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JUSTICE PRECINCT OFFICES
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PARRAMATTA NSW 2150**MEDIA STATEMENT****Intention to grant Kalajzich parole**

The State Parole Authority has announced its intention to grant parole to convicted killer Andrew Kalajzich early next year.

Kalajzich has served 25 years for the murder of his wife, Megan, in Fairlight in 1986.

The State Parole Authority decided at a private meeting today (Thursday 17 November) that it intends to grant the 71-year-old parole following a public hearing in January next year.

The State Government, Corrective Services Commissioner Ron Woodham and interested parties now have time to lodge a submission before the public hearing on 31 January 2012.

Advice by the Serious Offenders Review Council found Kalajzich had demonstrated excellent progress in education programs, had maintained a strong employment history in jail and had been described as a model inmate.

The Council also found it was appropriate that he be considered for release on parole.

As part of his proposed parole, Kalajzich would be subject to strict conditions for the next three years including:

- Psychological counseling if directed
- Not to possess firearms
- Non-association with particular persons
- Banned from overseas travel without prior permission

The Probation and Parole Service also supported Kalajzich's release.

Kalajzich was found guilty of three charges including murder, conspiring to murder and attempting to discharge a loaded firearm with intent to murder.

In January 1986, Kalajzich's wife was shot dead by his co-offender as she lay in bed at their Fairlight home.

Kalajzich's 25-year non-parole period expires on 17 December 2011.

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