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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ESCAPE FROM GOULBURN PRISON**

Corrective Services NSW Commissioner Peter Severin has announced an independent security review in addition to the investigation into an escape this afternoon from a segregation unit in the maximum security part of Goulburn Correctional Centre.

The inmate, Stephen Jamieson, was serving a 12-year sentence for armed robbery. He was being held in a segregation cell with a small yard at its rear. He was able to cut through parts of the metal gate at the back of the yard and climb the perimeter wall using a rope made of sheets. He strapped a pillow to his stomach to assist in climbing over razor wire.

Jamieson is being investigated for possible involvement in digging a cavity found in a workshop in the prison last month.

“This is a very serious incident that should not have happened,” said Commissioner Severin. “New South Wales’ prisons are very secure, and last year saw the smallest number of escapes in at least 30 years. Those escapes were all from minimum security.”

Police were immediately informed and commenced a search for the escapee. The Commissioner warned that anyone harbouring Jamieson risked prosecution and criminal charges.

Note: this offender is not the same man as the murderer of Janine Balding, who is also called Stephen Jamieson. The escape did not occur from the High Risk Management Correctional Centre or “Supermax”.