

SUMMARY



Date considered: 02 February 2023

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 8 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. The offender was recalled to custody in February 2020 having been on life licence in the community for over 7 years.
6. They have demonstrated a level of maturity in the past year, such that they have been able to accept responsibility for their own failings when on licence previously. The offender has completed programme work.
7. Both the Prison Based Social Worker (PBSW) and Community Based Social Worker (CBSW) are satisfied that the offender no longer requires to be confined for the protection of the public. Both are persuaded that the robust management plan in place together with the licence conditions sought will allow the offender to be safely managed in the community.
8. The Board agrees that the offender no longer requires to be confined for the protection of the public. They have demonstrated considerable stability and has matured.
9. The offender's relationship appears to have improved with the CBSW, albeit that another social worker will be his supervising officer on release.
10. In all the circumstances, the Board is satisfied that the offender meets the test for release and directs their release on licence conditions.