

# **NSW State Parole Authority**

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**Friday 22 November, 2019**

Justice Precinct Offices  
160 Marsden Street  
Parramatta NSW 2150

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **SPA RESERVES PAROLE DECISION FOR MILTON ORKOPOULOS**

The State Parole Authority (SPA) has reserved its decision on parole for Milton Orkopoulos following submissions at a court hearing today.

The Hon Justice James Wood presided over the hearing and will hand down the Authority's determination on Friday, December 6.

As part of its deliberations SPA will consider a report from the Serious Offenders Review Council (SORC) which recommended releasing the offender to supervised parole with conditions, stating it was appropriate.

SORC considered the possibility that Orkopoulos could serve his entire sentence in custody resulting in release without any supervision or conditions imposed and concluded: "That outcome is the worst for the protection of the public."

A Community Corrections report also recommending release to parole stated the offender could be managed safely in the community, where his conditions would include electronic monitoring and complying with ongoing treatment programs.

The court heard confirmation Orkopoulos would submit to electronic monitoring if released.

He has been denied release to parole twice before – in 2016 and 2018.

His sentence of 13 years and 8 months expires in October 2021.

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