## **State Parole Authority**

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JUSTICE PRECINCT OFFICES
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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## Paroled murderer banned from Shoalhaven

A man convicted for murdering a taxi driver has been granted parole but is banned from returning to the scene of his crime, in the State's Shoalhaven area.

Shannon Blake Wilson has served more than 13 years of a 15 year sentence after being convicted of the 1999 murder in Nowra.

Whilst on parole, 32-year-old Wilson is banned from going to the Shoalhaven Local Government Area.

Wilson was first eligible for release to parole in 2010 and has twice been refused parole.

As part of his strict release conditions, for the next two years, Wilson must:

- undergo drug and alcohol counselling and testing
- undertake psychological assessment and/or counseling
- have psychiatric assessment and/or counseling
- not approach or contact the victim's family and
- not visit or frequent the Shoalhaven Local Government Area

The Authority considered recommendations to consider granting parole from the Serious Offenders Review Council and the Probation and Parole Service.

It was noted that the Serious Offenders Review Council advised that the offender, "has undertaken some day leave...and has an approved sponsor to assist his post-release integration back into the community. He has undertaken programs to address his offending behaviour and has been tested in an open correctional setting."

Wilson is due to be released later this month.

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