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Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) Denied Parole for Convicted Repeat Sex Offender Timothy Groux
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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted sex offender Timothy Groux. On April 2, 2025, BPH found that Groux continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office prosecuted Timothy Groux as a "Three Strikes" Offender after Groux orally copulated his new cellmate the very first night the victim fell asleep in the shared cell on July 10, 2008. In the Information filed in the Kern Superior Court on April 16, 2009, the Kern County District Attorney's Office alleged that Groux had been convicted of five prior strikes and previously served two prior prison terms.

On November 24, 2009, a Kern County Jury found Groux guilty of oral copulation while confined in state prison. After the jury found Groux guilty, the court in a separate proceeding found true that Groux was previously convicted in a 1988 Santa Clara County case for forcible rape, forcible oral copulation, residential burglary, and robbery. The court also found true that Groux was previously convicted in 2003 in a Santa Clara County for sodomy with a prisoner. Finally, the court found true that Groux had served two prior prison terms.

At the time Groux committed this offense, Groux was pending trial in a Santa Clara County case for civil commitment as a Sexually Violent Predator. This proceeding is typically done after a criminal sentence has been served but rules whether an individual may still be held if it is determined that they continue to pose an ongoing risk of committing sexually violent offenses in the future.

On January 14, 2010, a Kern County Judge sentenced Groux to 25 years to life under the California Three Strikes Law. Groux is currently 56 years old and has served approximately 16 years of his 25 year to life sentence. His sexual assault history spans approximately four decades.

Pursuant to Proposition 57, Groux is considered a non-violent offender, making him eligible for early parole. Groux was denied release at his first parole hearing in April of 2022. On April 2, 2025, the BPH conducted Groux's second parole hearing. The commissioners focused on Groux's 2025 risk rating that found that Groux is at "High Risk" of re-offense. In addition, the commissioners focused on Groux's lack of sex offender programming and lack of understanding related to his sexually violent and predatory history both in the community and while in-custody.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Groux 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. Groux's commissioners issued a three-year denial.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Sexual offenders have among the highest likelihood to reoffend upon release, a fact that borne out by Groux's history of sexual offenses. Ensuring that dangerous criminals sentenced to life in prison are not allowed early releases that jeopardize public safety is a core function of the Parole Board, and we are grateful that on this case Groux's dangerousness was plainly clear and parole denied."

Timothy Groux:

