



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF KERN

CIVIC CENTER JUSTICE BUILDING
1215 TRUXTUN AVENUE
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301
(661) 868-2340, FAX: (661) 868-2700

ANDREA S. KOHLER
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CYNTHIA J. ZIMMER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

JOSEPH A. KINZEL
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

December 13, 2024
MEDIA ADVISORY

CONTACT:

DDA Gina Nargie
(661) 868-2340
DDA David McKillop
(661) 868-2330

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Approved by: CJZ
Press Release #24-165

Parole Denied for Convicted Murderer Jose Reyes
CDC #F28325; Kern County Court Case #BF109790A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted murderer Jose Reyes. On December 11, 2024, BPH found that Reyes continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On December 19, 2004, Reyes stabbed the victim, Walter Shubin, approximately 16 times. The victim died as a result of a stab wound to the throat that caused his jugular vein to rupture. The victim was found deceased near his apartment in Bakersfield. Inside Reyes' apartment law enforcement located a knife with the victim's blood on it and the victim's watch. At the crime scene, law enforcement located Reyes' hat and a wine bottle that contained Reyes' right thumbprint.

On December 22, 2005, a Kern County Jury found Reyes guilty of murder in the second degree. The jury found true the special allegation that Reyes personally used a deadly or dangerous weapon during the murder. On March 27, 2006, a Kern County Judge sentenced Reyes to 15 years to life, plus an additional year.

While incarcerated in state prison for the murder, Reyes committed additional rules violations. One of those rules violations resulted in an additional criminal conviction for prisoner in possession of a deadly weapon. On October 18, 2018, a Kern County Judge sentenced Reyes to an additional 4 years in state prison.

On December 11, 2024, the Board of Parole conducted Reyes' second parole hearing. Reyes is currently 45 years old and has served nearly 20 years in state prison. Reyes refused to attend his parole hearing and was represented by his counsel. At the parole hearing, the commissioners outlined areas of concern including Reyes' institutional behavior, mental health, insight into his life crime, and parole plans. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Reyes was not

suitable for parole and posed 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. Reyes' commissioners issued a five-year denial.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Concerning behaviors from an inmate with a violent past raise serious red flags, reinforcing our determination to oppose their release from prison."

Jose Reyes:

