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Dear Mr. McKie:

This is further to your request to the Parole Board of Canada (the Board), for access to all Decisions via the Parole Board of Canada's Registry of Decisions in the case of federal offender Brett Ryan.

Attached you will find a copy of two decisions taken by the Board to date. These are the only decisions taken by the Board while the offender was in our jurisdiction. This offender has completed his sentence and is no longer in our jurisdiction.

Please note that the offender may be informed of requests to access the Registry of Decisions on his file if he were to access his file through the Privacy Act. Personal identifiers such as address and telephone number of the requestor are usually removed in the processing of an offender's request for his file. However, the Board cannot guarantee that the name or personal identifiers of the requestor would never be released, as there are rare exceptions in the Privacy Act, such as to comply with a court subpoena.

Should you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me at 613-384-7225. For further information regarding the Parole Board of Canada you may access the website at www.pbc-clcc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Claire Dion
Regional Communications Officer
PBC Ontario/Nunavut Region

Enclosures: Decision Sheets (2)

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NPB DECISION SHEET

Name **RYAN, BRETT** FPS File No
Institution: **PAROLE OFFICE**

TYPE OF REVIEW
PAPER

TYPE OF RELEASE(S)
FULL PAROLE - PRE RELEASE

OFFENDER'S SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

SIR score (if applicable)
4 OUT OF 5 OFFENDERS WILL NOT COMMIT AN
INDICTABLE OFFENCE AFTER RELEASE.
Does not apply - Reason:

FINAL DECISION(S)

FULL PAROLE - PRE RELEASE GRANTED

Dated
2010/11/24

SPECIAL CONDITION(S) IMPOSED AND PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH THEY ARE VALID (Apply until the end of the release unless a fixed period of time is specified)

FULL PAROLE - PRE RELEASE OTHER
YOU ARE TO NOTIFY YOUR PAROLE SUPERVISOR OF ANY SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL, PERSONAL OR INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH ANY WOMAN.
Status **IMPOSED**

FULL PAROLE - PRE RELEASE OTHER
YOU ARE TO PROVIDE TO YOUR PAROLE SUPERVISOR A MONTHLY STATEMENT OF YOUR INCOME, EXPENSES AND DEBTS.
Status **IMPOSED**

REASONS FOR DECISION(S) AND/OR VOTE(S) :

You are a 30 year old, first time offender, serving a 3 year, 9 month, 15 day sentence for Robbery (x8) and Disguise with Intent (x8). You have withdrawn charges for Robbery (x6), Disguise with Intent (x6), and Possession of a Weapon, as part of a guilty plea. The offence involved you robbing a number of banks, while disguised.

You were released on day parole to Community Based Residential Facility in late May 2010. In its decision, the Board noted that you were considered a low risk, and that you were well aware of the stresses in your life that led to your decision to commit these robberies. You were able to express remorse for the victims and understood the harm that you caused them. The Board noted that you had undergone a number of financial and personal setbacks and that, rather than being open about these factors, you chose to not share these concerns with your family or others, and believed that robbing banks was your only way out of your dilemma. In addition, the Board took into consideration the benefits derived from counselling that you undertook to deal with the depression that

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you had been experiencing. The Board granted day parole, as it concluded your risk would be manageable within the structure of this form of conditional release.

You have now been on day parole for almost six months, and your Case Management Team reports that you have presented as eager and motivated to secure and maintain full-time employment, as well as educational studies. You have been steadily employed in the restaurant industry on a part-time basis since your day parole release, and have enrolled in part time university courses. Your intention is to obtain a degree in biophysics, and, once you are no longer residing at the Community-Based Residential Facility, you intend to take on a full course load. It is noteworthy that, on your release, you declared bankruptcy in an effort to alleviate the stress associated with your significant outstanding debt. You are awaiting confirmation of the bankruptcy discharge in March 2011.

A Community Assessment was completed with [redacted], who were deemed to be suitable community supports, and you were permitted to take continuous weekend passes to [redacted]. There have been no reported concerns. [redacted] has confirmed ongoing support and [redacted] is fully supportive of you residing [redacted] and [redacted] during any future release. [redacted] also reported that, when you are [redacted], you typically spend your time studying.

You participated in a total of seven counselling sessions with the psychologist. In the psychological report of September 2010, the psychologist reported that you do not need psychological therapy or supportive counselling, and that you have the option to return to therapy if necessary, and in fact, you and the psychologist have maintained contact via telephone since your discharge from counselling.

Your Case Management Team reports that there is no evidence to suggest that you have not been compliant with the conditions of your release. There has been no evidence of suspicious financial gain or any re-involvement in criminal activity for the purpose of financial gain or otherwise. You have been amenable to supervision requirements and have no outstanding program requirements. The Community-Based Residential Facility staff are supportive of a full parole release and report that you appear to have made significant progress during your day parole release.

On full parole, you plan to reside [redacted] and continue to attend university while working part time. You have also reported that you will notify your Parole Officer once you are released from debt.

