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Parole Denied for Convicted Carjacker and Prison Rule Violator Jovany Herrera
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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted carjacker Jovany Herrera. On December 11, 2024, BPH found that Herrera continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On January 24, 2005, in Tulare County, Herrera committed carjackings against two victims at gun point, evaded police officers, and committed a hit and run by crashing into a residence and running away. When Herrera was apprehended by law enforcement, he was in possession of a firearm, ammunition, methamphetamine, and the victims' property. On July 14, 2005, a Tulare County Judge sentenced Herrera to 19 years in state prison for his crimes.

While incarcerated in state prison for these crimes, Herrera committed additional crimes. One of his crimes included being a prisoner in possession of a deadly weapon. On March 5, 2019, a Kern County Judge sentenced Herrera to an additional 4 years in state prison.

On December 11, 2024, the BPH conducted Herrera's second parole hearing. Herrera is currently 41 years old and has served nearly 20 years in state prison. Herrera was before the board as a youthful offender being considered for early release. At the parole hearing, the commissioners focused on Herrera's institutional behavior, including gang activity, substance abuse, and rehabilitative programming. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Herrera 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. Herrera's commissioners issued a five-year denial.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "I'm glad the commissioners recognized the ongoing danger Herrera poses by denying his release. Their decision reflects a commitment to protecting our communities and ensuring accountability for those who pose a threat."

Jovany Herrera:

