

EXCLUSIVE BY SHARON FEINSTEIN

OSCAR Pistorius will only be able to leave his house to go to church when he is freed from jail next week.

The devout Christian, whose faith is said to have deepened over recent months, must be accompanied on trips to attend mass.

While under "house arrest" at his uncle's home he will be allowed few visitors, who will have to be approved by the court, and someone will have to shop for him under strict parole conditions the Sunday Mirror can reveal today.

There was an international outcry when it was revealed the Paralympic gold winner will serve just 10 months of a five-year term for killing his model girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, 29.

During his trial Pistorius, 28, was seen clasping rosary beads and intensively reading the book *Breakthrough Prayer: The Power of Connecting with the Heart of God*, by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church's pastor Jim Cymbal. He is since said



Mass killer

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to have been studying the Bible. His release terms mean he will remain a prisoner in his home ahead of an appeal to have his manslaughter conviction overturned.

A mystery donor is said to have offered

to help fund the bid, which could lead to a retrial. A source on the Pistorius legal team said he has been told his release date will either be August 21, 22 or 23.

The source added: "The appeal court can't send him back to prison, they can only order a retrial. Is it impossible? No. Is it likely, also no."

His team say the appeal is based only on a legal issue and nothing to do with the State's initial version that he wanted to kill Reeva and that he has an uncontrollable

temper. They reiterate that the court rejected this version and the State has not even asked to appeal this.

The source added: "In 10 days' time Oscar is not really a free man, though the world will claim he is. He goes out on very strict house arrest conditions. Sometimes it's easier to be back in prison, and many prisoners complain and say they are in jail."

Pistorius shot Reeva through a bathroom door on Valentine's Day in 2013.

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