



Parole Hearing
Under section 21(2) of the Parole Act 2002

Joseph James BRIDER

Hearing: 31 July 2019
at Auckland Prison by AVL from New Zealand Parole Board, Wellington

Members of the Board: Ms M Coleman – Panel Convenor
Dr S Davis
Dr G Coyle

DECISION OF THE BOARD

1. Joseph James Brider, who is 33, appeared before the Board today for further consideration of parole on a seven-year nine-month sentence for rape and other sexual offending against [withheld]. Mr Brider was also convicted of injuring with intent to injure. [withheld] was also the victim of that offending.
2. Mr Brider's statutory release date is 4 February 2022. His security classification is low and his RoC*RoI 0.69524.
3. Mr Brider was last before the Board in February 2018. It noted the context of his offending and that it occurred during one of his trips as a truck driver that [withheld] accompanied him on. He was using methamphetamine at the time of the offending and both the ASOTP and the DTP programmes were on his sentence plan. The Board had before it a psychological assessment which assessed his risk of further sexual offending as medium to high. The psychologist also expressed concern that Mr Brider's motivation to complete that programme was to tick the box.
4. Mr Brider is about to complete phase one off the DTP programme. The PCO at the hearing today said that he had done well on the programme and that the [withheld] staff had no issues with him. Mr Brider has requested to participate in phase 2 of the

programme. Whether that request is successful appears to be dependent on bed availability in the units.

5. Mr Brider has been offered a place on the ASOTP programme both in 2018 and again 2019. He declined a place on both occasions as he believes it will compromise his safety. Mr Brider is seeking to distance himself from the Mongrel Mob and has been the subject of prison-based retaliation from Mongrel Mob members as a result of that decision.
6. Mr Brider understands that he will learn in two or three weeks time whether he will be able instead to be placed on the service list for one-to-one psychological assistance. He is not clear when that work would start even if he was accepted.
7. In terms of release planning, Mr Brider has recently made an application to [withheld]. He told the Board that this would enable him to continue his rehabilitation without having to go into the public straight away. Mr Brider further says that he intends to stay in the [withheld] area to make a fresh start. He is aware that it is a tough programme.
8. Custodial wise, the report for Brider is a very good one. He has not had any misconducts for nearly two years. He poses no issues in the unit.
9. Until Mr Brider receives treatment for the work that has brought him to prison the Board cannot be satisfied that he would not pose an undue risk to the safety of the community. The Board encourages Mr Brider to discuss further the possibility of a place on an ASOTP programme should he not be accepted on to one-to-one treatment in the near future. The Board supports his plan to seek to be paroled to [withheld].
10. Parole today is declined. Mr Brider will be seen again in August 2020 and by the end of August 2020 at the latest. The Board asks for a psychological risk assessment for that hearing.

Ms M Coleman
Panel Convenor