

# Post Conviction Integrity Unit – Lifer Hearing Team

The Post Conviction Integrity unit works hard to protect residents of Kern county from the release of dangerous and violent criminals from prison. When a defendant is sentenced to life in prison for murder, other life crimes such as violent rape or child molest, violent felonies with firearms involving death or serious injuries, or three strikes offenses they are assigned a minimum parole eligibility date at which time they are entitled to a parole hearing conducted by the Board of Parole Hearings. Deputy District Attorneys attend parole hearings (Lifer Hearings) for inmates seeking release from prison and represent the interests of victims, their families, and the citizens of Kern county.

If you are a victim or family member of a victim and want more information about a specific lifer case, your rights as a victim, or how to attend a parole hearing, please contact the Kern County District Attorney's Victim Services unit by phone (661) 868-2400 or email [VictimServices@KernDA.org](mailto:VictimServices@KernDA.org). Additional resources for victims can be located at the Board of Parole Hearings web site: <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/bph/> and the Office of Victim & Survivors Rights & Services website: <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/victim-services/>