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Board of Parole Hearings Denies Release to Convicted Three Strikes Offender Randy Hanson
CDC #D45016; Court Case #SC068162A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted three strikes offender Randy Handson. On August 7, 2025, BPH found that Hanson continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

Hanson's criminal history began in 1974 as a juvenile and includes convictions for residential burglaries, domestic violence, driving under the influence causing injury, hit and run, and resisting arrest. Hanson served three prison commitments until his final felony conviction and prison term in 1995.

On December 1, 1995, the victim reported that his 1962 Chevy Pickup Truck had been stolen from 17th Street in Bakersfield. Hanson removed the truck plates and placed them on another vehicle to avoid detection. Ultimately, a witness positively identified Hanson as driving the victim's truck.

On October 10, 1997, a Kern County Jury found Hanson guilty of felony vehicle theft. Hanson's two prior strike convictions for residential burglary were found true. Under California's Three Strikes Law, Hanson was eligible for an elevated sentence. On November 7, 1997, a Kern County Judge sentenced him to 25 years to life in prison.

On January 9, 2013, Hanson filed a petition to recall his third strike sentence. On July 1, 2014, a Kern County Superior Court Judge denied him relief, a decision that was later upheld by The Fifth District Court of Appeals.

On August 7, 2025, the Board of Parole conducted Hanson's second parole hearing. Hanson is currently 66 years old and has served approximately 29 years in state prison. Hanson's attorney attended and

argued on behalf of his client, who refused to attend.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole based on Hanson's psychological evaluation rating him high risk of re-offense and his current institutional misconduct for violence and failure to comply with institutional rules. The BPH found that Hanson 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. Hanson's commissioners issued a three-year denial. As such, Hanson's next parole hearing date could potentially be in 18 months.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Three strike offenders are those who continuously violate the law and disregard public safety. Given his lengthy criminal record and a high-risk assessment for re-offense, it was essential to advocate for the denial of his parole."

Randy Hanson:

