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Convicted Child Molester Denied Parole
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District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted sex offender Bryan Dean Ransom. On June 3, 2025, BPH found that Ransom continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

In October of 1990, Ransom was convicted of committing a lewd or lascivious act with a child under the age of 14. A Kern County judge sentenced Ransom to serve three years in state prison. Once Ransom was released on parole, he committed another child molest.

On August 20, 1998, a Kern County Jury found Ransom guilty of committing a lewd or lascivious act with a child under the age of 14. On September 17, 1998, a Kern County Judge sentenced him to 50-years-to-life, plus an additional 5 years.

Ransom is eligible for early release because he has reached the age of 60 and served at least 25 years of continuous incarceration. This is commonly referred to as non-statutory elder parole. Ransom would not otherwise have been eligible for parole until the year 2039.

On June 3, 2025, the BPH conducted Ransom's second parole hearing. The commissioners focused on Ransom's transparency about his crimes, sexual impulses, rehabilitative programming, and insight into his sexual offending history. Ransom is currently 64 years old and has served approximately 26 years in prison.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Ransom 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. Ransom's commissioners issued a three-year denial. As such, Ransom's next parole hearing date could potentially be in 18 months.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "When offenders receive substantial sentences, it does not

always guarantee they will serve the full term due to California policies such as elder parole laws. Our office is constantly revisiting cases prematurely and dedicates significant resources to preparing for parole hearings to ensure that offenders are held accountable and that victims continue to receive the justice and protection they deserve."

Bryan Ransom:

