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JUSTICE PRECINCT OFFICES
160 MARSDEN STREET
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150**MEDIA STATEMENT****Convicted armed robber to be electronically monitored**

A convicted armed robber will be subject to electronic monitoring after being granted parole by the State Parole Authority.

The Authority granted parole to Kevin Gallagher at a public hearing this morning on the strict condition he be electronically monitored.

Gallagher has served more than 15 years in prison for two counts of robbery whilst armed with a dangerous weapon and one count of conspiracy to armed robbery.

The 59-year-old has been refused parole on two occasions since his non-parole period expired in May last year.

As part of his strict parole conditions, Gallagher must:

- Submit to electronic monitoring
- Undergo psychological counselling if directed by his supervising officer
- Comply with all directions given by his supervising officer
- Not contact his co-offender
- Not possess or use any firearm

The State Parole Authority considered Gallagher's release following a recommendation to grant parole by the Serious Offenders Review Council, which was also supported by the Probation and Parole Service.

A Serious Offenders Review Council report stated, "Given his classification and the clear need for his asserted capacity to re-engage with the community, the time served, and the time remaining, Council advises that it is appropriate for the offender to be considered by SPA for release on parole."

A Probation and Parole Service report said, "It is assessed that a period of time in the community...coupled with supervision and case management...will allow for intense monitoring and support of his transition to life in the community. His release to parole is supported."

Gallagher will be released next month.

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