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Re: Ruben Medina Solorio
Attempted murderer denied parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ruben Medina Solorio, age 53, of Modesto, was denied parole during a June 18, 2020, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the Deuel Vocational Institution in Tracy, California. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult appeared on behalf of the People.

In the early morning hours of September 18, 1995, Solorio broke into his ex-girlfriend's trailer and forced his way into her bedroom. Armed with a baseball bat and a knife, Solorio stabbed the victim five or six times with the knife while she was lying on her bed screaming. A male victim present in the bedroom was also stabbed by Solorio. A Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputy arrested Solorio shortly after he ran from the residence.

On April 8, 1996, a jury found Solorio guilty of attempted murder, attempted voluntary manslaughter and residential burglary. The jury also found great bodily injury and weapon allegations to be true. On May 14, 1996, Solorio was sentenced to serve 37.5 years-to-life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Hoult appeared at the hearing and argued that Solorio still poses a current threat to public safety if released on parole. The ex-girlfriend spoke at the hearing and told the board that she has completely lost the use of one arm because of the attack. She also expressed concern that Solorio would kill someone in the future if he were to be released from prison custody. A comprehensive risk assessment by a prison psychologist opined that Solorio represented a moderate risk for violence in the community.

The Board of Parole Hearings denied parole for 3 years, finding that Solorio lacks any real insight into what caused him to commit the brutal attack. The panel also felt that Solorio, even though he would be deported if released on parole, lacked adequate parole plans that would address his continuing issues with violence and substance abuse.

This was Solorio's third parole hearing. He previously received five-year denials at his parole hearings in 2012 and 2017.

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