



Parole Assessment Report Offender Manager (PAROM 1)

H M P/Y O I: Ashwell (HMP)
Report Date: 09/02/2016
Forename/s: John
Family Name: Smith
Prison Number: CT5446 Prison Category: B
Sentence: Life imprisonment (Adult) 999
Date(s) of previous PAROM 1: 21.1.2013 and 26.6.2013.

1. Sources

In preparation for this report, I have had access to the Crown Prosecution Service Documentation in relation to the offence for which Mr Smith was sentenced. I have also had access to Mr Smith's Probation records, which includes his Post-Sentence Report, ETS and CALM course Review Reports and various sentence planning documents. In addition, I am in regular contact with Ms Smith's Offender Supervisor Bridgette Cooper.

Risk Scores

Static Risk Scores:

OGRS score; time of sentence:	18%
OGRS score; now:	12%
Risk Matrix; time of sentence:	N/A
Risk Matrix; now:	N/A

OASys Scores:

OASys risk of reoffending; time of sentence:	Not recorded
OASys risk of reoffending; now:	Low
OASys risk of serious harm level; time of sentence:	High
OASys risk of serious harm level; now:	Medium

SPRP Score:

Any other known risk score (including Offender Violence Predictor (OVP):

7% in 1 year.
1% in 2 years.

3. Knowledge of the Prisoner

I have been Mr Smith's Probation Offender Manager since June 2014 and have regularly had contact with him since this time.

4. Qualifications and Experience of Report Writer

I have been a qualified Probation Officer with a BA (Hons) degree in Probation Studies and NVQ in Criminal Justice since 2004. Since qualification I have had over eleven years experience of working with high risk offenders in the community. I am currently based in a generic Offender Management team in Leicester City.

5. Index Offence

Mr Smith was sentenced to life imprisonment in 2001 for the murder of Michael Smith, (formerly known as Grey), in March 2000. Mr Smith's views at the time of sentencing and that of the Post Sentence Report author, should be available to the Board in that report. A previous assessor noted that there was evidence of Mr Smith breaking down the offence and increasingly accepting that it did not "just happen". During his Parole Assessment interview with his previous Probation Officer Ms Cousins, in 2013, Mr Smith identified the main trigger to his behaviour as being access to his children, saying "I wanted to stay as a family unit...I'd never have gone there if she'd let the children stay with me". Clearly there is an element of blame towards his former wife, Jayne Smith, inherent in that statement. Mr Smith acknowledged that at the time he was not happy that Ms Smith had separated from him. He has spoken previously about how divorce is uncommon in the travelling community and that several norms and values had been breached by the breakdown of his marriage. Mr Smith stated at the time of his last Parole Assessment, that he felt betrayed and hurt that his former wife had left him in order to be with the victim. Indeed, Mr Smith described it as a "double betrayal...Worse than a stranger I didn't know". Mr Smith has previously described to his former Probation Officer, his relationship with the victim, Michael Smith, as "really close", explaining that they had drank tea, holidayed and bought/sold cars together. Further to these factors, that Probation records detail Mr Smith previously describing over the course of his supervision, Mr Smith has also historically explained to Probation staff that he has now identified that he had kept his feelings "bottled up" and that he now believes he should have opened up more to family and friends. Mr Smith has previously attributed this to his cultural heritage, saying that in the travelling community it was not common to view communication about feelings as a good thing.

It appears that Mr Smith had also reflected on his relationship with Ms Smith at the time of his last Parole Assessment in 2013, stating that he was more able to see his role in their separation, stating that they drifted apart and that he concentrated on providing for the family, which meant working away from home a lot. Records refer to Mr Smith previously stating that when he looks back, he believes he "neglected" his family but that he did not realise this at the time. I understand that around the time of his last Parole Assessment in 2013, Mr Smith completed a structured exercise, considering what he was thinking, feeling, saying and doing, three hours before, then during and after the offence. Mr Smith had identified feelings of hope and confusion prior to the offence but also that he did not know how to describe a lot of his feelings, but also that "I wouldn't wish it on anyone". He had stated that his thoughts were entirely about what and how he was going to communicate with Ms Smith regarding the children. Clearly this does not explain the presence of the loaded handgun in his possession. Mr Smith's perspective on his behaviour at the time of his last Parole Assessment in 2013, appeared to have changed