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Parole Denied for Convicted Murderer Arturo Herta
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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted murderer Arturo Huerta. On November 20, 2025, BPH found that Huerta continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On April 17, 2011, law enforcement was dispatched to a report of domestic violence when Arturo Huerta's roommate heard a woman screaming "No, no, Arturo, please...(.)" His roommate heard the sounds of glass breaking, items being thrown around the room, and sounds of a struggle coming from Huerta's bedroom. Huerta only started renting a room from the homeowner two weeks prior.

When law enforcement arrived, they found Huerta covered in blood. All four of his bedroom walls had blood spatter on them. Officers found the body of Acamea Coy inside Huerta's bedroom. Her arms were bound with a necktie. Her mouth and eyes were covered by a scarf tied to her face. Inside the bedroom, officers located a ball pin hammer and knife covered in blood and glass on the floor. The victim died as a result of severe loss of blood due to injuries caused by a sharp object, asphyxia and cocaine intoxication. The coroner determined that the victim had defensive wounds.

On December 5, 2012, a Kern County Jury found Huerta guilty of murder in the second degree. The jury also found true that he personally used a deadly or dangerous weapon during the commission of the murder. On January 10, 2013, a Kern County Judge sentenced Huerta to 16 years-to-life in prison.

Huerta is currently 73 years old and has served 15 years in prison. He was 59 years old at the time he murdered the victim. On June 10, 2025, the BPH conducted Huerta's second parole hearing. The commissioners focused again on the details of the murder, his criminal history, the reasons for his denial of

parole in 2023, and the authenticity of the writings he prepared and submitted to the panel in advance of his hearing. After over two hours into the hearing, an unexpected emergency caused the hearing to be continued.

On November 20, 2025, the BPH resumed Huerta's second parole hearing. At that hearing, the inmate changed his testimony from his June hearing. Huerta discussed his history of domestic violence and the details of the murder. The commissioners focused on these areas and additional areas related to rehabilitative programming and his community support.

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

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Huerta carried out an extremely brutal murder. The victim did not deserve the immense suffering she endured, which ultimately cost her life."

Arturo Herta:

