



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

**Joseph BRIDER**

**Hearing:** 19 August 2020  
at Christchurch Men's Prison

**Members of the Board:** Judge J Gittos QSO  
Mr A Spierling  
Mr A Thomson

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### DECISION OF THE BOARD

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1. Joseph James Brider is a 34-year-old man serving a sentence of seven years and nine months imposed upon him for offences of rape, injuring with intent to injure, abducting for sex and unlawful sexual connection. The victim of his offending was [withheld]. It seems that Mr Ryder had been taking methamphetamine prior to the episodes of violence which involved him in the violent abduction and rape of [withheld].
2. It is notable that significant violence was deployed in this offending including choking. He entered a guilty plea to the charges but has been resistant to the undertaking sex offender treatment until recently.
3. He has completed the DTP programme last year and to his credit has now accepted the other aspect of his offending and is engaged with the Adult Sex Offender Programme in which he is making good progress. He has completed the first phase and expects to complete the programme in about March of next year.
4. He is not seeking parole today and that is realistic.
5. Parole is declined. We will see Mr Brider again before the end of June 2021.

6. At that stage we would like to have a full Psychologist's Report dealing with his progress and treatment and making any recommendations for any further treatment as may be required and a full risk assessment.

Judge J Gittos QSO  
Panel Convenor