



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

Joseph James BRIDER

Hearing: 15 June 2021
at Christchurch Men's Prison
via AVL from NZPB Offices, Wellington

Members of the Board: Ms M Coleman (Panel Convenor)
Mr M Quigg
Mr P Elenio

In attendance: [withheld] (Case Manager)

DECISION OF THE BOARD

1. Joseph James Brider, who is 35, appeared before the Board today for further consideration of parole on a seven year nine-month sentence for rape and unlawful sexual connection with [withheld], abduction for sex and injuring with intent to injure.
2. Mr Brider's statutory release date is 4 February 2022.
3. This is Mr Brider's a second prison term. He was sentenced to two years in 2006 for burglary and arson.
4. Mr Brider was last before the Board in August 2020. The Board noted that significant violence was involved in this offending. He had completed the DTP and while initially reluctant to engage in the ASOTP, was undertaking the programme at the time of the last hearing and making good progress on it. He was not seeking parole at that time but instead said that he wanted to complete treatment. The Board requested a psychological report for today's hearing.
5. The psychologist records that [withheld]. Overall, Mr Brider was assessed as posing at a high risk of further violence and a moderate to high risk of sexual violence.
6. The psychologist also noted that Mr Brider had [withheld] but that this had stopped when he started on the DTP which he completed in 2019. He has since completed the ASOTP

programme. In relation to Mr Brider's intention to seek release to the [withheld], the psychologist said that in the lead up to transitioning into the community from that programme an assessment for ongoing support around substance abuse needs to be completed. The psychologist also noted that while Mr Brider did not have any personal supports in [withheld], a release to [withheld] would limit his potential exposure to previous gang involvement.

7. Mr Brider has also been accepted onto the [withheld]. He is currently residing in Leimon Villas and is now working outside the wire in [withheld]. He has had one guided release to [withheld] and another is planned this week. In terms of the [withheld] pathway, it is desirable he have a further four months of prison-based reintegration before he is released.
8. [withheld] have a long waitlist. We do not know when a bed is available. However, given Mr Brider's recent good progress to date and his looming statutory release date, it would seem sensible to reschedule him to appear before the Board in October 2021. That will give an opportunity for the initial in-prison reintegration work with [withheld] to take place and for there to be an opportunity for a period on parole.
9. Parole today is declined. Without accommodation and other support available to him in the community through [withheld] his risk remains undue.
10. Mr Brider will be seen again in October 2021 and by the end of October 2021 at the latest. Mr Brider was advised today that he needs to be prepared to speak to the Board at that hearing about his learnings from the programmes he has undertaken.

Ms M Coleman
Panel Convenor