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Parole Granted for Man Who Murdered Ex-Wife's Boyfriend at Valley Plaza Mall
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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) granted release to convicted murderer Jimmy Robinson, age 55. On July 3, 2024, BPH found that Robinson no longer continued to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On February 18, 2006, Robinson stabbed his ex-wife's boyfriend to death in the parking lot of the Valley Plaza Mall in Bakersfield. Kenneth Dewayne Moses had a total of 6 stab wounds, but ultimately died from a stab wound that pierced his heart.

Robinson and his ex-wife married in 2001. During 2004 and 2005, Robinson and his wife separated. During this time, the victim was in contact with Robinson's ex-wife. On February 18, 2006, Robinson's ex-wife was going to meet the victim to ask him to no longer contact her. Robinson wanted to go with her. Ultimately, the two drove in separate cars to Valley Plaza where the victim was located. When they reached the Valley Plaza parking lot, Robinson's ex-wife saw the victim and approached him. Robinson exited his vehicle and immediately attacked the victim with a knife.

On August 23, 2006, a Kern County Jury found Robinson guilty of murder in the first degree. In addition, the jury found true that Robinson personally used a knife during the commission of the murder. On September 21, 2006, a Kern County Judge sentenced Robinson to 25 years to life, plus an additional 2 years in state prison. Robinson ultimately filed a 1172.75 petition, allowing for defendants previously sentenced with a prior prison term enhancement, to be resentenced as to that specific enhancement. On September 14, 2023, he was resentenced to serve 25 years to life. The two additional years originally imposed were stricken by the court.

On July 3, 2024, the BPH conducted Robinson's initial parole hearing. At the parole hearing, Robinson's commissioners went over Robinson's criminal history and the murder of the victim. They questioned him about his insight into the crime and the role domestic violence and substance abuse played in the murder

and throughout his life. In addition, the commissioners went over Robinson's behavior while in prison. The board focused on his lack of rules violations, positive work history in prison, maintenance of sobriety, and his educational achievements. Lastly, the commissioners focused on Robinson's parole plans.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the Board of Parole to deny parole. This crime was a domestic violence crime that occurred in a public place that put our citizens at risk. The Board of Parole found that Robinson was suitable for parole and no longer posed a current unreasonable risk of danger to society. Robinson will remain in the custody of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation until his grant of parole has been reviewed.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "There was a life that was tragically taken, yet Robinson will only be serving 18 years of his 25-year sentence. His actions were driven by emotions on the day of the murder, and for the safety of our public, I can only hope that he makes better decisions as he reintegrates into society."