

SUMMARY



Date considered: 21 September 2021

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an extended sentence of six years, ten months and 13 days, comprised of a custodial term of 54 months with an extended period of supervision on licence of two years, plus a consecutive sentence of 235 days.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the Board had to consider whether it remains necessary for the protection of the public from serious harm that the offender should be confined.

Decision

3. The Board was not 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 offender;
 - c) the offender'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 offender had presented no cause for concern since their return to custody. They had continued to address substance misuse issues, comply with the prison regime and engage fully with those tasked with their management in custody.
6. Community-based social work (CBSW) confirmed that they had no concerns that the offender would reoffend, albeit their compliance with supervision was at times unsatisfactory. CBSW were confident that the offender could be managed safely in the community and that they did not present a risk of serious harm to the public.
7. The offender evidenced a good insight into their risks and was open and candid about the difficulties they had encountered in the community. They were clear that their recall had a highly salutary effect on them. They demonstrated a determination to adhere rigidly to licence conditions, refrain from substance misuse and comply fully with supervision in the future.
8. In all of the circumstances, the Board directed release subject to licence conditions.