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Parole Denied for Convicted Child Molester Kenneth Lewis Faulkner Jr.
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District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted child molester Kenneth Lewis Faulkner Jr. On June 04, 2025, BPH found that Faulkner continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney William Wolfe.

On June 7, 2005, a 16-year-old female victim was waiting at a bus stop while on her phone. Faulkner, a registered sex offender, sat down a few seats away from the victim and started a conversation with her. Although uncomfortable, the victim felt forced to engage in conversation. Faulkner invited the victim to play miniature golf and asked for her phone number, but the victim declined and walked away. Unclear as to how, Faulkner obtained the victim's phone number and attempted to call her several times, leaving voicemails. On one of the phone calls, a friend of the victim took the phone and instructed Faulkner to quit calling. Later in the day, Faulkner called again, and when she recognized the voice, she hung up. A family member of the victim called Faulkner and informed him that the victim was a minor and instructed Faulkner to quit calling. The victim reported the harassment to law enforcement. The Kern County Sheriff's Office investigated the complaint and arrested Faulkner.

On February 8, 2006, Faulkner was convicted of felony Child Annoying/Molesting, as well as several misdemeanors counts for annoying other minor children in separate unrelated offenses. The jury also found that Faulkner had been previously convicted of multiple "strike" felony sex offenses. On July 28, 2006, Faulkner was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison under California's Three Strikes law.

On June 4, 2025, the Board of Parole conducted Faulkner's initial parole hearing. The commissioners focused on Faulkner's lack of insight into the life crime, his denial that he committed a crime, his ongoing inappropriate behavior while in prison, and his lack of attempts to rehabilitate through classes or counselling while incarcerated.

Faulkner is currently 65 years old and has served approximately 20 years in prison. The Kern County

District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Faulkner 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. BPH issued a five-year denial.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Kinzel commented; "Three-strikes laws are designed to uphold accountability and safeguard the public by ensuring that habitual, violent offenders face appropriate consequences. Our commitment goes beyond a conviction as we are determined in ensuring that Faulkner remains incarcerated."

Kenneth Faulkner:

