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Board of Parole Denies Release of Convicted Murderer and Rapist Rocky Curtis
CDCR #C68518; Court Case #SC022710A

The California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted murderer and rapist Rocky Curtis. On March 20, 2026, BPH found that Curtis continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On July 19, 1981, Curtis raped, sodomized and brutally murdered Mary Ann McFaddin, his girlfriend's friend/roommate.

During July of 1981, Curtis lived with his girlfriend, her young son, and the victim in Bakersfield, California. During the week leading up to the murder, Curtis's girlfriend kicked Curtis out of the apartment as a result of his on-going jealousy issues which included him spying on her at work. The female roommate called law enforcement at Curtis' girlfriend's request the day Curtis was asked to leave.

On the day, friends of the victim went to the apartment to check on the victim because she was not answering the phone. When they entered the apartment, they found the victim's body on the floor in Curtis' girlfriend's bedroom. The victim was disrobed with a cord wrapped around her ankles, wrist, and neck. The victim died of manual and ligature strangulation and blunt force injuries to her head.

Curtis was seen earlier that morning in the area of the apartment. When arrested, Curtis admitted to the murder. When his clothing was analyzed, they found it matched the apartment carpet fibers and the "debris" on the shirt the victim was wearing at the time of the murder. Further, DNA analysis linked Curtis to the sexual assault.

On May 2, 1983, Curtis pled guilty to first degree murder, rape, and sodomy. On May 27, 1983, a Kern County Judge sentenced Curtis to 25 years to life in prison.

On March 20, 2026, the BPH conducted Curtis' ninth parole hearing, at age 66. At the hearing, Curtis' commissioners focused on his insight into the murder and rape of the victim, his mental health management, institutional behavior, rehabilitative programming, and substance abuse history. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the board to deny parole. The BPH found that Curtis was not suitable for parole because he continued to pose a current unreasonable risk of danger to society. The Board of Parole has the option of denying an inmate parole for a period of 15, 10, 7, 5 or 3 years. Curtis' commissioners issued a three-year denial.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Kinzel commented; "Behavior fueled by jealousy and a need for control, led Curtis to commit unspeakable acts against someone closely connected to his romantic partner. Curtis remains a clear danger to public safety, and our office is relieved that the Board of Parole has recognized that."