



Parole Hearing
Under section 21(2) of the Parole Act 2002

Trent Michael Francis ILTON

Hearing: 23 June 2023
at Christchurch Men's Prison via Ms Teams

Members of the Board: Ms M More – Panel Convenor
Ms W Taumaunu
Ms K Coutts

In Attendance: [withheld s9(2a) Official Information Act]

Support Persons: [withheld s9(2a) Official Information Act]

DECISION OF THE BOARD

1. Trent Michael Francis Ilton is 34, he makes his second appearance before the Board on a sentence of seven years three months for possession for supply of methamphetamine and amphetamine, hindering a medical officer of health, and failing to carry out obligations in relation to a computer search. Mr Ilton was involved organising logistics for a methamphetamine operation, the Canterbury Organised Crime Unit were investigation the Tribesmen, Mr Ilton was trusted with a significant amount of money and drugs. When a search warrant was executed methamphetamine with a street value of two to three million was found along with over \$50,000 in cash.
2. Mr Ilton's offending history extends to four pages, it includes but is not limited to burglaries, disorderly behaviour, driving, breach of community-based sentences, tax evasion and fraud.
3. Mr Ilton's RoC*RoI is .39816, he has four years and two months remaining on his sentence and his classification has just been reconfirmed as low. Mr Ilton's behaviour is of a positive standard, the Parole Assessment Report said there were no issues and his PCO said he is in a trusted position and is compliant.

4. We last saw him on 15 February 2023, Mr Ilton had said substance abuse was an issue and he was engaging with improving mental health, a psychological assessment was requested.
5. The psychological report of 12 May 2023 said that Mr Ilton's offending history suggests a general disregard for rules, and the willingness to put his own needs above others. He said that he became stuck in the middle of the offending, that he was scapegoat, and he minimised his active involvement in the gang and drug operation. He denied substance abuse.
6. The psychologist said Mr Ilton is at moderate risk of general offending and it is likely to be dishonesty related, and recommended the Medium Intensity Rehabilitation Programme. They also recommended he engage with mental health services in prison to manage mood difficulties, and to develop budgeting and financial skills.
7. Mr Ilton is on the MIRP, he completes that in August. A referral has been made to re-engage with the mental health nurse, and there are concerns about his diabetes and medication or lack thereof.
8. Mr Ilton does not have a release proposal, he would like to go [withheld s9(2a) Official Information Act]
9. Mr Ilton said he is finding the MIRP challenging, he is encountering a co-offender and being abused as he goes to and from, but he is developing a safety plan.
10. Mr Ilton is paying reparation of \$70 a week to IRD, and he sees value in doing release to work from within prison. He is currently working in engineering and other trusted positions, and has been referred for work outside the wire. His PCO said that following completion of the MIRP it is likely his classification will go to minimum.
11. All in all Mr Ilton has not completed his rehabilitation and has not undertaken any reintegration, as such his risk is undue and parole is declined.
12. We will see him again in 12 months, in that time we ask that he is assisted to sort his health problems, completes his rehabilitation, and undertakes some comprehensive reintegration. We also support him having assistance with budget advice, and we would like him to have a reintegration hui [withheld s9(2a) Official Information Act]
13. Mr Ilton will be seen in June 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ms M More'.

Ms M More
Panel Convenor