Your Case Management Team reports that it would appear that your overall level of risk, as indicated by the most recent psychological report, is low. Your risk is considered to be manageable during a full parole release and your Parole Officer does not view you as requiring additional structure from a Community-Based Residential Facility setting to ensure compliance or minimize risk, and is recommending full parole granted.

In reviewing your file and the progress that you have made since being granted day parole, the Board has concluded that you have been compliant with all of the conditions of your release, and that you have done your best to alleviate the financial burden that appeared to have caused the stressors that ultimately led to your criminal behaviour. You remain a low risk for re-offending, and no new concerns have surfaced since your release. The Board believes that your plan for full parole is a viable one, and believes that residing [redacted] will continue to mitigate your risk. Given the available information, the Board has concluded that your risk would not be undue on full parole.

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REASONS FOR SPECIAL CONDITION(S):

In addition to the standard conditions that apply on full parole, the Board has imposed special conditions in order to manage your risk and assist you in reintegration. As such, the Board believes these conditions to be both reasonable and necessary. As your offences were, in part, driven by financial problems that you were experiencing, the Board has imposed a condition that requires you to fully inform your Parole Supervisor of your financial status on a monthly basis. Another stressor at the time was the break-up of a relationship. Consequently, the Board is requiring that you inform your Parole Supervisor of any new, significant relationships.

VOTE (S)

		Dated
FULL PAROLE - PRE RELEASE BOARD MEMBER	GRANTED CROWLEY, MICHAEL F	2010/11/22
FULL PAROLE - PRE RELEASE BOARD MEMBER	GRANTED LEBLANC, BERNARD A.	2010/11/24

SIGNATURE (S)

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CROWLEY, MICHAEL F	Date
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LEBLANC, BERNARD A.	Date

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NPB PRE-RELEASE DECISION SHEET

Name **RYAN, BRETT** FPS File No
Institution: **INSTITUTION**

TYPE OF REVIEW
PANEL

TYPE OF RELEASE(S)
DAY PAROLE - PRE RELEASE

OFFENDER'S SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SIR score (if applicable)
4 OUT OF 5 OFFENDERS WILL NOT COMMIT AN
INDICTABLE OFFENCE AFTER RELEASE.
Does not apply - Reason:

OBSERVER(S)
YES Observer(s) present (except during Board Member deliberations)

Excluded from part of hearing: **NO**
Reason:

ASSISTANT
NO Assistant present

NEW INFORMATION OR GIST OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SHARED WITH OFFENDER
Not Applicable

FINAL DECISION(S) Dated
DAY PAROLE - PRE RELEASE GRANTED 2010/04/21
FOR SIX MONTHS TO EITHER COMMUNITY BASED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY IN OR

SPECIAL CONDITION(S) IMPOSED AND PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH THEY ARE VALID (Apply until the end of the release unless a fixed period of time is specified)
DAY PAROLE - PRE RELEASE FOLLOW PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSEL TO BE ARRANGED BY YOUR SUPERVISOR TO ADDRESS PERSONAL/EMOTIONAL STRESSORS.
Status **IMPOSED**

DAY PAROLE - PRE RELEASE OTHER
A) TO REPORT ALL RELATIONSHIPS WITH FEMALES AND ANY CHANGES OCCURRING WITHIN THOSE RELATIONSHIPS TO YOUR PAROLE SUPERVISOR.
B) FULL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE TO PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS PER A SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED BY YOUR PAROLE SUPERVISOR.
Status **IMPOSED**

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DAY PAROLE/COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY LEAVE PRIVILEGES
(If applicable: Return to facility nightly or specify exceptions and provide reasons)

As per Community Based Residential Facility policy.

REASONS FOR DECISION(S)

The Board met with you today for the purpose of conducting a day parole review. Following a thorough review of your file and after listening to your comments and those of your Institutional Parole Officer, the Board has decided to grant day parole. This decision is based upon the following considerations.

You are a 29 year old offender serving three years, nine months and fifteen days for Robbery (x8) and Disguise with Intent (x8). Noted are withdrawn charges of Robbery (x6), Disguise with Intent (x6) and Possession of a Weapon as part of a guilty plea. You committed a series of bank robberies while elaborately disguised as an injured person with facial bandaging, a limp and carrying business-like papers. You would threaten the teller with a note, indicating that you had a gun, along with the amount of money you wanted placed in an envelope, usually two or three thousand dollars. A gun was never found and you claim that although you threatened to use a gun that you did not actually have one. You admit some excitement in the early robberies but towards the end of the robbery spree you became more remorseful and apprehensive. Police working your case arrested you as you were about to commit another bank robbery and found you in possession of pepper spray. A total of approximately \$28,000 was taken during the commission of your offences, although little of this money was recovered. You led an apparent crime free life prior to the commission of this string of bank robberies. A psychiatric report submitted at sentencing suggests that you suffered from depression and you were experiencing financial and relationship pressure. You apparently resorted to bank robbery to pay off your debts.

