

SUMMARY



Date considered: 03 May 2022

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 16 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 has now spent a significant period in prison without accruing misconduct reports. They have undertaken a prolonged period of testing in the community without incident. The offender has demonstrated insight into the impact of their offending on their victims and was able to give examples of how they have changed their attitudes and behaviour. They were realistic about the challenges that they would face in the community, and recognised the consequences should they fail to comply with licence conditions.
6. The offender is said to be a low risk of reoffending and professionals are supportive of their release.
7. In all the circumstances, the Board concluded that it was no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender remain in prison.