

THURSDAY 5 APRIL 2012

JUSTICE PRECINCT OFFICES
160 MARSDEN STREET
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150**MEDIA STATEMENT****Man convicted for murder of teenage boy to remain in jail**

A man serving a life sentence for the sexual assault, torture and murder of a schoolboy in 1982 will remain in jail after he was refused parole by the State Parole Authority (SPA).

Robin Reid, aged 63, was last Friday (30 March) refused parole until 2014 at a SPA private meeting.

Reid, who completed his 24-year non-parole period in May 2006, was refused parole by the Authority for the fifth time.

The Authority refused Reid parole for several reasons including:

- Assessed as a high risk of re-offending by a psychologist
- Needs to participate in programs to address violent and offending behaviour
- Poor prison performance (including predatory behaviour towards inmates)

The State Parole Authority is concerned Reid has not addressed his offending behaviour and his release is not supported by the Probation and Parole Service or the Serious Offenders Review Council (SORC).

A Probation and Parole report said, "Given Mr. Reid's continued predatory behaviour towards other inmates, combined with his previously assessed high risk of further sexual offending by a psychologist, and his lack of progression in classification, this Service does not support the offender's release to parole at this time."

A SORC report stated, "The offender's apparent continued predatory behaviour in custody is of special concern in relation to the community's interests. Council advises that it is not appropriate for the offender to be considered by SPA for release on parole. A classification progression is desirable."

Reid and accomplice Paul Luckman were found guilty of the murder of a 13-year-old Brisbane schoolboy at South Kingscliff, on the NSW far north coast.

The sentencing judge, His Honour Judge Roden, described the acts as "one of the most brutal and callous crimes ever to come before a court in this state".

Paul Luckman was released to parole in October 1999. His 16-year non-parole period expired in 1998 and his 24-year full sentence expired in May 2006.

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