

SUMMARY



Date considered: 08 December 2021

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was five years and six months.

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 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 evidenced a good insight into the reasons for their most recent recall to custody. They had successfully undertaken work with their community based social worker in relation to problem solving and scenario planning. They provided examples of how they had dealt appropriately with challenging situations in custody and were clear in their evidence that they must be completely open and honest with their supervising officer in order to succeed in the community.
6. Other than several misconduct reports, the offender had complied fully with the prison regime. Both SPS and the supervising officer confirmed that recent concerning behaviour was completely out of character and an isolated incident. The supervising officer confirmed that the offender responds well to supports in the community and had been forthcoming in seeking support when required.
7. No incidents of violence had been reported for a substantial number of years. The supervising officer was firmly of the view that they did not think the offender would be violent to anyone in the community. Additionally, they confirmed that there was nothing in the offender's behaviour that had caused concern since the time of the misconduct reports.

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8. In all of the circumstances, the Board directed release subject to licence conditions.