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JUSTICE PRECINCT OFFICES
160 MARSDEN STREET
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150**MEDIA STATEMENT****Murderer Refused Parole**

A man convicted of murdering his de-facto will remain behind bars after the NSW State Parole Authority (SPA) today refused to release him for a fourth time.

John Raymond Holschier, 45, was refused parole at a public hearing after the Authority found he had not addressed his offending behaviour and needs to complete further therapeutic programs in custody.

He is currently serving a two-year, 11 month balance of parole after his parole was revoked in December 2011 for drug use and contravening a geographical restriction.

Holschier was convicted for the 1989 murder of his de-facto and for inflicting grievous bodily harm on his then 13-month-old daughter at Chatswood. He was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 17 years.

Holschier was first released to parole in December 2008 after serving more than 19 years in prison for the murder. He returned to custody just seven weeks later after breaching his conditions of parole by having unsupervised contact with children.

The State Parole Authority had twice refused Holschier parole before releasing him in 2008.

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

The Authority determined that Holschier had not addressed his offending behaviour and needed to undertake further therapeutic programs in custody.

The Authority also reviewed recommendations from the Serious Offenders Review Council and the Probation and Parole Service (now CSNSW Community Corrections Division) in considering Holschier's parole.

Holschier will remain in custody until SPA considers his parole again next year. His balance of parole expires in November 2014.

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