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Parole board recommended killer not be released

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Just several weeks before he was granted parole, a review of notorious killer driver Colin Jones said he should not be released.

Jones was recently handed day parole, just seven months into a 30-month jail term for the March 17, 2005, hit-and-run death of Lindsay Giacomelli.

But National Parole Board documents obtained by the Sun show a review done a little more than two months earlier concluded he should be kept behind bars.

"There are reasonable grounds to believe that if released, you are likely to commit an offence involving violence before the expiration of your sentence," the earlier report states.

"You have a previous conviction for impaired driving ... and an apparent disregard for the safety of others."

It cited a history of depression and unresolved personal issues as possible risk factors.

A later interview with Jones done by a two-person panel Dec. 11 led to his day-parole release with full parole to follow in March 2008.

In its decision, the board said Jones, who has taken an anger management course behind bars, appears to have "taken responsibility and expressed remorse," despite having no recollection of his actions the day of the crime.

In cases of first-time federal offenders, like Jones, however, the board has little discretion and must make a decision based on determining likelihood of an offender committing violence prior to his sentence ending.

Jones was convicted in May when 20-year-old Giacomelli died after being struck by a hit-and-run driver in a southeast crosswalk.

Jones drove home, ordered pizza and watched a movie while Lindsay was taken to hospital, where she later died.

Jones, 50, who was later arrested on a London-bound plane, said he no longer drinks.

"Although the actions are reprehensible, they do not indicate a propensity for violence," parole board documents state.