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## STATE OF NEW YORK - BOARD OF PAROLE

# ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL DECISION NOTICE

Name:	Russell, Ay	rele	Facility:	Elmira CF	
NYSID			Appeal Control No.:	11-079-19 B	
DIN:	19-R-0335				
Appearances:		Mackenzie M. Stutzman, Esq. 163 Lake Street Elmira, NY 14901			
Decision appealed:		October 2019 decision, denying discretionary release and imposing a hold of 24 months.			
Board Member(s) who participated:		Berliner, Demosthe	enes	e	
Papers considered:		Appellant's Brief received March 18, 2020			
Appeals Unit Review:		Statement of the Appeals Unit's Findings and Recommendation			
Records relied upon:		Pre-Sentence Investigation Report, Parole Board Report, Interview Transcript, Parole Board Release Decision Notice (Form 9026), COMPAS instrument, Offender Case Plan.			
Final Determination:		The undersigned determine that the decision appealed is hereby:			
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If the Final Determination is at variance with Findings and Recommendation of Appeals Unit, written					

reasons for the Parole Board's determination must be annexed hereto.

This Final Determination, the related Statement of the Appeals Unit's Findings and the separate findings of the Parole Board, if any, were mailed to the Inmate and the Inmate's Counsel, if any, on 7/1/2020.

Distribution: Appeals Unit - Appellant - Appellant's Counsel - Inst. Parole File - Central File P-2002(B) (11/2018)

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# APPEALS UNIT FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATION

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**Findings:** (Page 1 of 1)

Appellant challenges the October 2019 determination of the Board, denying release and imposing a 24-month hold. The instant offense involved Appellant getting into physical altercations with his girlfriend and injuring her on several occasions over a span of about three months, including one incident that resulted in a car accident. Among other things, Appellant argues that the Board erroneously referred to official opposition to his release in the decision.

A review by the Appeals Unit reveals that Appellant's contention is correct. While the Board referred to official opposition to Appellant's release in the decision, there is in fact no such opposition in the record. As such, a *de novo* interview is appropriate.

**Recommendation:** Vacate and remand for de novo interview.