW 9.94A.730

Less than 18 when the crime was committed & was sentenced as an adult,  
Served at least 20 consecutive years of confinement,  
No serious infractions during the past 12 months,  
No new convictions of any crimes since the age of 18

2. Aggravated First Degree Murder Juvenile Board Cases RCW 10.95.030

These cases must be re-sentenced by the court and then reviewed by the Board after minimum term served.

## **Criteria for Release Consideration:**

- Public Safety, statutory criteria, court cases
- Individual specific information-criminal history, actuarial assessments, mental health, substance abuse, responsivity, institution/community behavior, individual change, programs completed
- Other input-testimony from DOC staff and the inmate, input from victims, survivors, prosecutor recommendations, family and community support



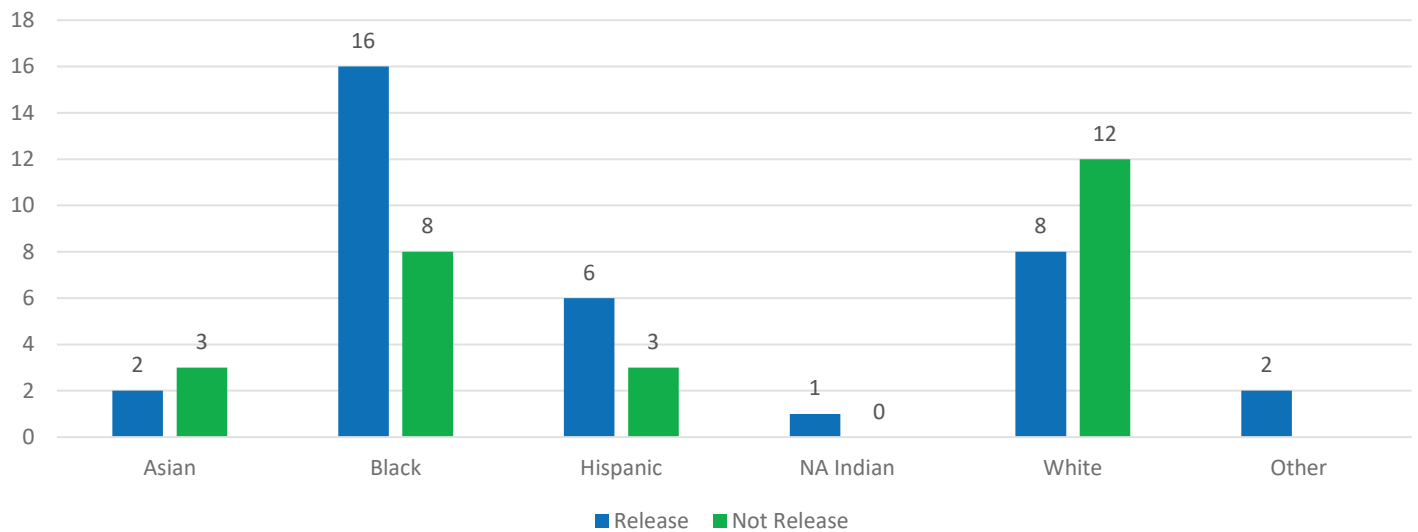
## Snapshot of Juvenile Board Data January 2020

- Release Hearings Held 78/62 individuals
- Releasable 36
  - 1 to Next Cause 1 to ICE
- Not Releasable 26
  - 7 will not re-petition (not enough time, vacated sentence)
- Pending First Hearing 3

## Juvenile Board Cases on Supervision

- Active 28
- Completed 3
- Revoked 2
- Next Cause/ICE 2
- Pending release 1

Juvenile Release Hearings by Ethnicity



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