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**Parole Denied for Convicted Murderer Alejandro Del Rio**  
*CDC #F09942; Kern County Court Case #BF110583A*

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted murderer Alejandro Del Rio, age 41. On July 11, 2024, BPH found that Del Rio continued to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On June 4, 2005, Del Rio stabbed Jose Salgado to death. On the day of the murder, Del Rio and the victim were drinking alcohol together at a friend's house in Bakersfield. They were then asked to leave the house because family members did not want them drinking in front of the children. Both men went outside. Shortly after, Del Rio ran back inside the house and grabbed a knife. When a witness asked Del Rio what was wrong, Del Rio responded that he was disrespected. Del Rio was swinging the knife at the victim and the victim was heard asking "why". Ultimately, Del Rio left the scene with his mother. The victim walked away slowly, with his hands down, and bleeding from his chest.

Officers arrived at the scene and found Jose Salgado alive, but bleeding profusely. Medical aid was performed immediately. Ultimately, the victim stopped breathing. Jose Salgado died as a result of a massive hemorrhage from a single stab wound to the chest.

On November 22, 2005, a Kern County Jury found Del Rio guilty of murder in the second degree. The jury also found true that Del Rio personally used a knife during the commission of the murder. On December 22, 2005, a Kern County Judge sentenced Del Rio to 15 years to life, plus an additional year.

On July 11, 2024, the BPH conducted Del Rio's initial parole hearing. At the parole hearing, the Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the Board of Parole to deny parole. The BPH found that Del Rio was not suitable for parole and posed a current unreasonable risk of danger to society. The BPH has the option of denying an inmate parole for a period of 15, 10, 7, 5 or 3 years. Del Rio's commissioners issued a 10-year denial.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “I’m relieved that the Board of Parole recognized the threat Del Rio’s release would pose on public safety. A 10-year denial is a significant victory for our community.”

Alejandro Del Rio:

