

## SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 10 November 2021

### **Sentence**

1. The offender is serving an extended sentence of four years and six months, comprised of a custodial term of 30 months and an extended period of supervision on licence of two 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 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 Board noted the seriousness of the index offences, and that they will have caused harm to those who witnessed the offender's conduct. They have previous convictions for analogous offending. However, the Board also noted that there are substantial gaps in their offending, which suggested that risk management strategies can be effective in this case.
6. The Board considered the offender's own evidence. Their risk management strategies were simplistic but appeared to be effective. They also spoke of the value of offence-focused work. The Board noted that the offender's engagement in the community was reported to be positive, and that both prison-based and community-based social work were of the view that their risk could be managed safely in the community.
7. Having regard to all of the evidence, the Board was not satisfied that it was necessary for the protection of the public from serious harm that the offender remain in prison, and accordingly directed release on licence conditions.