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**District Attorney's Office Investigation Exposes Fraud and Results in
Parole Reversal for Convicted Rapist**
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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that convicted kidnapper and rapist David Adams' parole was rescinded on July 21, 2023, after a special panel of the California Board of Parole Hearings decided to rescind a previous decision to release Adams. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gordon Isen.

Charges and Sentencing

In 1999, Adams was convicted by a Kern County jury of 22 felony counts, including kidnapping with intent to commit rape, oral copulation, sodomy, rape with a foreign object, forcible rape; and forcible oral copulation. On May 1, 1998, Adams was sentenced to 200 years to life in prison, with the possibility of parole.

Crimes

On November 27, 1997, a 20-year-old victim was employed at a gas station in Mojave. Shortly after closing the station that night, the girl was cleaning the bathrooms when Adams entered wearing a homemade "ski" mask and carrying a knife. Adams bound the girl's wrists with plastic cable ties and placed duct tape over her mouth. Adams then forced her into the trunk of a car. He drove her into the desert where he placed duct tape over her eyes and sexually assaulted her. Adams then wrapped the girl in a blanket, put sunglasses on her face and a baseball cap on her head. He drove her to the motel in which he had been staying and forced the victim into his room where he repeatedly raped and sexually abused her. After six hours, he again disguised the girl in a coat, hat and sunglasses and took her to the car. Adams dropped the girl in front of an all-night restaurant and ordered her not to remove the tape from her eyes until he had left.

On November 21, 1997, a different female victim came home from work to find Adams, who had been her boyfriend, asleep in her bed. Adams pinned the female on her bed, bit her left breast hard, forcefully removed clothing, and sexually assaulted her. Adams threatened to rape her in language loud enough to alert the female's 13-year old daughter who had been asleep in another room. When the female's daughter

began to cry loudly and scream, Adams left the bedroom to deal with her, allowing the female to escape into the bathroom and call 9-1-1.

First Parole Hearing

Adams, 63, was eligible for parole in 2022 because he reached his Elderly Parole eligibility date as of March 16, 2022. A person may be eligible for parole after being incarcerated at least 20 years and reaching 50 years of age or being incarcerated at least 25 years and reaching 60 years of age. Adams has now served over 25 years of his sentence.

Adams had his first parole hearing on October 11, 2022, before a panel of the Board of Parole, presided over by Commissioner Patricia Cassady. Adams told the panel that he had served in the United States Marine Corps and had been deployed to Vietnam where he suffered post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and where he was introduced to heroin. Adams' testimony was supported by a Form DD214 discharge document that was in his prison record. That record also indicated that Adams had been awarded the Bronze Star and that he had earned a G.E.D. while in the Marine Corps.

The panel found that Adams no longer posed a threat to public safety and granted Adams' parole to be effective 120 days from the date of their decision.

Commissioner Cassady has a generous release rate for all statewide hearings and is substantially higher compared to all Kern County District Attorney's parole hearings between February 2021 and October 2022 (depicted below):

	KCDA's Office	Commissioner Cassady
Grant	62	174
Denial	197	258
Grant Rate	23.9%	40.3%

Investigation

Noting discrepancies in Adams' testimony, the Kern County District Attorney's office initiated an investigation into the truthfulness of Adams' claims regarding his military service and several other suspect claims. That investigation disclosed, among other things, that Adams had in fact never served in the United States armed forces and that the Form DD214 was in fact a forgery.

Objection to Grant Parole

On January 17, 2023, The District Attorney wrote to the Governor's Office to object to the grant of parole. Governor Newsom referred the case back to the Board of Parole Hearings to consider whether the panel's grant of parole lacked foresight. On February 22, 2023, the Executive Board ordered a Recission Hearing.

Recession Hearing

On July 21, 2023, the compelling evidence developed by the District Attorney's Office was found true. The parole was rescinded at the Recession Hearing. Usually, a new parole hearing is scheduled within 120 days, however, on September 25, 2023, David Adams voluntarily waived the right to a parole hearing for 3 years. His next projected hearing date will be in 2027.

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the Recession Hearing; “There are many complex issues in this case. Adams is an extremely violent criminal that has kidnapped, raped, assaulted, and terrorized his victims. Due to the leniency of the law, a serious offender who was convicted of multiple felony counts and sentenced to 200 years to life in prison, may have the possibility of parole after only serving 25 years of the deserving sentence. The lack of review and quick proceedings by the Board of Parole in this case is just one example of the many instances of these injustices occur. The discrepancies in the material were sufficient and immediately led our office to question and conduct further investigation into the claims. If it weren’t for these key discoveries, the fabricated lies would have never been exposed. It is apparent that Adams made numerous false claims in pursuit of his parole and these claims, in combination with his criminal background, proves he is still a threat to public safety today.”