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Justice Precinct Offices
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OFFENDER WITH SEVEN MONTHS LEFT ON 24 YEAR SENTENCE GRANTED PAROLE: REGINALD ARTHURELL

An offender with seven months left to serve on a 24-year sentence has been granted parole, providing a safety net of strict supervision, electronic monitoring with schedules and stringent conditions.

Without a parole order, prison authorities face releasing the offender at the end of sentence on May 24 2021 with no power or mandate to supervise their behaviour or movements in the community.

Following a public review hearing today and after consideration of all the available evidence, the SPA determined supervision on parole, rather than no supervision at the end of sentence in May 2021, was the better option for the protection of the community.

Offender Reginald Arthurell, 74, has been refused parole four times since becoming eligible in 2015 with each application denied at the recommendation of the Serious Offenders Review Council (SORC), the body responsible for managing Serious Offenders.

But in the most recent report to the SPA, the SORC advised release to parole was appropriate, noting the little time left to serve on the sentence and stating: "it is imperative that (the offender) be supervised for as long as possible."

The parole hearing for Arthurell has been delayed since May this year to allow Community Corrections time to secure approved post-release accommodation.

Community Corrections today confirmed Arthurell has approved placement and will be housed at supported accommodation on release to parole.

The SPA determined release to parole at this time is in the best interests of the safety of the community and ordered the offender comply with 11 standard conditions of parole in addition to electronic monitoring with schedules and ongoing engagement with psychological treatment and interventions while in the community.

The offender will be released from custody on a date no earlier than 5 November 2020 and no later than 26 November 2020.

Parole conditions:

- Standard conditions 1-11 (attached)
- Must submit to electronic monitoring and comply with all instructions given by your Officer in relation to the operation of monitoring systems.
- Must abstain from alcohol
- Must participate in intervention program as directed
- Must not possess or use a firearm or any prohibited weapon.
- Must not contact, communicate with, watch, stalk, harass or intimidate the victim/s and/or the victims' family.

A copy of the determination is available here: www.paroleauthority.nsw.gov.au