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Convicted Attempt Murderer Granted Parole After Serving 24 Years of a Life Sentence
CDC #J44645, Court Case #SC074125A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that on November 1, 2023, the California Board of Parole Hearings granted parole to convicted attempted murderer Nicholas Phillips. This was Phillip's first parole hearing. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Peter Zerbib.

In 1998, Phillips was convicted of attempted murder, aggravated mayhem and assault with a deadly weapon, for which he was sentenced to serve 25 years to Life in prison. Phillips has served 24 years in prison. Phillips, 68, was eligible for elder parole determination as he was over the age of 50 and has served at least 20 years of his sentence.

On October 24, 1997, Phillips stabbed his girlfriend in the neck and chest area in Bakersfield. The victim suffered lacerations on both sides of her neck, two lacerations across her abdomen, a puncture wound to her abdomen, and a vertical laceration on her left breast. After stabbing the victim, Phillips fled to Oregon for seven months to avoid arrest.

Phillips has accumulated eleven prison rule violations, the latest having taken place in 2015. A psychological examination rated Calderon a "moderate" risk for future violence.

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Elder Parole Laws are allowing dangerous individuals to evade their full sentences. Despite the challenges presented by California Legislature, we remain committed to upholding justice and protecting public safety."

Nicholas Phillips:

