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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jose Jesus Reynosa Gonzalez, age 59, formerly of Patterson, was found unsuitable for parole following a January 2nd, 2014 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings in Mule Creek State Prison in Ione, California. Jose Jesus Reynosa Gonzalez had previously pled guilty to 2nd degree murder with a gun use enhancement in 1990 and was sentenced to 17 years-to-life in prison.

Deputy District Attorney W.R. McKenzie appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on several factors. First, the 1988 crime was carried out in a manner which exhibited a callous disregard for life. Gonzalez, for reasons unknown, picked up a gun and fired two rounds at his wife, striking her in the face and the chest. Then, ignoring any medical concerns for his wife, he grabbed their children and fled to Arizona where he was ultimately apprehended. The body of his wife was discovered at some point after the shooting when officers were asked to do a security check at the residence. Gonzalez is a diagnosed schizophrenic and told the psychiatrist during his most recent assessment that he would cease taking medication to control his violence and mental instability if he were released from custody. Additionally, he has expressed little or no remorse and has exhibited little insight into the reason for the killing, instead laying the blame on others including those who sold him coffee on the night of the killing and the person who sold him the gun prior to the killing. Finally, his history of violence, his refusal to comply with training and rehabilitation services offered to him while incarcerated, along with his continued violence while in prison, makes him an unreasonable risk to the general public if released.

The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for 5 years. Deputy District Attorney McKenzie stated that justice was done and that he was pleased with the board's 5-year denial. Jose Jesus Reynosa Gonzalez had previously been denied parole in 2008, 2011, and 2012. Jose Jesus Reynosa Gonzalez will be scheduled for another hearing in 2017.

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