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STARING CONTEST Five-year-old Kinsley Erickson looks at the illuminated sculptures at the In Search of Christmas Spirit at the Cascade of Time Garden in Banff on Thursay (Nov. 24) The outdoor Christmas experience runs from 5-10:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday Nov. 23 to Dec. 31. JUNGMIN HAM RMO PHOTO

Full parole revoked for murderer of Banff cab driver in 1990

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BANFF – The man who stabbed and murdered Banff cab driver Lucie Turmel in 1990 has had his full parole revoked by the Parole Board of Canada.

Following the November hearing, parole board members had concerns with a string of incidents that led them to believe Ryan Jason Love, 51, once again posed a risk to the community.

“The CSC recommends that your parole be revoked, and is of the opinion that your risk in the community became unmanageable. They emphasize their inability to accurately assess and manage your risk due to your risky behaviour and your dishonesty,” the board’s decision states.

Love was charged and ultimately convicted for rob-

bing Turmel for her earnings of \$130 that night, stabbing her 17 times and stealing her taxi, which was later located a few kilometres away from the crime scene. She was 23.

At the time, Love worked as a housekeeper at the Banff Springs Hotel and was 18. He had moved to Banff with friends after dropping out of high school.

The case went unsolved for about two years until a tip led police to charge Love. He received a life sentence in June 1994 for second-degree murder – the bulk of which was at the William Head Institution in British Columbia. At the time, the parole eligibility was set at 20 years.

He received day parole in 2011 to a community residential facility and full parole in 2012, with conditions to avoid drugs and alcohol, undergo psychological counselling and have no contact with Turmel’s family.

“Judge’s comments on file described the murder offence as brutal and insensitive,” the parole board decision wrote. “They highlight the victim’s vulnerability, her young age, and the impact on her family and local community. Your young age at the time of the offence was the only mitigating factor noted.”

“The grieving parents express the horrific shock of learning that their child had been murdered. They describe the life-changing trauma from this event on family members and the impact on their small community.”

The board’s decision stated from 2012 to 2019, there were no parole concerns, and ultimately, the condition to attend psychological counselling was removed in October 2019.

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