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**Board of Parole Hearings Grants Release to
Notorious Convicted Robber Despite the DA's Opposition**
CDCR #T13517; Kern County Court Case #SC081602A

The California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) granted release to convicted bank robber Michael Moore. On March 25, 2026, BPH found that Moore no longer poses a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On October 24, 2000, at approximately 3:30pm, Moore stormed into Union Bank on Oswell Street in Bakersfield. Moore yelled, "You know what this is! Get away from the alarms!" Moore had in possession what would ultimately be determined to be a fake gun. However, the victims reported that Moore pointed the gun directly at them while he told the tellers to place all their money on the counter. Once the bank tellers complied, Moore ordered them to move to one location within the bank. He fled with over 6,000 dollars in cash. Moore was apprehended later that evening. The bank recovered all the money except for 88 dollars.

On February 23, 2001, a Kern County Jury found Moore guilty of three counts of robbery. Moore also had three prior convictions for 1979 and 1988 robberies, including a prior bank robbery.

On March 23, 2001, a Kern County Judge sentenced Moore to 50 years to life, plus 10 years.

On March 25, 2026, the BPH conducted Moore's first parole hearing. Moore's commissioners focused on his criminal history including prior robberies, rules violations while in prison, his maintenance of sobriety, his insight into his prior "parasitic lifestyle" involving women and their money, his work as a medical peer support specialist, receipt of his AA Degree, and rehabilitative programming. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the BPH to deny parole. The BPH found that Moore was suitable for parole and no longer posed a current unreasonable risk of danger to society.

Moore was 66 years old when granted parole, had served over 25 years in prison, and will remain in prison until the review process is complete and he reaches his minimum eligible parole date in March of 2027.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Kinzel commented; “Moore has an extensive history of robbery, and prior periods of incarceration have not deterred him from reoffending. The District Attorney’s Office raised concerns regarding his release, and given his criminal history, it is unfortunate that he was granted parole at his first hearing.”