

SUMMARY



Date considered: 02 June 2021

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was ten years.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the Board had to be satisfied that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender should be confined.

Decision

3. The Board was satisfied on this matter, and directed release subject to licence conditions.

Reasons for decision

4. In reaching its decision, the Board considered:
 - a) the circumstances of the index offence, and any offending history;
 - b) formal risk assessments prepared on the prisoner;
 - c) the prisoner's conduct since sentence, and intentions if released;
 - d) all relevant information in the dossier; and
 - e) the evidence heard at the hearing.
5. The Board acknowledged that social work supported release of the offender into the community. The Board noted that the offender had made significant progress within the custodial environment
6. While it acknowledged the serious nature of the index offence, the Board attached significant weight to the fact that the offender had not been involved in violence for a substantial number of years in custody.
7. The Board considered that an appropriate degree of reflection and insight had been demonstrated, and that if released the offender would deal with any issues in the community appropriately