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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Juvenal Oseguera-Gutierrez of Ceres was found unsuitable for parole at a January 7, 2016 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings conducted at the Sierra Conservation Center in Jamestown, California. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the inmate's lack of remorse, lack of credibility and total failure to take responsibility for the crime. Casillas further argued that not only did the inmate minimize the facts of the crime, but he also blamed the victim for the entire incident. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for five additional years.

On April 6, 2004, Oseguera-Gutierrez showed up unannounced to the victim's workplace after she informed him she wanted to end their relationship. Oseguera-Gutierrez grabbed her by the arm and pushed her into his car. As she tried to exit, he punched her in the face and told her it was "payback time." He drove around with her in the car for the next several hours, threatening, berating and hitting her again and again. When she attempted to leave, he dragged her back to the car by the hair. Later that evening, Oseguera-Gutierrez took the victim to a motel in Modesto where over the course of the night he punched, kicked and hit her repeatedly with a beer bottle and a curtain rod. He also repeatedly sexually assaulted her. The following morning, Oseguera-Gutierrez drove the victim back to the house they had been living in Ceres. He proceeded to poke and cut her several times on the arms and legs with the tip of a ballpoint pen. Ceres Police were contacted by the victim's employer, arrived at the house and arrested Oseguera-Gutierrez.

Oseguera-Gutierrez was convicted on July 21, 2005 of sexual penetration by a foreign object and sodomy by force and is serving a 15-years-to-life prison sentence. This was Oseguera-Gutierrez's first parole hearing. The Board, in denying parole, found that the crime was "cruel, offensive, reckless, and a callous disregard for the victim." They also told Oseguera-Gutierrez, "you basically tortured her during the length of the crime...and we don't believe you have come to terms with that yet."

