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PARRAMATTA NSW 2150**MEDIA STATEMENT****Skaf gang rapist to be electronically monitored if paroled**

The State Parole Authority will hold a public hearing next month to decide whether to grant parole to a man convicted for his role in the sexual assaults of Sydney women in 2000.

If Mohamed Sanoussi is released, he will be subject to almost 30 strict conditions including electronic monitoring and a drug and alcohol ban.

Today at a private meeting, the Authority (SPA) formed an intention to grant parole to Sanoussi, 29, taking into account factors including his ongoing compliance with weekend leave conditions imposed in late 2012.

Interested parties including victims and the State of NSW can now make submissions before the public hearing on 22 August, which will allow the Authority to make a final parole decision.

The Authority decided today that if it did grant parole next month, Sanoussi should have 27 parole conditions including electronic monitoring, drug and alcohol abstinence, no contact with victims and ongoing psychological and psychiatric treatment.

This is Sanoussi's fourth application for parole after being refused by SPA three times previously.

Sanoussi is serving a maximum 16-year sentence for his role in the group sexual offences. He became eligible to apply for parole in 2010 when his 10-year, non-parole period expired.

Last October, Sanoussi was granted weekend leave to determine whether he is likely to be able to successfully reintegrate into the community if granted parole.

Corrective Services NSW' Community Corrections Division has closely monitored Sanoussi during his weekend leave, confirming his compliance with all leave conditions. Strict supervision will continue should he be released to parole.

Both the Community Corrections Division and the independent Serious Offenders Review Council (SORC) have recommended parole following his successful weekend release, as part of a phased reintegration back into the community.

The Community Corrections report to the Authority stated: "The offender has continued to participate in external leave without incident... additional conditions will assist in the monitoring, supervision and case management of Mr Sanoussi."

SORC advised that "it is appropriate for SPA to consider this offender for release on parole".

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