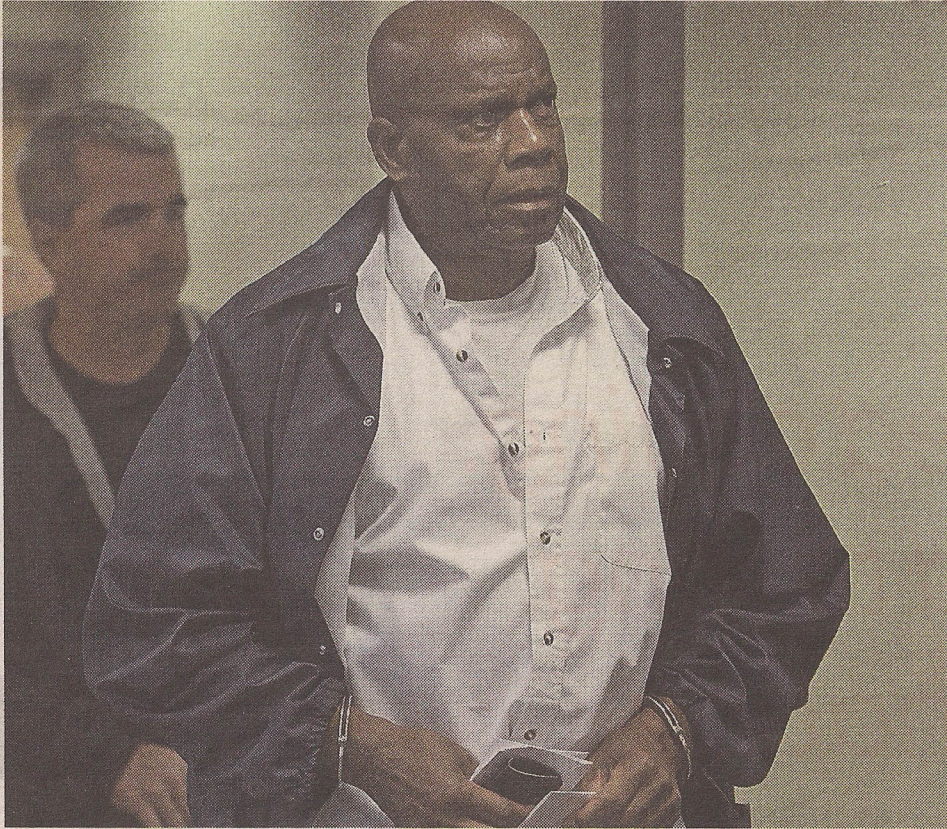


12 'I DESERVE PAROLE': Convicted murderer Robert Bond attends his Parole Board hearing yesterday in the 1981 killing of Mary Foreman.



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# Parole Board skeptical of double-killer

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The Parole Board yesterday lashed out at a two-time killer who claimed the 1981 shooting death of his girlfriend was purely accidental and had nothing to do with the fact he had stabbed to death another companion years prior.

"I feel like I should be paroled," said Robert Bond, 75, who is serving a second-degree murder sentence for the fatal shooting in Boston of Mary Foreman while on parole for killing another girlfriend 10 years earlier.

"There's no connection between the two murders other than I committed both of them."

Parole Board members grilled Bond to explain why he felt he was fit for parole given he killed Foreman, a popular Roxbury community activist, just 123 days into his parole for fatally stabbing girlfriend Barbara Mitchell in 1971.

"Either you have the worst luck ever or you have no regard for human life. I think it's the latter," said Parole Board member Lucy Soto-Abbe. "(Foreman) helped you and this is how you repaid her."

The Parole Board re-

sumed hearings for lifers last week after Gov. Deval Patrick forced out all but two members in January in the wake of the shooting death of a Woburn cop by a paroled triple-lifer.

Bond claimed he accidentally shot Foreman in the head after some dust got in his eye while he was hiding a gun at the request of a drug dealer friend he referred to as "Happy." Foreman's niece, Janeen Jones, said her aunt feared Bond would kill her.

Foreman was beaten beyond recognition before being shot and was so disfigured that the composite sketch circulated in the news media after children found her body did not even resemble her, family said.

Her daughters identified her by looking at a mark on her hand, family said.

"He also threatened to kill the rest of us," Jones said. "He was riding by the wake with a gun saying, 'I'm going to finish the rest of you off.'"

Sixteen loved ones appeared to oppose parole. No one came to support Bond.

A parole decision will be made at a later date.

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