

SUMMARY



Date considered: 23 June 2021

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an extended sentence of three years, comprised of a custodial term of eight years and three months, and an extended period of supervision on licence of three years.

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 prisoner;
 - c) the prisoner'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 Board acknowledged that the community-based social worker who attended the hearing did not support release. Whilst the social worker expressed the view that the offender presents a risk of serious harm to the public, they acknowledged that the offender had not engaged in any incidents of violence since the index offence, either in prison or in the community.
6. The Board noted that the offender had been released and recalled due to lapsing into substance misuse whilst in the community, but that they were determined to resolve their substance misuse issues and in order to do so, were willing to engage with all supports available to them. The Board also noted that whilst in the community, there were no concerns in relation to the offender's level of engagement with supervision and addictions, and they were considered to be open and honest with those responsible for their supervision.
7. In all of the circumstances, the Board was not satisfied that it is necessary for the protection of the public from serious harm that the offender should remain confined in custody, and directed release subject to licence conditions.