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Re: Board of Parole Recission Hearing
Daniel Slayter

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Daniel Ray Slayter, age 44 of Turlock, was denied parole after a hearing before the State Board of Parole Hearings held June 8th, 2016 at Valley State Prison in Chowchilla.

On July 7th, 1994, Slayter was convicted of rape, kidnapping during a carjacking, using a knife, assault with a deadly weapon and false imprisonment. He was sentenced to 15 years to life in state prison.

On May 27th of 2015, Slayter was found suitable for parole by the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH). Deputy District Attorney Jeff Laugero appeared at that hearing and argued for the inmate's continued confinement based on the violent nature of the offense as well as Slayter's prior criminal history and lack of insight into why he committed the crime. Laugero also urged the Board not to adopt the findings of a psychological risk assessment evaluation that had determined Slayter was a low to moderate risk of danger to the community. Laugero argued the report was flawed and based upon incomplete information. Despite this, the Board granted Slayter parole.

Laugero's arguments at the May, 2015 hearing led the BPH Legal Division to further investigate Slayter's prior sexual misconduct and criminal record. Their investigation confirmed the details presented by Laugero and determined that the information had not been included in the comprehensive risk assessment relied upon by the previous board in granting parole so a new risk assessment was ordered. This time, it found Slayter posed a moderate to high risk of sexual recidivism.

The Governor's Office reviews all grants of parole to life sentence offender. In this case, the Governor ordered an En Banc, or full parole board, review to be held at the BPH Executive Board meeting set for October 20th, 2015.

Prior to the Executive Board meeting, further investigation by the District Attorney's Office and Turlock Police Department developed additional details on inmate Slayter's criminal

past. Reports and interviews of additional victims were provided to the Executive Board for their review. DDA Laugero appeared at the en banc hearing and argued the additional information supported denying parole. The Executive Board agreed and referred the matter back for a rescission hearing.

On February 18th, 2016 Laugero appeared at the rescission hearing. This time, the parole board found Slayter's previous finding of suitability for parole to be inappropriate and took it back.

A new parole hearing was then scheduled for June 8, 2016. Once again, DDA Laugero appeared and argued for Slayter's continued confinement. Rather than risk a longer denial of parole if a full hearing was actually conducted, counsel for inmate Slayter stipulated at the outset to a three-year denial. The board then denied Slayter parole for three more years.

Slayter had also stipulated to a denial of parole in 2012. He has previously been denied parole in 1997, 2000, 2005, 2009.

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