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Parole Granted for Convicted Rapist Patrick Davis Despite District Attorney's Opposition
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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) Granted release to convicted rapist Patrick Davis, age 56. On January 11, 2024, BPH found that Davis was suitable for parole and no longer poses a current and unreasonable risk to public safety.

In July of 1998, the victim came to Bakersfield from another state and stayed with her friend, Davis. After a few weeks the victim left to stay at another friend's house. However, she stole a check from Davis worth \$170 and was ultimately prosecuted for the theft.

After a short time in jail, Davis met with the victim and talked her into returning to his home. Upon returning to Davis' home, he turned on a video camera and held a gun on her demanding that she confess to the theft. For approximately forty minutes, Davis confronted and berated the victim for stealing. Finally, he forcibly unclothed and sexually assaulted and raped her. At one point he held a gun to her head in response to her continued pleading and resistance. Davis forced her to shower and left her at a park. The motive for the rape was revenge as Davis threatened to kill the victim if she went to the police. Davis told her "You took something from me and now I took something from you."

On January 20, 1999, a Kern County Jury found Davis guilty of forcible rape, assault with intent to commit oral copulation, forcible acts of sexual penetration, possession of a sawed-off shotgun, and false imprisonment. The jury also found true that Davis personally used a firearm in the commission of the crimes. A Kern County Judge sentenced Davis to more than 15 years to life.

On January 11, 2024, the BPH focused on Davis's promises that he was reformed, finding he had marketable skills for employment, concrete release plans and showed remorse for his actions, despite the victim disagreeing about his remorse stating, "he is still not identifying why he did it." Further, the BPH ignored three mental health professionals who diagnosed Davis with a sexual disorder, rather adopting the opinion of one dissenting professional who did not diagnose Davis with a sexual disorder.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Davis was suitable for parole and did not pose a current unreasonable risk of danger to society. The BPH has up to 120 days to review the decision, while the governor has an additional 30 days to review the decision.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Seeking revenge through violent rape is a clear indication of someone's inability to be a safe member of society. The board's decision is not only upsetting but raises serious concern for public safety."