



Parole Hearing  
Under section 21(1) of the Parole Act 2002

**Joseph James BRIDER**

**Hearing:** 27 February 2018  
at Whanganui Prison

**Members of the Board:** Ms M Coleman – Panel Convenor  
Ms G Hughes  
Mr M Quigg

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**DECISION OF THE BOARD**

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1. Joseph James Brider, who is aged 31, appeared before the Board today for the first consideration of parole on a seven-year nine-month sentence for the rape and unlawful sexual connection with [withheld]. Mr Brider was also convicted of abduction for sex and injuring with intent to injure.
2. Mr Brider's statutory release date is 4 February 2022. His security classification is low and he has a RoC\*RoI .69524.
3. [withheld]
4. The Parole Assessment Report records that Mr Brider was using methamphetamine and cannabis at the time of the offending. He has been identified for the Adult Sex Offender Treatment Programme and a DTU.
5. The Board has a psychological report dated November 2017. This indicates the appropriateness of both the ASOTP and the DTU for Mr Brider. He is assessed as posing a medium/high risk of sexual re-offending. The psychologist also says that his honest engagement on the ASOTP programme will need monitoring. This was because there was some concern that Mr Brider was indicating motivation for that programme simply as a 'tick the box' exercise.
6. Mr Brider was not expecting release on parole today. He understands that he has got work to do in prison before the Board could consider releasing him. The Board discussed

with Mr Brider when it should next see him again and it was decided that a further hearing in 18 months' time was appropriate.

7. The Board will therefore see Mr Brider again in August 2019 and before the end of that month at the latest. Assuming Mr Brider is assessed as suitable for the ASOTP, the Board hopes by then he has either completed that programme and is in the reintegrative phase of his sentence or has progressed on to participate in a DTU programme. Mr Brider is interested in going to self-care and onto Release to Work. The Board supports both those activities by way of reintegration for him.
8. Parole today is declined.

Ms M Coleman  
Panel Convenor