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Parole Denied for Man who Shot an Officer and Possessed Drugs in Prison
CDCR# F73008; Kern County Court Case #DF012766A and #DF016548A
Los Angeles County Case #YA064685

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to inmate Tony Wilson. On April 15, 2025, BPH found that Wilson 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 6, 2006, a law enforcement officer in Los Angeles County responded to robbery. While in route to the robbery, the officer heard the sound of a large caliber gunfire coming towards his vehicle. The officer observed Wilson holding a handgun in both hands while firing three more rounds at the officer. After firing those last three rounds, Wilson ran into an apartment complex known to be associated with the Crenshaw Mafia Gangster ("CMG") gang. Wilson was located and taken into custody. The investigation revealed that Wilson fired a total of six shots at the officer with a .357 magnum handgun.

On January 8, 2007, Wilson pled guilty to assaulting a peace officer with a firearm. He also admitted that he personally used a firearm during the commission of the offense and suffered a prior "strike" conviction for Robbery. On that same day, a Los Angeles County Judge sentenced Wilson to 19 years state prison.

While incarcerated in state prison in Kern County, Wilson was convicted twice - once in 2017 and again in 2020 for possession of a controlled substance in prison. Kern County Judges sentenced Wilson to four additional years in state prison for his 2017 case and 2 additional years for his 2019 case.

On April 8, 2025, the BPH conducted Wilson's initial parole hearing. Wilson refused to attend his parole hearing. However, Wilson was represented by his lawyer at the hearing. Wilson is currently 39 years old and has served approximately 19 years in prison. During the hearing, the commissioners focused on

Wilson's suspected gang activity in prison, institutional behavior, substance abuse history, and lack of rehabilitative programming. The Kern County District Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office jointly asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Wilson 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. Wilson's commissioners issued a ten-year denial.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "This is a victory, not just for our community, but for Los Angeles County and the entire state of California. Wilson's violent actions represent a blatant disregard for public safety, and his continued criminal behavior behind bars indicate his refusal to change."

Tony Wilson:

