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DECISION AND REASONS

NAME:	COSDEN, William E., Jr.
NUMBER:	249717
INSTITUTION:	Twin Rivers Corrections Center
TYPE OF MEETING:	.100 Hearing
DATE:	October 10, 1995
PANEL MEMBERS:	CO & KB

BOARD DECISION:

It is the Board's decision that no action be taken at this time. It is felt that the progress information available was inadequate regarding his adjustment and some unresolved issues concerning the writing of a novel which contained many graphic sexual and violent depictions.

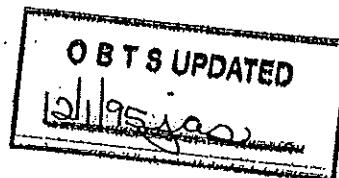
NEXT ACTION:

Reschedule a .100 hearing as soon as an updated psychological report can be acquired and an updated ISRB (530) report can be compiled to include a review of his adjustment while he was a part of the SOTP (Sexual Offender Treatment Program) at Twin Rivers, but no later than February 25, 1996.

HISTORY AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Cosden is incarcerated as the result of a 1976 conviction for Rape. He has been continuously confined since that time. The Judge recommended ten years and the prosecutor recommended 20 years. He has now served 228 months, which correlates to an aggravated sentence. His criminal history includes being found not guilty in 1967 in the state of Maryland of Homicide by reason of insanity. He was released from the state hospital in Maryland as competent in May of 1971 and then traveled to the state of Washington. The Murder in which Mr. Cosden was found not guilty by

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reason of insanity was of a young woman who was stabbed several times, and there was possibly some evidence that he had sexual intercourse with her. The current Rape that he is serving time on involved him coercing a woman at a truck stop and raping her.

Mr. Cosden has a file history which is laced with many inconsistencies regarding his life prior to his being incarcerated. It is clear that he was in the military and served some time in Vietnam. However, depending on which version of his story you believe, he has been wounded several times while in Vietnam and killed U.S. servicemen and Vietnamese women and children.

REASONS:

As recent as April 1995 Mr. Cosden was interviewed by Captain Mark Curtis of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office. This interview was apparently a collaboration effort with the Bangor Naval Base and the St. Mary's County Sheriff Department in Maryland regarding a couple of unsolved Murders, which took place back in the 1960's. Mr. Cosden had allegedly told his sister that he had been involved in these Murders and subsequently an interview was set up to investigate these crimes, which have remained unsolved. A review of the reports concluded after these interviews appear to be filled with inconsistencies, recantations, and distortions of realities. Mr. Cosden has had a history of story telling and this appears to be along the same lines. It certainly is filled with a great deal of grandiosity and distorted memories, which may be laced with some truths.

Since Mr. Cosden's last appearance before the Board, he has been convicted for fighting in May of 1993, for possession of an unauthorized tool in October 1993, and a last major infraction in September of 1994 resulting from four general infractions.

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Cosden has completed the Twin Rivers Corrections Center Sexual Offender Treatment Program, receiving Maximum Benefits labeled on May 17, 1995. He indicated that he was participating in the Maximum Benefits follow-up program. However, further review indicates that he attended only one of ten possible sessions. He continues to work for the Ex-Mark Corporation, where he has continued to receive adequate performance evaluations.

According to the SOTP Treatment Summary, Mr. Cosden is rated as a medium risk. It also gave a list of items that would increase the level of risk, including use of drugs, secrecy, and judgmental statements.

Prior to our meeting with Mr. Cosden, it had been revealed that Mr. Cosden had been found in possession of an uncompleted novel, which was very graphic in terms of his violence and sexual abuse. He indicated that he had permission to write this novel while he was a participant in the SOTP. A partial review of some of the written manuscript was very disturbing, and it would raise questions as to why a man would be allowed to do this. It should be noted that Mr. Cosden does have a history of bizarre story telling and has had many difficulties differentiating truth from fantasy. He indicates that he was encouraged to continue this novel because it apparently was assisting him in dealing with some of the trauma of his past.

A psychological evaluation was completed in June 1994 by Dr. Gerald Hover. This was completed prior to his completion of the SOTP. In view of the confusing information regarding this progress review it is requested, as previously indicated, that an updated psychological report be completed and a review of the evaluation submitted by the SOTP and a follow-up assessment of his progress since completion of that Program be made available to the Board for another review.

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FACTS RELIED UPON:

This panel relied upon the testimony by Mr. Cosden, testimony by Shirley Grey, CMHC 2, the psychological report dated June 15, 1994, by Dr. Gerald Hover, testimony by mental health worker Anna Aylward, the Treatment Summary dated May 17, 1995, completed by the SOTP, and file material made available from the Board's file.

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October 25, 1995/November 30, 1995

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