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Parole Denied for Convicted Murderer Troy Long
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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted murderer Troy Long, age 58. On February 25, 2025, BPH found that Long continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On April 29, 1996, Long and his two friends went to an apartment complex in Oildale. 18-year-old victim Robert Perkins was at the apartment complex when Long arrived. The victim was in a verbal argument with a female. The female hit the victim, knocking him to the ground. The victim walked over to a curb and sat down. The victim was crying, and his two friends were attempting to calm him down.

Several minutes later, unexpectedly, Long walked up and stabbed the victim in the chest. After he stabbed the victim, Long punched and kicked him. The victim died as a result of a single stab wound to the chest. The forensic pathologist testified at trial that it took considerable force to drive a knife through the victim's sternum.

On July 29, 1996, a Kern County Jury found Long guilty of murder in the second degree. After the jury delivered their guilty verdict, in a court trial, a Kern County Judge found true that Long had been convicted of a prior strike conviction. On August 27, 1996, a Kern County Judge sentenced Long to 30 years to life in prison.

On February 26, 2025, the BPH conducted Long's initial parole hearing. Long has served nearly 29 years in prison and is eligible for parole in March of 2026. The commissioners focused on Long's insight into the murder, institutional behavior, substance abuse history, programming, parole plans, and community support if released. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Long 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. Long's commissioners issued a three-year denial.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "The victim tragically lost their life at the hands of Long. An innocent life was stolen, and while nothing can undo the harm done, it is only right that Long serves the full extent of his sentence."

Troy Long:

