

SUMMARY



Date considered: 04 November 2022

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 11 years.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the Tribunal 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 Tribunal was satisfied on this matter, and directed release subject to licence conditions.

Reasons for decision

4. In reaching its decision, the Tribunal 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. In the two and a half years since the offender was recalled to custody, they have taken positive steps to ensure they succeed when returned to the community. The offender has successfully completed programme work.
6. The offender has insight into the factors that led to their failure in the community in 2019 and 2020.
7. The offender retains significant supports in the community and will actively seek employment on release.
8. Both the Prison Based Social Worker and Community Based Social Worker are supportive of the offender's release. The supervising officer has a management plan to ensure a smooth transition back into the community. It is not considered likely that the offender will reoffend in a violent way in the future given their progress and learning in custody to date. There is no significant risk of serious harm on their part.
9. In all the circumstances the Board is satisfied the offender meets the test for release and directs their release on the conditions.