Today at your hearing you agreed with the facts of your offending in their totality. You understood the psychological impact your crimes had on the bank employees and you were remorseful. You agreed that the nature of your disguise was a manipulative act on your part. You report being depressed at the time as a result of a failed intimate relationship, poor results in university and substantial debts incurred as a result of leading a lifestyle in support of your intimate relationship. You told the Board that you had invested everything in your two previous relationships and were let down on both occasions. You fell into a depression that you failed to recognize and instead of seeking help you started to rob banks to pay your debt and maintain your lifestyle. You report relief at being arrested at the scene of the 14th robbery.

You have no known prior criminal history and you deny having ever been involved in criminal activity. An actuarial risk rating done indicates that four out of every five like offenders will not commit an indictable offence within three years of release. Your reintegration potential is rated as high.

You have been attending psychological counselling to address some need areas you have including emotional, attitude and others. A psychological report dated March 19, 2010 suggests you have profited from your time in counselling. You are reportedly openly discussing your depression and you have a new level of honesty in your family relationships. The report suggests that by doing so you should be able to recognize and manage any subsequent episodes of depression. You are confident that you will never offend again. The psychologist

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concludes that you would be a good candidate for graduated release. You told the Board that for the first time in several years you are now actually communicating with close members of your family and that you have spent significant time re-establishing these relationships since your incarceration. Your parole officer advised that you have opened up during your incarceration and that there has been significant progress in this regard. You have been recommended for transfer to a minimum (releasing) security institution that is on hold pending your hearing today.

A psychiatric report dated January 26, 2009 notes that you do not have any prior history of aggression, violence or criminal activity and you have been rated as a low risk to re-offend. You do not suffer from any prior major mental illness, you have no history of any substance abuse disorder, nor do you suffer from a personality disorder. You have not exhibited any psychopathic or antisocial traits which would make you a high risk to re-offend. The psychiatrist did note that you are at risk to develop a more serious form of depression as this illness does run in your family. The psychiatrist has indicated that your depression can be managed through counselling rather than medication. You told the Board that previously you would withdraw and shut down, resorting to "band-aid" solutions to deal with your depression but now you communicate with family and supports. Your mother, father and brother were present at the hearing today.

Your institutional behaviour has been satisfactory, you have maintained full-time employment and no security concerns have been noted.

Your plan on day parole is to reside at either _____ or _____ in _____. You have gained the support of your Case Management Team and you have an offer of accommodation from each of these facilities, although a concern was noted over the amount of debt you have incurred and how you plan to pay this money back. You still owe a significant amount in credit card debt and you plan to discuss your options with a friend who works in credit counselling once released to the community. You told the Board that your family has already retired some of this debt and that you will either declare bankruptcy or work towards paying the rest of the debt off. Local police are not opposed to your release to their area. You have expressed an interest in temporarily returning to your home renovations work until you are in a financial situation which would allow you to return to university. Today, you said that if you were released you would like to take two summer courses with assistance from your parents and/or through student loans.

Despite the commission of a series of serious offences, the Board is satisfied that you are not possessed of entrenched criminal values, and that you otherwise have no history of criminal behaviour. This series of crimes appears to be an aberration, that was rationalized by you at the time of the offending, as you report that you had no intention of hurting anyone. There is no evidence of violence or weapon display during the robberies although you did have pepper spray in your pocket the day police arrested you. The Board found you to be honest, forthright and understanding of the gravity of your offending. In addition, it is clear that you have made significant progress in recognizing your depression and that this circumstance has re-connected you with your family in a positive way. It appears that you are also aware of the danger of unhealthy intimate relationships. The Board believes that all of this has contributed in a substantive way to the reduction of your risk. Thus the Board is satisfied that your risk is manageable within the structure, support and supervision provided in a Community Residential Facility setting. The management of your risk on day parole is not undue and therefore day parole is granted.

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Reasons for Special Condition(s)

In addition to the standard conditions of release the Board is imposing special conditions that it considers reasonable and necessary to protect society and promote your successful reintegration into the community.

Your depression, and handling of the emotional stressors in your life were part and parcel of your offending. You benefited from counselling while incarcerated. Thus a condition will be imposed for you to attend psychological counselling as directed by your supervisor to address emotional and relationship issues, both family and intimate, and any other reintegration stressors you might face. A condition will also be imposed for you to immediately report to your parole officer any developing relationships with women and any changes in these relationships in light of the impact on your criminal offending. A condition will also be imposed for you to provide full financial disclosure to your parole officer as required, in light of your past and ongoing debt problems and its contribution to your offending.

VOTE (S)

		Dated
DAY PAROLE - PRE RELEASE BOARD MEMBER	GRANTED MUISE , J	2010/04/21
DAY PAROLE - PRE RELEASE BOARD MEMBER	GRANTED FERGUSON , S	2010/04/21

SIGNATURE (S)

MUISE , J

Date

FERGUSON , S

Date

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