

**Periodic Review Board:
Subsequent Full Review Hearing, ISN 1094 Saifullah Paracha**

Hearing Summary:

The 19 November 2020 Periodic Review Board (PRB) subsequent full review hearing for ISN 1094 Saifullah Paracha convened under the watch of four observers who represented:

- Indiana University
- Judicial Watch, Inc.
- *The New York Times*
- Defense counsel

The video and audio feeds broke several times due to technical problems at GTMO, but the proceedings were paused until connections were reestablished.

The government statement reiterated that ISN 1094 was known to be a leading member of Al Qaeda's television propaganda division and was suspected through the testimony of other detainees of conducting financial arrangements for Osama Bin Laden. The detainee's personal representative confirmed that ISN 1094 was involved with Bin Laden's television operations and has admitted to it. Nevertheless, he said the detainee, now over 70 years old, gave his daughter power of attorney, who sold his television assets. The proceeds from the sale are to be used to support him in retirement, if he is approved for transfer.

The detainee's private counsel, Sullivan-Bennis, argued that because charges against the detainee's son had been vacated, the charges against the detainee should also be vacated. She noted that ISN 1094 had no violent infractions against the guard force, mentored younger detainees, and sent his children to Christian schools.

Observations:

Despite poor video quality and rumors to the contrary, ISN 1094 appeared robust, healthy, and engaged. His private counsel used a combative tone to argue for the detainee's transfer partly on compassionate grounds, since he is the oldest of the detainees remaining at GTMO. He further argued that the detainee is in ill health and unlikely to have the means or inclination to reengage in any form of terrorist activity at his age. While the argument that the detainee is ill and weak is unlikely to succeed given the visual evidence of his health, the detainee's admission of and repentance for his involvement with Al Qaeda and his continued attribution of his involvement to a regretted avarice may help guide the Board's consideration.

In the past, Sullivan-Bennis had advised some of her clients not to participate in the PRB and certainly not to admit to criminal acts, so ISN 1094's decision to do both indicates an unusual level of commitment to compliance with the Board's requirements.