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Parole Denied for Child rapist Ronald Sherman
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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted child rapist Ronald Sherman. On November 6, 2024, BPH found that Sherman continued to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

Sherman continuously raped the victim from the age of 12, resulting in the victim's pregnancy. Law enforcement and Child Protective Services were alerted when, at age 13, the victim delivered a baby at a local hospital. Sherman attempted to cover up the crime by instructing the victim to make up a fake name for the baby's father, which she did. However, the claim was later disproven with DNA evidence that confirmed Sherman to be the father of the child.

On June 24, 2004, a Kern County Jury found Sherman guilty of continuous sexual abuse of a minor under the age of 14 and three counts of forcible molestation of a child under the age of 14. The jury also found true the special allegations that Sherman personally inflicted great bodily injury on the victim. On October 15, 2004, a Kern County Judge sentenced Sherman to 35 years in state prison.

On November 6, 2025, the Board of Parole conducted Sherman's second parole hearing. At the time of the hearing, Sherman had approximately 5 years left to serve on his sentence. Sherman was considered for early release pursuant to Elder Parole Laws. Sherman was approximately between the ages of 46 and 49 years old at the time he sexually assaulted the victim.

The commissioners focused on Sherman's insight into his sexual offending history. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Sherman 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. Sherman's commissioners issued a three-year

denial. As such, Sherman's next parole hearing date could potentially be in 18 months.

Ronald Sherman:

