

Department of Corrective Services

Sentence Management Review

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Security Classification: LOW

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Review Comment

Requested changes completed. Document verified.

31/03/2000

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A/Senior Adviser, Office of Sentence Management
(for and on behalf of the Authorized Delegate)

At a meeting on 15/03/2000 in considering the case of Graham Stuart Stafford the authorised delegate consulted with members of the Serious Offenders Committee. In determining the prisoners classification and placement the delegate exercised the discretion delegated in accordance with section 13 of Corrective Services Regulation 1989 and section 69 of Corrective Services Act 1988.

The following factors were taken into account:

The prisoner is serving life imprisonment for the offence of Murder.

During the period under review as noted that the prisoner has been involved in the Cognitive Skills Core Program, the Tertiary Preparation Program, a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Computer course and the Information technology Certificate 3. The prisoner's behaviour is described as good, quiet and he has a good attitude towards staff and prisoners. He is employed as head librarian and works 7 days per week. There have been no breaches of discipline incurred during the period and the prisoner has not been involved in any negative incidents. This indicates that the prisoner has maintained appropriate conduct and behaviour during the period under review.

Taking all factors into account the delegate decided that the prisoner be classified low on a points score of 21. Additionally the prisoner is approved to remain at Moreton 'B' Correctional Centre.

The Committee considered that the points score was inconsistent and would be more appropriately allocated as follows;

Addressing-Offending\$Behaviour#+0

Programs Response 02

Institutional Behaviour -2

The Committee will give consideration for transfer to open custody at next point of review.

Amend the points score and transfer recommendation to reflect the decision of the Committee and return for verification.

28/03/2000

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A/Senior Adviser, Sentence Management
(for and on behalf of the Authorized Delegate)

Review

What programs/interventions for addressing offending behaviour were recommended for the review period ?

I Which of those programs/interventions were undertaken during the review period.

How did individual respond to programs/intervention? Describe in terms of motivation, attitude, attendance, conduct and/or otherwise demonstrate that the individual is developing alternatives to offending lifestyle.

Goal Setting

Score:

Programs/intervention for addressing offending behaviour for the next review period.

Staff Responsible:

DI Recommendation Comment

At the time of the prisoner's last Sentence Management Review it was noted that the prisoner continued to deny involvement in the offence of Murder and therefore a thorough assessment of the issues associated with his offending could not be undertaken. It was recommended (at the request of the Serious Offenders Committee) that the prisoner undertake the Cognitive Skills Program in an attempt to facilitate a shift in his attitude regarding the offence.

DII Undertaken Comment

B(1). Programs completed during the review period.

Prisoner Stafford completed the Cognitive Skills Program on 24 November 1999.

B(2). Programs commenced during the review period and number of sessions completed.

Nil

B(3). Programs/ interventions recommended for addressing offending behaviour which were terminated or not commenced and rationale.

Not applicable.

B(4). Counselling or therapy undertaken during the review period.

Prisoner Stafford was assessed on 2 and 4 February 2000 for the purpose of identifying the issues associated with his offending. A Psychological Report for the purpose of assessing the prisoner's suitability for a Low classification and •transfer to a low/open security environment was also completed for submission with the current Sentence Management Review.

(-10 to + 10)

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Response Comment

An-Exit Report from the Cognitive Skills Program is located on the prisoner's Professional Management File. The following is a brief summary for Sentence Management purposes:

Prisoner Stafford attended fifteen out of the sixteen sessions of the program. His attitude towards both the facilitators and other group members was always polite, co-operative and appropriate. Although he was a quiet group member he was consistently supportive of other group members. He completed all homework to a high standard and demonstrated consistent motivation to successfully complete the program. Prisoner Stafford developed a sound working knowledge of the concepts tool' presented, and demonstrated an application of the concepts both in and away from the group. Prisoner Stafford did not experience any significant difficulties in the program and given his attendance, verbal participation and the qualities of his written responses, he has successfully completed the Cognitive Skills program.

It should be noted that during his participation in the program prisoner Stafford did not link the concepts presented in the program with his offending, as he continues to maintain his innocence regarding the offence of murder.

Next Review Comment

As prisoner Stafford continues to maintain his innocence regarding his offence a thorough assessment of the issues associated with his offending could not be undertaken. There are however, no programs available through which the prisoner may be provided with the opportunity to address the issue of violence, if an assessment recommended such a course of action. A comprehensive Psychological Report has been submitted with the current Sentence Management Review, which identifies relevant issues in the decision-making process regarding the prisoner's suitability for a reduction to a Low classification and transfer to a low/open security environment.

Staff Responsible Comment

NAME : Samantha Watt
Psychologist
Operational Psychological Services

DATE : 4 February 2000

Programs Response

Review

What programs (educational, vocational, recreational and others) were recommended in the review period ?

What programs (educational, vocational, recreational! and others) were undertaken ?

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Undertaken Comment

Completed the Tertiary Preparation Program. Enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts degree through USQ majoring in Journalism. Successfully completed HTLM computer course Currently attending Information Technology Certificate 3 and attends Fitness Program

Response Comment

Motivated Very good/excellent attendance. Very good attitude and co-operation with facilitators Excellent rapport with fellow group members.

How did individual respond to the programs? Describe in terms of motivation, attitude, attendance, conduct.

Goal Setting

Score:

Programs (educational, vocational, recreational and others) to be taken for the next review period.

Staff Responsible.

Conduct Comment

Continue with H.T.M.L. Computer course and tertiary studies

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DIV view Comment

Continue participation in the Fitness program tertiary studies and complete Information Technology Certificate 3

He reads fluently to highest level with clear understanding and can make high level inferences

Staff Responsible Comment

Education Officers

Institutional Response

Review

Describe the inmates general behaviour during the review period ?

Describe the inmates attitude towards staff and other inmates.

If employed, describe the inmates attitude towards work, supervisors and fellow workers.

Goal Setting

Score:

(-5 to +5)

Outline changes that the inmate needs to make in terms of conduct, behaviour, attitude towards staff, other inmates and work.

DV Conduct Comment

The prisoners conduct and behaviour during the period under review is reported as good. He is quiet and easily managed causing no problems.

DVI Attitude Comment

The prisoner's attitude towards staff and other prisoner is also reported as good. Nil concerns/problems.

DVII Work Attitude Comment

The prisoner is employed as the Head Librarian and works 7 days a week. He is reported to be highly motivated, very capable in all tasks, willingly accepts responsibility, has no difficulty in learning new tasks, excellent team member and is always respectful, polite and co-operative towards his supervisors.

General comments indicate that under Prisoner Stafford's leadership, the large collection of books and magazines and other library resources are efficiently catalogued. He maintains accurate records on loans from the area. Has an excellent rapport with facilitators, staff and inmates. He is a diligent trustworthy worker.