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MEDIA STATEMENT

SPA GRANTS PAROLE TO MILTON ORKOPOULOS

The State Parole Authority (SPA) today granted supervised parole to Milton Orkopoulos subject to strict conditions, including electronic monitoring.

The Hon Justice James Wood delivered the SPA determination in court this morning outlining the SPA's reasons and conditions imposed for release.

Orkopoulos will be subject to 18 conditions on parole that he must:

- Comply with Standard Parole conditions 1-11 (attached)
- Submit to electronic monitoring and comply with all instructions in relation to the operation of monitoring systems (exclusion zones only)
- Not use a prohibited drug or substance except those that have been prescribed
- If directed by Community Corrections Officer, participate in intervention Forensic Psychology services/CNSW psychologist
- Not contact, communicate with, watch, stalk, harass or intimidate the victims and victims' families
- Not be in the company of a person under the age of 16 years unless accompanied by a responsible adult as determined by Community Corrections officer. Must not engage in written or electronic communication (including through social media) with a person under the age of 16, other than with those approved by Community Corrections Officer
- Comply with all conditions and requirements of the Child Protection Register
- Not frequent or visit the Local Government Areas of Newcastle City and Lake Macquarie City

A breach may result in immediate revocation and return to custody.

The SPA'S reasons for granting parole are:

- The Sentencing Judge found a need for an extended period of parole supervision
- The Parole Authority, having regard to a submission prepared on behalf of the State, considers the community interest is better served by the benefits

- accruing from parole supervision
- Parole is recommended by Community Corrections in the Pre Release report
 - The Serious Offenders Review Council (SORC) advised release is appropriate
 - It is the offender's first period of adult incarceration
 - The offender has demonstrated satisfactory prison performance
 - The offender has participated in relevant programs/counselling to address offending behavior
 - The offender has suitable post release plans in the community
 - There are appropriate interventions for the offender to participate in upon release and the offender is willing to engage in them
 - There is a need for the offender to have a period of parole supervision prior to expiry of the sentence to facilitate contact with appropriate community support services
 - The SPA considers that the risk to community safety is increased if the offender is to be released at the end of the sentence, without a period of supervised parole
 - The offender's risk of reoffending can be addressed through parole supervision

Orkopoulos will be released on a date between December 20, 2019 and January 3, 2020.

He was first eligible for parole in February 2017 and his sentence expires 18 October 2021.

- **A copy of the determination can be found on the State Parole Authority website**
http://www.paroleauthority.nsw.gov.au/Documents/DETERMINATION_OF_THE_APPLICATION_FOR_PAROLE_BY_MILTON_ORKOPOULOS.pdf

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