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Board of Parole Hearings Reverses Grant of Parole Decision for Convicted Child Molester
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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant update in a parole hearing for convicted child molester Jesus Ibarra.

In 1996, Ibarra rented a room in a southeast Bakersfield house and began a romantic relationship with an adult female in the home, who also lived with her children and minor family members. Ibarra committed his sexual offenses against three female children at the residence – ages 7, 10, and 13. On October 4, 2000, a Kern County Jury found Ibarra guilty of 38 counts of continuous sexual abuse of a child under the age of 14 and 23 counts of lewd and lascivious acts upon a child under the age of 14. A Kern County Judge sentenced Ibarra to 62 years in state prison.

Despite only serving approximately 25 years of his 62-year sentence, Ibarra, age 56, was considered for early release in January 2024 pursuant to Elder Offender Laws. In California, incarcerated persons are eligible for the Elderly Parole Program after reaching age 50 and being continuously incarcerated for 20 years. On January 11, 2024, the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) granted Ibarra's release.¹

The Kern County District Attorney's Office continued to oppose Ibarra's grant of parole and submitted a detailed written opposition to his release to the En Banc Board for the BPH. Parole was subsequently rescinded on March 19, 2024.²

On September 6, 2024, the BPH held Ibarra's third parole hearing. Again, the Kern County District asked the Board of Parole to deny parole. The Board of Parole found that Ibarra was not suitable for parole

¹Refer to DA Press Release 24-6 for more information.

²Refer to DA Press Release 24-40 for more information.

because he continued to pose a current unreasonable risk of danger to society. The Board of Parole has the option of denying an inmate parole for a period of 15, 10, 7, 5 or 3 years. Ibarra's commissioners issued a three-year denial. As such, Ibarra's next parole hearing date could potentially be in 18 months.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "This has been a long and challenging journey, focused on ensuring that the victims of Ibarra continue to receive justice and that no more children are put at risk by his release. Ibarra has served less than half of his sentence and remains far from paying the full price for his actions."

Jesus Ibarra:



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