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Parole Denied for Convicted Child Molester Ronald Thompson
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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted child molester Ronald Thompson. On April 15, 2025, BPH found that Thompson continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

Thompson committed multiple sexual assaults against two females under the age of 14. At the time of the trial, the victims were ages 11 and 13. Both girls testified against Thompson. Thompson took the stand and testified to the jury that he never committed sexual assaults and never touched the girls inappropriately.

On February 7, 2007, a Kern County Jury found Thompson guilty of four counts of committing a lewd or lascivious act with victim who was under the age of 14, exhibiting harmful material to victim number one, and persuading victim number one to be photographed while engaging in sexual conduct. In addition, the jury found Thompson guilty of annoying or molesting victim number two and committing a lewd or lascivious act on victim number two who was under the age of 14. The jury also found true the allegation that Thompson committed sexual offenses against more than one victim. On March 8, 2007, a Kern County Judge sentenced Thompson to 15 years to life, plus an additional 10 years.

On April 15, 2025, the Board of Parole conducted Thompson's initial parole hearing. At the hearing, Thompson admitted that he lied when he testified at trial and confessed to committing the sexual assaults against the victims.

During the hearing, the commissioners focused on Thompson insight into his history of violence and sexual deviancy. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Thompson 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. Thompson's commissioners issued a three-year denial.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "As with many cases, justice doesn't end with sentencing of the defendant by a county judge. We remain committed to standing with victims every step of the way and will continue to fight to keep offenders like Thompson behind bars in the interest of public safety."

Ronald Thompson:

