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Grant of Parole Decision Reversed for Convicted Carjacker and Kidnapper Hector Aviles Silva
*CDC #F99613; Kern County Court Case #DF007685A and
Tulare County Court Case #VCF188075 and VCF157194*

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant parole case update. On April 4, 2024, the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) found that convicted carjacker and kidnapper Hector Silva no longer continued to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety and granted his release. However, BPH reversed its decision and ordered a new hearing. On November 15, 2024, BPH denied parole to Silva. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

In November and December of 2005, Silva committed a string of carjackings in Tulare County and Kern County.

On November 21, 2005, Silva was armed with a revolver. When the victim went to enter his vehicle, Silva put the gun to the victim's stomach and ordered him to drive. Silva directed the victim to an orchard. Once in the orchard, Silva ordered the victim out of the car and demanded his money. As he escaped, he threatened to kill the victim if he called the police.

On November 30, 2005, Silva approached the victim at a gas station and asked for a ride. The victim agreed to give Silva a ride. During the car ride, Silva pulled out a gun and demanded the victim's money. Silva took the victim's wedding ring, wallet, and vehicle.

On December 20, 2005, Silva approached a male outside a market. Silva asked the victim for a ride to Fresno. Once in the car, Silva pulled out his revolver and threatened to shoot the victim. Again, Silva took the victim's vehicle and money. He threatened to shoot the victim if he called the police.

On December 22, 2005, Silva approached a 79-year-old victim who was trying to sell his car. This time, Silva pretended to be a potential buyer and asked to take a test drive. The victim agreed. While on the drive, Silva ordered the victim out of the car, took the vehicle and any money, and threatened to shoot the victim if he called the police.

Four hours later, on December 22, 2005, Silva approached the fifth victim. This victim was a dairy delivery driver. Silva pulled out a gun and demanded the victim's wallet. The victim grabbed Silva's gun and threw it into an adjacent dirt lot. Silva fled the area.

At the time of his crimes, Silva admitted to these crimes and said he committed them to support his drug addiction. Ultimately, Silva was convicted of two counts of carjacking with personal use of a firearm, another count of carjacking, kidnapping with personal use of a firearm, one count of dissuading a witness by force or threat with personal use of a firearm, another count of dissuading a witness by force or threat, attempted robbery, and felon in possession of a firearm. He was sentenced to 34 years in state prison.

At the time of the hearing, Silva had approximately 8 years left to serve on his sentence. Silva, age 41, was considered for early release pursuant to Youthful Offender Laws.

On April 4, 2024, the BPH conducted Silva's third parole hearing. The commissioners focused on Silva's history of dishonesty at previous Board of Parole Hearings, his sobriety, and his recent attempts to avoid paying restitution to his victims. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Silva no longer posed a current and unreasonable risk to public safety and granted parole.

After the BPH granted Silva's parole, within a couple of months, he committed a rules violation that resulted in the reversal of his grant of parole. The BPH ordered a new hearing. Silva's new hearing was conducted on November 15, 2024. The Kern County District Attorney's Office argued that Silva's recent institutional misconduct represented the exact concerns our office expressed at the last hearing. Again, the Kern County District Attorney's Office asked that parole be denied. The BPH found that Silva remains a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Silva's commissioners denied Silva parole for three years. As such, Silva's hearing could be held in 18 months.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Silva targeted several innocent victims, a troubling pattern that raised serious concerns as his premature release was being considered. We are relieved that our concerns were heard, and justice has prevailed with the denial of his parole."

Hector Silva:

