

TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2013

JUSTICE PRECINCT OFFICES
160 MARSDEN STREET
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150**MEDIA STATEMENT****Paroled murderer banned from
Tamworth and Central Coast**

A woman who murdered her husband has been banned from visiting Tamworth, Quirindi and the Gosford and Wyong Local Government Areas after being granted parole by the State Parole Authority (SPA).

The Authority granted Noelene Anderson parole at a public hearing today on 18 strict conditions including being banned from contacting her victim's family.

SPA considered submissions against Anderson's parole on behalf of Corrective Services NSW Commissioner Peter Severin and from the victim's family at today's hearing.

Anderson, now 72, has been refused parole twice since her 11-year non-parole period expired in 2010. Following today's order, she will be supervised until her sentence expires in December 2016.

She has served more than 13 years of a maximum 17-year sentence for the 1995 strangulation murder of her husband at Rocky Point, on the State's Central Coast.

Along with the geographical bans, as part of her strict parole conditions Anderson must:

- Not contact the victim's family
- Undergo psychological counselling
- Undergo psychiatric counselling, and
- Comply with all directions given by her supervising officer.

The Serious Offenders Review Council recommended that SPA consider Anderson's parole and this position was supported by the Probation and Parole Service (now Corrective Services NSW' Community Corrections Division).

The Probation and Parole Service report stated the ageing Anderson, who has health issues, can now be placed into suitable accommodation with support from relevant community agencies. This will ensure her health needs are met and support her reintegration into the community.

A Serious Offenders Review Council report said, "Council notes the positive development in respect of the accommodation aspect. Council advises that it is appropriate for this offender to be considered by SPA for release to parole."

Anderson is due to be released next month.

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