

SUMMARY



Date considered: 28 April 2022

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 18 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 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 provided evidence to the Tribunal, in which they were able to identify their risks and strategies to manage these in future. The offender provided a clear account of the index offence, in which they did not attempt to minimise or in any way justify their involvement. There is no evidence of the offender associating with pro-criminal peers and they appear to have reflected on their past involvement with negative associates and how this impacted on their behaviour.
6. The offender has carried out a community work placement and has had community access consisting of home leave and unescorted day releases. All community access has passed without incident.
7. Both social workers recommended release. Both witnesses provided clear and coherent evidence on their recommendations and the reasons for these. The Tribunal concluded that the offender's response to open conditions and lack of incidents on community access provided evidence of their ability to manage their own risks. Accordingly, the Tribunal accepted the recommendations of both social workers.
8. The Tribunal was satisfied that the offender's plans for release were realistic.

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9. The Tribunal fixed licence conditions.