

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2013

JUSTICE PRECINCT OFFICES
160 MARSDEN STREET
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150**MEDIA STATEMENT****Sex offender 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.

Offender 'H' cannot be named due to a non publication order imposed by the courts as he was a juvenile at the time of the offences.

If 'H' is released, he will be subject to more than 20 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 the 30-year-old man, taking into account factors including the completion of programs addressing his offending behaviour and ongoing compliance with day leave conditions imposed earlier this year.

Interested parties including the State of NSW can now make submissions before the public hearing on 17 September, which will allow the Authority to make a final parole decision.

SPA decided today that if it did grant parole next month, 'H' should have 25 parole conditions including electronic monitoring, no contact with children under the age of 16, victims or co-offenders and ongoing psychological and psychiatric treatment.

This is the offender's second application for parole after being refused by SPA last year.

'H' has served almost 13 years of a maximum 16-year, six-month sentence for his role in the offences – one year beyond his court-imposed, 12-year non-parole period which expired last year.

In May this year, 'H' was granted external 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 the offender during his external leave, confirming his compliance with all leave conditions. Strict supervision will continue should he be released to parole.

The independent Serious Offenders Review Council (SORC) has recommended SPA consider his parole following his successful day release, as part of a phased reintegration back into the community.

SORC advised, "Council believes...it is appropriate that he be released to parole."

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